**REFLECTION ON GRADUATE SUCCESS ATTRIBUTES**

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 The graduate attributes are the skills that students have to gain and develop during their university life and to get themselves prepared to the working society. The graduate attributes are said to be essential because it promise high employability for fresh graduates if they are well-equipped with these attributes. As we all know, the competition in working life is intense. What make us different from others is by having these attributes, which would enable us to become a better version of ourselves in every aspect and make us stand out from the others especially during interview or internship time. In this case, there are 7 main attributes and the attributes emphasis on communication skills, thinking skills, scholarship, leadership and team working skills, adaptability, global citizen and enterprising skills.

 First of all, the attribute that a fresh graduate should possess is communication skills. Communication skills refer to the ability of us in delivering ideas and opinions to others or receiving information from other people. There are three main types of communication skills, which are verbal, nonverbal and written. A verbal communication occurs while we are able to communicate with others, listening to them and expressing our feelings. Meanwhile, nonverbal communications mostly include gestures, facial expressions and body language of a person. Written communications through emails, blogs, report and so on enable the readers to know about certain information delivered by the writers. Communication skills are indeed important for us to practice in our daily lives as we, as humans, are social animals. There are a lot of activities conducted during the class. For instance, we have do a lot of group works together, conduct an activity and try our best to make a success for the activity conducted. Hence, the element of communication play an important role for everyone in a group so that we can discuss the assigned project together, give our suggestions and opinions in a group as well as overcome the problems faced by us. Communication skill is highly related with group works and it can determine whether the tasks assigned are able to complete or not. Through the group works conducted, I am gratitude that I am able to improve my communication skill and be more confident in expressing my feelings and opinions.

 Apart from that, thinking skill is another attribute for fresh graduates. This is due to the reason that thinking skill enhance the creativity and innovation of a student. By practicing thinking skills, I can prompt myself to think outside the box, as more commonly to be said critical thinking. It is obvious that critical thinking may bring a great deal of benefits to us. For example, critical thinking promotes improvement of evaluation and observation skills, logical thinking and analytical thinking as well as organization and planning skills. I always remind myself to think more in doing anything. To be a critical thinker, we have to be able to solve problems and get the solutions for certain problems, think logically and rationally and be able to be independent to engage in self-learning. According to Bloom’s taxonomy, there are six main elements to be focused on in practicing thinking skills. The low-order thinking skills are remembering, understanding and applying whereas the high-order thinking skills are analyzing, evaluating and creating. To further illustrate on this point, remembering refers to we are able to recall and memorize certain things while understanding means that we can explain and describe what we have learnt. Applying simply means that we could apply and execute the knowledge we learnt in real life. Next, analyzing and evaluating refers to analyze the ideas, comparing and contrasting as well as judging the decisions we made. Creating means we are able to create new things from the ideas we get.

 On top of that, the next attribute is scholarship. There are several qualities for candidates to get scholarships. For instance, a person ought to have enthusiasm and passion in doing anything. They must actively participate in competition and co-curricular activities to enhance their knowledge in any field. The spirit of always keep learning and never give up easily will enable them to achieve their goals and success in their life. Thus, this attribute is said to be important as it focus on lifelong learning especially in this highly complex of society. The lifelong learning not only highlight on self-developing and self-managing, but also help us to be fulfilled and happy to engage in lifelong learning. To further illustrate on this point, I would always list out my monthly goals and do ‘to-do list’ to make sure that I could do all my tasks efficiently and submit them on time. Just a small action of doing planning can prevent us from procrastinating and promise our efficiency of every day. Moreover, in doing any tasks given, we are always being adviced by our lecturer, Mdm Marlina to avoid plagiarism. In fact, plagiarism should not be done by all the students in doing their assignments as it may bring severe consequences like academic dishonesty. In this case, I have did some effort by finding the ways to avoid plagiarism and checking my completed tasks using Turnitin, which is a web-based plagiarism checker recommended by our lecturer.

