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HIGHER EDUCATION

Gaining valuable industry insights

E CLARKE, a mobility student from Deakin University Australia, shares her experience on her field trip organised by the IMU Nutrition team.

"As a nutrition science student, there are many industry employment opportunities available for consideration after the completion of my studies. Gearing up to start my study mobility programme for Semester Two at the International Medical University (IMU), I was lucky to be included in a field trip organised by the IMU Nutrition team.

"This trip provided me and other IMU Nutrition students the opportunity to view and experience daily operations of the Origin Foods functional ingredients manufacturing plant, and ask questions about the nutritional foods industry, including future direction of small-scale local Malaysian food manufacturing and how we could enter this industry with our degrees and possible future entrepreneurship.

"We were shown the process of manufacturing capsules, tablets, and powders from wheatgrass into nutrition supplements, then into packing the products ready for shipping to the companies, which then go out to retail for the consumer

"A fascinating aspect of Origin Foods is the presence of their own Indoor Organic Aeroponic Cultivation of wheatgrass within the urban office building, which is utilised in their product offerings.

"As the interest in indoor urban farming grows in response to concerns about food



E Clarke, a mobility student from Deakin University Australia (third from right), together with IMU Nutrition students.

insecurity and climate change, it becomes essential for upcoming nutritionists and dieticians to be knowledgeable about these modern practices employed by companies. This awareness enables us to understand the array of choices accessible to the public when providing nutritional advice.

"For business-minded nutrition and dietetics students, this engagement with the nutrition supplement sector also offers a valuable understanding of its operations. This includes essential aspects such as providing an insight into operations and crucial safety bio-testing in keeping with food laws and regulations, as well as the

in-depth and rigorous process of obtaining halal and organic certifications on your products.

"My experience with IMU-led initiatives to the wider nutrition industry spanning back to December 2022 when I went on a Deakin University International Food and Nutrition Tour, which included trips to the Ministry of Health, the Malaysian Palm Oil Board, Kawan Food Factory, and Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS). We also had many talks from nutrition bodies including the Nutrition Society of Malaysia, the Malaysian Dietitian's Association and a cooking workshop with IMU Healthy Cafeteria."

The three-year Nutrition programme from IMU features a comprehensive curriculum that integrates knowledge from the physical, biological and social sciences including human biology, biochemistry, principles of human nutrition, basic food preparation, the role of nutrition in health and disease, and diet plans for healthy individuals and groups for disease prevention.

For this programme, students have the option to complete the entire degree at IMU or study the first two years of their degree at IMU and then transfer to Deakin University for completion of their degree. This partnership is a testament to the excellence of the Nutrition programme which is benchmarked to international standards.

The next commencement dates for the Nutrition programme are in July and September.

If you have pre-university qualifications and have an interest in nutrition, apply online now and join the university in your pursuit of a promising and rewarding career.

If you have just completed your SPM and do not have pre-university qualification, consider enrolling in the one-year IMU Foundation in Science, the preferred foundation and direct route for entry into any of the university's local degree programmes.

■ For more information, refer to www.imu.edu.my or email start@imu.edu. my or call IMU at 03-2731 7272.

Step into the professional world fully prepared

IMAGINE this: After getting your diploma or degree, what's next? Getting a job, of course. And that's where the Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysia France Institute (UniKL MFI) shines.

The Ministry of Higher Education has a benchmark termed as "Graduate Employability", which is a fancy way of saying how many students get good jobs after studying. And guess what? UniKL MFI's Graduate Employability rate is an impressive 97.1%. This isn't just any number but a testament to the real-world impact of education.

Imagine that almost every student who walks out of UniKL MFI's doors has a great opportunity at landing a fantastic job. It's akin to getting a golden ticket to the professional world. This isn't luck; it's the result of a carefully crafted approach.

UniKL MFI partners closely with industries, and equipping graduates with the skills that employers are looking for.
UniKL MFI places emphasis on hands-on learning and practical knowledge, making its graduates job-ready from day one. So, that 97.1% isn't just a statistic; it's your potential, your opportunity, and your ticket to success.

How so? In a world where knowing how to do things can be as important as getting good grades, there's a special place called UniKL MFI.

This TVET university understands that some teenagers might not have done well in their SPM exams but are still really interested in learning hands-on skills.

That's where UniKL MFI comes in. The primary focus is by imparting skills that



Wong transformed his dreams into reality through UniKL MFI.

can be applied to real-life scenarios, such as fixing things and creating solutions.

The main goal is to provide knowledge and skills that they can actually use in everyday situations.

UniKL MFI is your gateway to mastering the incredible technologies that keep our world running seamlessly. They are the go-to experts in the exciting world of industrial technology and automation, from robotic wonders and electrical innovations to mechatronic marvels and electromechanical brilliance.

But that's not all. UniKL MFI is also your guide into the mechanical domain, where it excels in everything from heating and air-conditioning ventilation to automotive expertise, machine manufacturing, welding, metal fabrication, and even the vital realms of water, energy, and mechanical engineering. From creating and coding robots to crafting renewable energy solutions, UniKL MFI is here for you.

