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"JASMINE HO LEE TING, A YEAR TWO STUDENT FROM DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING WITH MATURE MINDSET AND OUTGOING BEHAVIOR. SHE IS FROM KUCHING. HER SECONDARY SCHOOL IS SMK BANDAR KUCHING No.1. SHE SHARED WITH US HER STUDY EXPERIENCES AT KLT. IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE UP ACCOUNTING PROGRAMME, LET'S SEE WHAT JASMINE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU."



Why do you choose diploma? And why do you choose to study at KLT?

I like something which is more certain. At first, I already planned to join Form 6 with a group of friends. But I felt I am not guaranteed to get the offer of accounting programme. In the end, I decided not to enter Form 6. At that time, I met my friends from Sibul in Kuching. They mentioned that there is a college in Sibul which offered full scholarship. I was so overwhelmed with the information that they shared to me on the full scholarship offered by KLT. Then I decided to go to Sibul and discovered more about KLT as well as the life in Sibul because I have never been to Sibul. I found out that the full scholarship offered by KLT is very helpful to finance my study in KLT. You need not to pay much with the 100% scholarship. Because of the scholarship and the encouraging environment in KLT, I finally made up my mind to study at KLT.

With so many courses to choose for, what make you choose to study Accounting programme?

Accounting is my first choice. I took Accounting subject when I was in Form 4 and Form 5. I knew the basic of accounting and my result was encouraging at that time. It might also due to my own interest in which something related to money management. I did think of taking Business Management at first, since my plan is to have my own business in the future. But, I have an opinion that the most important thing for a businessman is to understand and know how to interpret your account, the flow of your cash, and etc. By taking many considerations into account, I made my final decision to study Diploma in Accounting.

Do you find the programme different from what you've expected?

It is somehow different from what I have expected. During my past years of studying in secondary school, I learnt only the basic of accounting, for example how to debit and credit an account. But only when you come into contact with Diploma in Accounting, you get to learn a lot more knowledge in accounting. You need to understand microeconomics for instance. And now, I realized that accounting programme is not only learning about auditing but also many other related fields.

Which part of the studying that you would said is the challenging part?

Personally, I would say the theory part is the most demanding part in studying diploma in accounting. I need to take management subject even though I am taking Diploma in Accounting. I have to comprehend all the theories and the strategies.

How did you get through it?

My perception is that if I do not perform well in this subject, I will still have to retake it. If you do not get through it, you cannot learn new knowledge that awaits you in the next semester, cannot graduate and cannot get the certificate and would be left behind in the job market. So, my way is to consult with my lecturers definitely. I think theory is more or less similar to the history subject we took in secondary school. When you fully comprehend what is the theory all about, how the theory works and how it applies then it is easier for you to comprehend it.

Which subject/Which part of studying do you enjoy the most?

My favorite subjects are Financial Accounting I & II. I enjoy doing calculation. Those subjects are more on calculation apart from getting to know the profit and loss. I will get to learn audit and costing later in the next semester and I am so excited to learn these two upcoming subjects.

How do you find the study experience at KLT?

As for accounting department, we attend lots of seminars and talks which allow us to learn more knowledge in accounting. Besides, our lecturers' teaching methods create a great learning atmosphere and we did not feel bored in class. Also, I enjoyed going to clubs meetings. I joined Leo club and indoor games club. Through clubs and societies, I can interact with friends from different courses and places. Meanwhile, I gained a lot from joining Leo Club. It is a platform for the youth which you can do charity and contribute to the society. Joining such clubs and societies in KLT helps me to improve my soft skills as these skills are needed if I entered the job market one day.

You are having online class for this semester. Can you share with us the disadvantages and the advantages of online learning?

The advantage is that you do not have to wake up early (laugh). Since you are having online class in your room, the preparation is less. Besides, I found out that we tend to ask and answer the questions more frequently for online classes. It is simpler as we only need to type and send the questions or answers. As for the disadvantage, I would say it is hard for me to concentrate and stay focus. There are too much distraction, my phone, my bed and etc. Plus, I am studying alone without the encouraging learning atmosphere.



What are your biggest changes throughout the years of studies at KLT?

I would say I am more confident to interact with others. Maybe people will think that I am very outgoing, but for me, I still have room for improvement. KLT provided many clubs for students. I learn knowledge from attending classes and learn extra skills from joining clubs. It is a good way to enhance communication with others. I have learnt how to organise an event, how to host meetings or events and etc. I would say these bring a huge change to me and I really learn a lot from these.

For those who is planning to take accounting, what advice would you give them? Or what one should be mentally prepared for?

In my opinion, I would say accounting programme is relatively easy if it is compared to other programmes. But definitely you still need to have some preparation. For instance, you need to have good basic comprehension in English as our classes are conducted using English. Besides, do prepare yourself, try to be outgoing and get ready to know new friends.