

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

INDUSTRY TALK 1: PPG (PITTSBURG PLATE GLASS) AND HABIB

INTRODUCTION

Career development is a process where you build up your skills and knowledge within your field of specialization in order to evolve your status in your occupation status.

When you get into the workforce, you'll face plenty of challenges and hurdles that you have to overcome. This talk and sharing session by PPG gives plenty of insights on what to expect and what you'll have to do when you're starting your career.

"We protect and beautify the world"

This is PPG's tagline and it shows how they try maintain sustainability, reduce wastes and pollution while still providing paints of the best qualities.

PPG is ranked 232 amongst Fortune 500 companies and have reached a milestone of 500 projects.

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Work environment and responsibilities

When you get hired, the company gives full trust in you. It's okay to make mistakes but you must be accountable for all your actions and decisions. It's also important to be able communicate and speak out your thoughts.



Career advancement

PPG shows what it's like to grow your career. As time goes on, you'll gain more skills and experiences and you'll have the opportunity to get a promotion. Your wages will be higher and you'll also have a higher position as a specialist.



Prepare from now

Get connections and strong network through LinkedIn. Polish and upgrade your portfolio by doing a lot of projects and find experience by entering competitions. Financial and time management is also important.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from PPG started with sharing their company's background. This includes a bit of PPG's history, goals and what they have achieved. 2 alumnus from UTM who are now working in PPG as a data engineer shares their career progression since his period of internship. They shared about programs they've used and projects they have participated in.

An alumni named Habib who is now a system analyst has also given a talk prior to PPG's talk. He explained about the suitable formats of resumes and touched upon the tools and what to expect from the industry.



REFLECTION

I now have a general idea of what it's like to be a data engineer and how I would grow my career. It was inspiring to hear from seniors from my course on how they succeeded in building a career for themselves.

Having a career in ICT is essential for the industry especially in data related careers like data engineer, data scientist and data analysts as many companies generate a lot of data that needs to be managed and organized. This is important as a lot of decision requires information from data obtained to ensure customer satisfaction is met and to find the most suitable solution to a problem.

WAY FORWARD

Now I know exactly what I want to accomplish during my studies in this course. Before I get into the industry, I will make sure that I'm proficient in relevant data engineering tools and frameworks and stay updated with the newest technologies.

I will also try to hone my soft skills like communication and teamworking so I can be prepared to work in a team.



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