

# ALUMNI SHARING SESSION



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## GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE TALK

### Introductory Session

The panel consists of three members and one moderator share and discuss about valuable guidance on how to secure your job and how to enhance our hiring chance.

### Panel Members and Moderator

- Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah(B)  
Social Media Data Analyst  
TM One
- Mohamad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin  
Data Engineer  
PPG Coatings (M)
- Tan Yong Keong  
Data Science Engineer  
Micron Semiconductor Asia
- Moderator  
Dr Johanna Ahmad  
Senior Lecturer  
School of Computing UTM

### Sharing Session

They pointed out that we must always be proactive, be adaptable to new environment and never stop learning. We must forever practice to widen our knowledge in either programming, soft skills, teamworking skills and in building our confidence.

## Purpose Of Talk

By Dr Johanna Ahmad

As first year degree student, we are being so ignorance and full of uncertainties in this new environment. The alumni talk is aimed to:

- Motivate us in our whatever degree program by providing tips from experienced seniors.
- Share experiences before entering the career pathway from experienced seniors.
- Guide us throughout the degree program from experienced seniors.
- Ease our program by providing an answer to our uncertainty from experienced seniors.

## About Talk in Chronological Order

Firstly, Introduction by moderator; Introducing moderator's background and position. Then, Moderator greeting. Introduction to speaker- Introducing three speakers' background and position in current company. However, it goes to speaker greeting and some Q & A session.

Session for moderator asked question based on speakers' achievements such as:

- How to secure job  
Have experience and active in university event also do some freelancer job. To share how good our working commitment we can share our own idea in work project to amaze employer and share idea to improve company quality.
- Current work project
- Tips to increase hiring rate  
Be a proactive and take initiative in whatever you are doing. Although, be adaptable to the environment so you can be a learner and socialize in the company. As a fresh graduate, a way to improve is always learn new technical and practical skills so it also can enhance your soft skills and teamworking skills. Be confident by active in competition well it trains to be an excel presenter and widen experiences. Be a volunteer in any work you do.
- Open question from audience

Is CGPA affect their career pathway?

As working in private sector, they usually need to require higher hard skill it need based on attitude also compare to government sector it requires higher gap and need skills more.

Effect of failure in competition?

Result of failure is not important, but gaining experiences is important and lesson learnt is much more valuable than success or failure.

## Summary

Three alumni from UTM were invited to give opinions and tips based on their study and work experience. They gave tips on how they managed to secure their current job. And how important it is to gain many experiences and knowledge about industry through side-job or internship. All three alumni were asked many questions by the audience for instance is how to gain confidence. A few tips they gave is to participate in competitions, program and projects and practice volunteering to present in the front to train your confidence. At the end, their advice is to enjoy our university life, explore many things while learning new stuffs and make lots of friends.

## Reflection

First of all, our group would like to grant gratitude to the alumni who is the seniors of us for their willingness to share their personal tips to us. The alumni talk had truly made our pathway for our degree program clearer. From the talk, we are motivated to be success in our degree program so that we will have better future like our seniors. Foremost, the talk had given us a lot of tips in order to success in the future career as our seniors. The key is to be proactive in the event as it give a lot of experiences for future.

Our group agree that the talk should be held longer and at a less busy period so that our personal question can be ask and we are more able to focus on the talk. However, The talk really satisfied our doubts, worries and uncertainties as we are just strangers wandering in this unfamiliar new environment we never stumble upon before in our life. Our actions throughout the degree program were also based by the contents of the talk which acts as a guide that led us to great success in the future.

The strength that holds in this talk is that the speakers are once in the same spot as me — school of computing student. Thus, i can relate very well with what they pointed out in the talk. During this session, i realised that i need to always be proactive in class and always be passionate in the things i do while being motivated. These are the keys that can drive me to success one day. Insha Allah.

