

A NEW EXPERIENCE

Internship programme vital to a student's all-round growth

STUDENTS at University College Sedaya International (UCSI) who have undertaken the institution's Co-Operative (Co-Op) Education Programme believe that the internship programme is crucial to a student's all-round growth and route to employability.

According to Second Year Accounting and Finance student, Leslie Lian, his first internship, at KL's Traders Hotel, helped open his eyes to the reality of the working world.

His two months there enabled him to observe and discover the skills he would require to succeed in the corporate world.

Diana Chuah, a Year 3 Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Electrical and Electronic degree student said she found working with foreign counterparts at Panasonic Malaysia Bhd a big plus.

"Working in a large multi-national company was definitely a priceless experience. This will give me the edge to compete in the working world."

At UCSI, the Co-Op Education Programme acts as a bridge that links students' academic experience with practical work experience. It enables a student to see the connection between theory and practice, internalise this knowledge and improve themselves to be equipped for employability.

After having gone through two internships, Sophie Teh, who finished her Final year, Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Food Science in December last year, said her internship at

Himalaya Herbal Healthcare was very enlightening as she was able to see how a healthcare product business was run successfully using only natural *ayurvedic* medicinal ingredients.

"This business concept attracted me to undergo my final internship there."

The success of UCSI's Co-Op Programme is testified by the fact that the number of students offered full time employment after Co-Op placement with the same employer is high. The same applies to our international students.

Omoare Gilbert Taiwo from Nigeria, who studied for his Bachelor Information Technology, was recently employed by Continental Sime Tyre as an IT Specialist. Omoare did his second and third Co-Op placements in Continental Sime Tyre before he was roped in.

It is compulsory for all UCSI degree pro-



Sophie: The job placement by the Co-Op Programme provided me with insight on the co-relation between what I had learned in class and what was being applied at the department I was working in.

gramme students to complete a co-operative module comprising two months of work experience every year of their studies, beginning from Year One, to their final year. Each co-operative module is worth three credits.

Students receive a grade based on a writ-

ten assignment and their employers' evaluation upon completion of each co-operative module.

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