



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO STUDY AT KOLEJ LAILA TAIB (KLT)?

I GOT TO KNOW KOLEJ LAILA TAIB (KLT) THROUGH MY SISTER. SHE IS AN ALUMNA OF KLT AND SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED KLT TO ME. KLT IS ACCREDITED BY MALAYSIAN QUALIFICATIONS AGENCY (MQA) AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES WHICH ENDORSE THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE COURSES PROVIDED. NOT ONLY THAT, KLT ALSO PROVIDES UP TO 100% SCHOLARSHIP FOR LOCAL STUDENTS. I HAD EXPERIENCED GOOD THINGS WITH GOOD PEOPLE THROUGHOUT MY COLLEGE YEARS.

WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE TO STUDY ACCOUNTING PROGRAMME?

ACCOUNTING IS MY FIRST CHOICE. ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I CHOSE ACCOUNTING IS BECAUSE IT IS MY PASSION AS I LIKE MATH AND CALCULATION BUT THIS IS NOT THE MAIN REASON. I LIKE CHALLENGING MYSELF AND I FIND LEARNING FUN. FOR ME, THE ROLE OF ACCOUNTANT IS CHALLENGING. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW TO LEARN. IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE CHANGES OF TIME, WE MUST BE A LIFELONG LEARNER. MOREOVER, ACCOUNTING IS IN HIGH DEMAND BECAUSE ALL BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS NEED AN ACCOUNTANT. THUS, THERE WILL BE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION.

CAN YOU SHARE WITH US WHAT IS ACCOUNTING IN BRIEF?

INITIALLY, I THOUGHT ACCOUNTING IS ALL ABOUT CALCULATION AND SORTING OUT DEBIT AND CREDIT. AFTER I JOINED THE ACCOUNTING COURSE, I REALISED THAT THIS COURSE INCLUDED MANY THEORETICAL PARTS SUCH AS BUSINESS LAW, MARKETING PRACTICE, MICROECONOMICS AND SO ON. I DID NOT KNOW THAT ACCOUNTING NEEDED TO LEARN ALL THESE THEORIES. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE, I UNDERSTOOD THAT WE NEEDED THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS LAW AND ECONOMICS IN ANALYSING AND ADVISING THE RISK LEVELS AND OUTCOMES FOR ALL THE DECISIONS. ACCOUNTANTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS THEY ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SOUND DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THOSE THEY ARE WORKING FOR. THAT'S WHY ACCOUNTANTS ARE KNOWN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY PROFESSIONS.

HOW WAS YOUR STUDY EXPERIENCE AT KLT?

I AM HAPPY WITH THE CONTENT OF THE COURSE. THE LECTURER'S TEACHING WAS WELL ORGANISED AND PRESENTED, WHICH HELPED ME TO DIGEST THE NEW KNOWLEDGE QUICKLY. THEY WERE VERY EFFECTIVE IN TEACHING. HOWEVER DIFFERENT LECTURERS HAVE DIFFERENT TEACHING METHODS IN THEIR CLASSES AND MY LECTURERS' TEACHING STYLES WERE FUELLING INTEREST AND USING FUNNY BODY LANGUAGE WHICH COULD ATTRACT US. THEY MADE ME ENJOY COMING TO CLASS AND SPARKING MY INTEREST TO STUDY. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN KLT, I GAINED CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN ACCOUNTING. KLT GAVE ME MORE THAN JUST TEXTBOOK LEARNING. I GAINED PRACTICAL SKILLS OF LEARNING TO USE THE ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE, MYOB. BEING ABLE TO APPLY THE KNOWLEDGE I HAD ACQUIRED IN MY STUDIES IN THE WORK ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT.

ALSO, OUR LECTURERS ORGANISED AN EDUCATION TRIP FOR US WHICH CONSISTED OF ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS STUDENTS. WE HAVE VISITED SOME PLACES WHICH HAVE OPENED OUR EYES. ONE OF THE COOLEST PLACES THAT REALLY IMPRESSED ME WAS A RADIO STATION, NAMED TEA FM. WE GOT OUR VERY FIRST EXPERIENCE TO HAVE A FACE TO FACE INTERACTION WITH THE DJs. THEY SHARED WITH US THEIR WORKING EXPERIENCES. WE ALSO WITNESSED HOW THEY BROADCAST LIVE ON THE RADIO STATION. IT WAS REALLY A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE. IN ADDITION, WE WERE ASSIGNED TO DO MARKETING ANALYSIS AND OBSERVE THE RETAIL STORE IN ONE OF THE SHOPPING MALLS IN KUCHING. WE WERE ASKED TO OBSERVE HOW THE GOODS WERE ARRANGED IN EACH OF THE RETAIL STORES AND THE METHOD THAT WAS USED TO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS. THROUGHOUT THE RESEARCH, I REALISE THAT IT IS NOT EASY TO START A BUSINESS. IT IS NECESSARY TO DO PROPER BUSINESS PLANNING TO AVOID DRASTIC FAILURE. OTHER THAN ENHANCING OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE ALSO GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET UP WITH OTHER NEW FRIENDS.