Embark on a journey of transformation and triumph with UniKL MFI. Meet Wong Yang Kent, 31, a remarkable graduate who transformed his dreams into reality through his exceptional education at UniKL MFI.

Wong's journey began with a diploma, a stepping stone that led him to UniKL MFI's specialised mechatronics engineering technology programme where he honed his skills and shaped his success story.

Now a successful engineer, Wong reflects on his journey with gratitude. He expresses heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to study for his degree at UniKL MFI, as it enabled him to immerse himself in a diverse and multicultural environment.

Wong's interactions with students of different races not only enriched his college experience but also equipped him with invaluable communication skills.

These skills have proven indispensable in his workplace, where effective communication across cultures has elevated him in his career.

Wong's success story is not unique at UniKL MFI as the university is a catalyst for turning dreams into reality. Armed with both practical skills and academic excellence, UniKL MFI graduates step into the professional world with unmatched confidence.

The impact of a UniKL MFI education goes beyond textbooks as it cultivates

critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability, creating graduates who excel not only in their chosen fields but also as well-rounded individuals.

UniKL MFI's commitment to providing an inclusive environment allows students like Wong to embrace diversity and cultivate cross-cultural communication skills.

This prepares its graduates to thrive in global workplaces, effectively collaborating with colleagues from all corners of the world.

By teaming up with industry leaders, organising internships, and providing hands-on training, UniKL MFI guarantees that graduates step into the professional world fully prepared right from the start.

world fully prepared right from the start. UniKL MFI's state-of-the-art facilities, dedicated lecturers, and TVET approach foster a learning experience that bridges the gap between classroom theory and real-world application.

Just as Wong's journey has led to success, you too can become a part of the UniKL MFI legacy. With a strong emphasis on industry alignment and hands-on training, UniKL MFI ensures that you graduate not only with a degree but with the readiness to make a real impact in your career.

Join UniKL MFI today and set your course towards becoming an innovator in your chosen field. Your journey to success starts here. — By Dr Siti Norhafiza Abdul Razak, UniKL Malaysia France Institute.

■ For admission and more information, log on to www.unikl.edu.my or call UniKL MFI's admission at 03-8913 2818 or email admission.mfi@unikl.edu.my

CURTIN University Malaysia (Curtin Malaysia) is hosting its annual Curtin Malaysia Careers Fair, a highly anticipated event that provides a platform for soon-to-graduate students, alumni and job seekers in the community to connect with leading companies and employers.

The fair, which will be held on Sept 20 and 21 (10am to 4pm), is set to host an impressive lineup of 53 organisations from Malaysia and Singapore, making it one of the largest career fairs to be hosted by the university to date, offering a plethora of exciting opportunities for career advancement and growth.

Taking place at Curtin Malaysia's Recreation and Event Centre, the Curtin Malaysia Careers Fair 2023 will create a dvnamic environment where students, alumni and job seekers can engage directly with industry professionals.

This event will serve as an excellent avenue for attendees to gain insights into various industries, explore career prospects and build valuable connections with potential employers. Attendance is free of charge.

The participation of 53 prominent companies and employers highlights the significance of the Curtin Malaysia Careers



Job seekers can discuss future careers with potential employers and attend on-the-spot interviews at the Curtin Malaysia Careers Fair 2023.

Fair as a premier recruitment and networking event.

A comprehensive list of participating companies can be found on the Curtin Malaysia Careers Fair website at https://career.curtin.edu.my/career-fair/

"We are thrilled to bring together such a diverse range of companies and employers to the Curtin Malaysia Careers Fair 2023," says Curtin Malaysia's pro vice-chancellor, president and chief executive officer Prof Simon Leunig.

"This event provides a unique platform for our students, alumni and job seekers to connect directly with potential employers, learn about available career opportunities and explore various industries. It is an invaluable opportunity for participants to kick-start their professional

The fair will offer a range of activities

designed to support the career development of attendees. They will have the chance to engage in networking sessions, attend industry-specific workshops, and participate in interactive panel discussions featuring experienced professionals from different sectors.

As some of the companies will be conducting on-the-spot job interviews, attendees are advised to bring along their resumés, transcripts and other relevant documents.

■ For more information on the Careers Fair, contact Career Services at Curtin Malaysia at +6085-630 100 ext. 2588 / 2599) or email career_alumni@curtin.edu.my. For more information on Curtin Malaysia, visit https://www.curtin.edu.my or look for Curtin Malaysia on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn or TikTok.



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Learn from a different perspective

MANY students who first step into a higher education environment may find it daunting as they are unprepared for the demands that are expected of them.

Fortunately, the Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT) Beyond Education programme has this covered.

With the goal of providing a learning experience beyond academic knowledge and skills, TAR UMT boasts a vibrant and immersive campus environment where students are free to spread their wings, and develop their own unique talents and skills in their own way.

Outside the confines of the classroom, there are many other avenues such as clubs, societies and volunteer work that will allow students to improve their soft skills, which can become valuable assets and help them stand out in their future careers.

