

PPG INDUSTRY TALK 1

OVERVIEW OF PPG, DATA ANALYTICS, GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE & SAP

Industry Talk 1 provided an opportunity for students to gain real exposure to how major IT divisions operate within a global organisation. The session featured professionals from PPG, Data Analytics, Cloud Architecture, and SAP Operations. Each speaker shared their specific role, technologies they handle, and how their department contributes to overall business efficiency. Through this talk, students were able to understand the importance of digital transformation and how various IT systems are integrated to support daily operations. This poster summarises the key insights delivered throughout the session.

INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO PPG

Ai Ling Ooi
APAC IT LEAD of PPG
Operates in 70+ countries!



Workforce Culture

Promotes an inclusive and diverse workplace with employees from various genders and nationalities

PPG Overview

PPG is a global company specializing in paints and coatings that protect and enhance major products and brands

3 Main Business Segments

- 1 Global Architectural Coatings
 - 2 Performance Coatings
 - 3 Industrial Coatings
- Digital Science & Technology
IT Asset & Vendor Management
IT Security & Compliance
Digital Business Solutions

Malaysia Technology Center (MYTC) – Digital IT Teams

Derrick Tan Horng Shi,
Data Analytics Manager of PPG



4 Main Data Areas in PPG

Master Data

Ensuring data accuracy across e-commerce & compliance systems

ERP Analytics

Uses a common unified ERP-source for financial and enterprises

Data Lake Analytics

Handles more complex and large data structure storage

MLOps

Automates and governs Machine Learning models in PPG

DATA ANALYTICS

This talk showcased how different IT departments work together to keep a global business running. Through discussions on PPG operations, data analytics, cloud systems, and SAP solutions, the speakers shared practical examples from the industry. The talk was held to broaden our understanding of digital transformation and inspired us to build relevant skills for the future.



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CONTENT OF TALK

Vijaykumar Dhandapani
Cloud Architecture Lead of PPG



Plan, Build, Run is a conceptual framework that categorized departments with the global IT organizational structure into common functional learns.

Plan

Responsible for interfacing with PPG business partner to plan and evolve the Global IT strategy.

Build

Responsible for building and adapting the IT services and structures to meet the business demand.

Run

Responsible for keeping services and structures running properly to meet the needs of end users.

GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Patrick Thong
SAP Operations DTR Lead of PPG



SAP OVERVIEW

SAP is an enterprise system (ERP) that companies use to manage and integrate their main business functions.

using a modular approach where each module focuses on a specific business domain

FUNCTIONAL MODULES

Focus on key business processes

TECHNICAL MODULES

Backend tools for developing, customising and managing the SAP system's architecture

REPORTING MODULES

BUSINESS WAREHOUSE (BW) - Data warehousing solution, part of SAP BI suite & together with SAP BO

BENEFITS OF SAP

SAP ANALYTICS CLOUD (SAC) - Cloud-native platform combining BI, planning & predictive analytics to single solution

STREAMLINES BUSINESS PROCESSES

SAP helps organise and standardise workflows so departments can operate more smoothly and efficiently

IMPROVES CROSS-DEPARTMENT COORDINATION

Since all modules are connected, teams can collaborate better and share information seamlessly

INTRODUCTION OF SAP



REFLECTION

From this talk, I realised that ICT is not only to have the knowledges and the skills but to solve a problem and make sure that the company can work and maintain efficiently, securely and competitively. It motivated me to enhance my abilities so that I can give benefits to world.

After attending this career talk, I felt inspired by how ICT professionals drive innovation and I realized that the skills I develop today can help to solve important industry challenges in the future. This talk motivated me to continue to grow my ICT abilities so that I can contribute meaningfully to the digital world.

The industry talk opened my eyes on how PPG emphasizes on using Information Communication Technology (ICT) to execute their systems and open jobs in ICT which are crucial for the industry, such as Database Analyst or Web Developer. Hence, it encouraged me to continue building my portfolio and personal attributes towards ICT applications.

This industry talk helped me understand how different IT systems work together in real organisations. I realised that technical skills must be supported by communication, adaptability, and teamwork. I also learned how data analytics, cloud infrastructure, and SAP play important roles in business operations. The session inspired me to explore data analytics and cloud computing further and gave me clearer direction for preparing myself for a future career in the IT industry.

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