WHAT WAS YOUR CHALLENGE IN TAKING UP THE ACCOUNTING PROGRAMME? WHAT HAD YOU LEARNT FROM IT AND HOW DID YOU GET THROUGH IT?

I CHOSE TO FURTHER MY STUDY ON ACCOUNTING THINKING THAT IT WILL INVOLVE A LOT OF CALCULATIONS, WHICH I WAS GOOD AT. HOWEVER, I FOUND OUT THAT THE ACCOUNTING COURSE INVOLVES BOTH CALCULATION AND CONCEPTUAL THEORIES. UNDERSTANDING THE THEORIES WAS A DIFFICULT TASK FOR ME AND IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO TRULY DIGEST AND INTERNALISE THE CONCEPTS. AFTER STUDYING ACCOUNTING, I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT MAKING ACCOUNTS IS LIKE CONSTRUCTING A BUILDING - THE FOUNDATION IS THE ACCOUNTING CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND CALCULATION IS ONLY PART OF THE PROCESS TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION. I LEARNED THAT I SHOULDN'T BLINDLY FOLLOW THE FORMULA TO CONSTRUCT AN ACCOUNT. SCENARIOS MIGHT CHANGE AND THERE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT WAYS TO REACH THE RESULT, BUT IT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL FRAMEWORK WHICH WILL HELP ME TO FIND A WAY TO THE RESULT. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS BELIEF, I AM MORE DETERMINED TO OVERCOME MY FEAR IN LEARNING THE THEORY BITS OF THE COURSE. WHENEVER I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE LECTURE, I QUICKLY SOUGHT HELP FROM THE LECTURER AFTER CLASSES. I TOOK NOTES AND REVISITED THE PARTS WHICH I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. I ALSO BELIEVE PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, SO I WORKED HARD IN PRACTISING THE QUESTIONS.

WHAT DID YOU GET THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN KLT?

WHAT CHANGED ME THE MOST IN THE PAST THREE YEARS WERE MY ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SKILLS. I DID NOT DO WELL IN MY ACADEMIC RESULTS DURING MY SECONDARY SCHOOL. HOWEVER, MY LIFE WAS CHANGED WHEN I PURSUED MY STUDY IN KLT. ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MY FAMILY MEMBERS, LECTURERS WITH STUDY VIBES HAVE INSPIRED ME TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER ME. I STARTED TO WORK HARD TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH IN MY STUDIES. OTHER THAN THAT, MY SOCIAL SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. INITIALLY, I DON'T REALLY LIKE TO INTERACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE, HOWEVER I FORCED MYSELF TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS SCF, JCI, LEO CLUB AND SO ON. THIS REALLY HELPS ME A LOT. IN SCF, I HAVE LEARNT TO COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE AND AM WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO GREET MY JUNIORS AND PEOPLE AROUND. MOREOVER, I ALSO LEARNED TO BE A LEADER AND ORGANISED EVENTS. I THOUGHT IT WAS EASY AT FIRST, BUT I WAS WRONG. ORGANISING AN EVENT REQUIRED THE COLLABORATION FROM ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION. IN SHORT, I HAVE GAINED A LOT IN KLT.

DID YOU REGRET JOINING KLT?

I HAVE NEVER REGRETTED STUDYING IN KLT. I WOULD RECOMMEND KLT TO OTHERS BECAUSE OF THE GOOD LECTURERS, STAFF AND ENVIRONMENT. I REALLY HAVE LOTS OF FUN IN KLT. THE LECTURERS ARE ALWAYS HELPFUL AND APPROACHABLE WHENEVER I NEED ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THEM. THEY ALWAYS HAVE FUN WITH US DURING THE CLASS TO MAKE THE LESSONS MORE INTERESTING. BESIDES, THE ADMINS OF THE COLLEGE ARE EFFICIENT. WHENEVER THERE IS ANY PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED WITH THE EQUIPMENT OF THE COLLEGE OR THE DORMITORY, THEY WILL SORT IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, THERE ARE LOTS OF CLUB PROVIDED WITH MANY ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED WHICH STUDENTS CAN MAKE MORE FRIENDS FROM DIFFERENT COURSES THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, AND EVEN GAIN REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE, NOT JUST KNOWLEDGE BASED ON BOOKS. IN A NUTSHELL, I HAVE GAINED LOTS OF UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES IN MY COLLEGE LIFE.

WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE FOR STUDENTS PREPARING TO TAKE UP ACCOUNTING PROGRAMME?

FOR ME, NO MATTER WHICH COURSE IT IS, WE MUST PUT EFFORT AND BE WILLING TO ASK, BECAUSE NOTHING COMES EASY. TO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN STUDYING ACCOUNTING, MY ADVICE IS TO WORK HARD. ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK WILL PAY OFF SOON.