 In addition to that, leadership and team working skill is also one of the attributes which play an essential role when doing group work. Leadership is a process which a person is able to influence a group of people in doing a task to achieve the same goal whereas teamwork is an action of a group of people work together to achieve the common goal. Both of them are related cohesively. It is undeniable that a leader who is going to lead the group must possess a few qualities like be knowledgeable, professional, positive mental attitude, high self-confidence, delegate, just to name a few. These qualities would determine and make the good leaders. Additionally, a good teamwork are supported by everyone good member, which all of them have to cooperate, respect each other, supportive and take care of others. A group with true leader and good teamwork will definitely reach their goals together because criticism may not happen and a harmonious environment will be built in a group. In this subject, Graduate Success Attributes, there are a few tasks allocated to us and most of them have been done by group work. Hence, the attributes of leadership and team work is important. We always work together, give our suggestions and overcome the problems we faced. Our group leader ensure the task go on well and everyone has their own task to do so that we have no sleeping partners in a group. Meanwhile, we will make sure that our assignments and reports are submitted on time. With each and every members’ hard work, we have finally completed all the tasks together. In this lesson, Mdm Marlina have told us to write our ideas in Padlet so that we can present them during online class using Google Meet.

 Furthermore, the fifth attribute is adaptability. Adaptability is the quality for us to be able to adapt ourselves in a new environment. In brief, we have to make a difference with the changing environment. This is in light of the fact that the world is changing drastically with the advancement of technology in this era of globalization. So, we need to keep learning new things to ensure us catch up with the others. For example, we can learn the brand new advance technology. By doing so, we can prevent us from being abandoned by the modern era. We can also learn some application software which are really helpful for us in future like editing software and programming software. It would be great and helpful for us as they are additional skills of us in doing work especially when we enter workplace. I have used to adapt myself in every different stages and phases of my life. While I am still a child, I begin to adapt myself to the rules of home and school and always abide to them. Then, I adapt myself to communicate and make friends with others. In high school, we adapt to the competitive among everyone in the class just to get satisfied results and not to let our parents down. We are encouraged to make friends and know more about the cultures of different ethics and races. In goes without saying that we adapt to friends with different races and always respect their social customs and habits. After that, I graduated from high school and entered college of matriculation. There, I have met a lot of people from different places and I have started to leave my home and live in dorm in college. It is quite challenging for me to adapt myself in such a new place and I got sick at the first week there. However, I have tackled with the problems and finally I am able to adapt myself there. I am currently a new student in university and the great challenge faced by me is having online classes because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Consequently, I need to adapt to the totally different system conducted in my study life. Although it takes time to adjust myself to get used to it, but I believe every challenges may be overcome.

 The last two attributes are global citizen and enterprising skills. Global citizen refers the person who are always cared about everything occur in the world and understand other people. We have to be observant and keep up with the global issues in the world as well as engage in those issues if need. By doing so, global citizen may bring the impacts of ending poverty, conserving environment, encouraging critical thinking among individuals. Nevertheless, the crisis of today’s world bring a huge challenge to the global citizen. Hence, the issue of developing global citizenship and nurturing the spirit of caring deserves more attention to the community to encourage them to make changes to the dilemma we faced. Next, enterprising skills are the qualities of the entrepreneur, which is a person who start up a business with his own ideas. The skills included are confidence, risk taking, self-belief and so on. For an entrepreneur to start up his business, SWOT is used to help them in evaluating business ideas. It can be said without fear of contradiction that entrepreneurs must have lot of characteristics to enable them to success in their field. In class, Mdm Marlina have showed us the inspiring quotes spoken by Bill Gates, “I failed in some subjects in exam but my friends passes in all. Now he is an engineer in Microsoft and I am the owner of Microsoft.” As we all know, Bill Gates is a successful entrepreneur, who is the founder of the world’s largest software business, Microsoft. One of the qualities that we can learn from Bill Gates is determination. The persistence of him make him be able to succeed and create Microsoft which bring benefits to people from all walks of life.

 In conclusion, these are the seven main attributes that I have learnt from this lesson, Graduate Success Attributes. I am grateful that I have learnt a lot of things from our lecturer, Mdm Marlina as she always guide us and explain about the topics one by one to us. Moreover, with our lecture guidance, I have learnt about how to cite and how to use EndNote. Besides, to make our class interesting, Mdm Marlina have gave us some activities to do and we do watch videos in our online class. Mdm Marlina would give explanation and example about certain topic to us so that we can understand well. Thus, the class is informative to me and I am happy to be given the opportunity in enrolling myself in this class. That’s all from me, thank you.