One such initiative is the Peer Coaching Programme introduced by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSH), which allows its students to coach their fellow peers and help them improve their command of the English language.

FSSH deputy dean Yap Yong Wei said the programme has been a success, with more than 100 students participating so far since the programme's inception in 2021.





Chia (left) and Noor Farah had good experiences participating in the Peer Coaching Programme where they developed valuable skills while helping their fellow students master the English language.

"This programme's aim is to provide avenues for TAR UMT students to improve their English language proficiency through their peers, and at the same time, have a platform for student coaches to develop their teaching skills on top of their soft skills such as professionalism, leadership, training abilities, effective communication and so on.

"This initiative embodies the Beyond Education programme championed by TAR UMT, where students will be able to develop skills and values that can lead to a more fulfilling life and career—which is more important than just gaining theoretical knowledge in class," said Yap.

"The student coach experience

has been fun, fruitful and fulfilling," says Meg Chia Yi Lin, a student of Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in English with Drama.

"When I heard about this programme, it sounded like a great opportunity to help others in mastering the English language and to help me gain insights on being a peer coach, which is a win-win situation!

"The experience helped me evolve, as my role changed from a student absorbing knowledge to a teacher guiding my peers. The programme helped me strengthen my effective communication skills and pushed me outside my comfort zone as I had to initiate conversations and make new friends, despite being



The Peer Coaching Programme gives TAR UMT student coaches an opportunity to help their peers master the English language, while honing their own skills.

an introvert myself.

"Despite the added responsibilities, this is definitely one of the highlights of my university life. Watching my peers improve from session to session gave me satisfaction, and I couldn't be prouder of them!" Chia said.

This sentiment was echoed by another student coach, Noor Farah Adeebah, who is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in English Studies (Hons).

"I participated to make new friends while simultaneously gaining valuable experience from teaching my peers. This programme helped me overcome my shyness, develop better body language and stronger intonation while presenting, making me more confident in teaching in front of a class.

"TAR UMT is a place that will help you grow out of your shell and unlock your true potential. Enrolling here is a decision I will never regret," said Noor Farah.

■ For more information about TAR UMT's Social Sciences and Humanities programmes, call 011-1078 5990 and 011-1059 7135 or log on to www.tarc.edu.my to apply online. Various financial aid and merit scholarships are available for qualified students.



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Providing real-world experience

EDUCATION is no longer between the four walls of a classroom. The farther one goes out to gain real-world experience while still learning, the sharper their skills get, keeping abreast of the developments on this competitive globe. Accommodating the need for globalised education is the Management and Science University's (MSU) Global Mobility Programme (GMP).

Following a brief break due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, MSU resumed the yearly tradition of the summer programme, one of the myriad international exposures aiming at instilling cultural competency, which was well received by students from the International University of Health and Welfare (IUHW) of Japan.

The purpose of the summer programme is to educate international students about the public and private healthcare and social services offered in Malaysia. The students gained greater insight into the work ethics of medical professionals by observing them in action.

The 10-day programme encompassed both academic and cultural activities for the students: insightful lectures, Introduction to Malaysian Healthcare and Welfare System, Mental Health Awareness, Basic Life Support (BLS) by the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences (FHLS), Eco-Friendly Cosmetics: Development



MSU and IUHW students were engaged in several joint activities.

of Lipstick and Hand Lotion using Palm Oil by the School of Pharmacy (SPH), industrial visits; to Hospital Rehabilitasi Cheras, Hospital Shah Alam, Pusat Rehabilitasi Perkeso, Melaka; and MSU Campus Tour and MSU Medical Centre (MSUMC) Tour.

The programme also provided the young learners with several opportunities to engage with Malaysian culture firsthand.

Cultural events in which they participated include an introduction to Malaysian Traditional Food and Fruits hosted by the School of Hospitality and Creative Arts (SHCA), an exchange with Japanese culture, a traditional Malaysian dance

performance, a visit to Melaka, and a tour of Kuala Lumpur.

The students inbound on GMP comprise various clinical and scientific departments:
Radiological Sciences (6), Medical Technology (7), Physical Therapy (2), Pharmaceutical Sciences (10), Occupational Therapy (5), and Nursing (5).

MSU offers its GMP, Global Leadership Programme (GLP), and Global Internship Programme (GIP) in collaboration with over 300 partner universities across 40 countries worldwide.

Comprehensive global mobility initiatives at MSU enable semesters abroad and leadership



IUHW-GMP students at the introduction to Malaysian Traditional Food and Fruits by SHCA of MSU.

development, equipping you with the international edge most employers seek.

The mobility programmes offered are GMP; where students can live and study abroad for one semester or two at any one of MSU partner universities, GLP; discover new places, make international friends, or engage with international communities and GIP; work alongside global professionals via placements with industry partners onboard.

MSU houses the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, the Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, the Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering, the
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School of Pharmacy, the School of
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As an applied, enterprise, holistic and international university, MSU offers foundation, undergraduate, postgraduate, and flexible programmes through an entry system that facilitates admission of students from all walks of life, where it aims at Transforming Lives and Enriching Futures.





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