REFLECTION ON MY INTERVIEW WITH ENGR. JESSNEY S. BALDIVIA

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Introduction

This interview was done for the purpose of fulfilling the first semester final term project of the course "Computer Engineering as a Discipline" (CPE008). From this interview, we've also gathered valuable information and inspiration regarding the future of our lives in taking this program. We've interviewed T.I.P Quezon City Alumni, Engr. Jessney S. Baldivia graduated batch of 2010 in BS CpE who has 15 years of experience in the field. This interview is centered around the challenges Engr. Baldivia has overcome throughout his journey as a Computer Engineering Graduate.

Summary of the Interview

Going into the interview, Engr. Baldivia advised future graduates to start job hunting as early as possible and he followed up with that the program has many jobs to offer. His journey is a long way of applying and getting rejected, this was his biggest challenge. Even through all of this, Engr. Baldivia is a God-centered person, and said "Always put your faith in God, trust the plan He has for you". The most valuable advice he has given is "Learn the process". With dealing difficult challenges, he advised to undergo learning about the process of how things work. This is the method he had used to overcome most obstacles in his career path. And finally, he ends with a note that being a computer engineer is fun and enjoyable but very challenging. It's always important to pray to God and that believing in His will, in due time, you will be successful.

Personal Reflection

What struck me the most from the interview was how honest the alumnus was about his experience as a computer engineer graduate. He openly shared the struggle of job hunting and how he was able to continue at his lowest. His emphasis on staying positive and trusting God's plan was surprisingly sincere and it made the whole interview feel more personal and relatable, rather than just technical advice.

The interview encouraged me to reflect more deeply on my academic and career path. There are times when I question whether I have chosen the right course. But the alumnus reminded me that difficulties are part of the journey, and what matters is learning the process, gain some experience even during difficult situations. His mindset about handling tough situations through experience showed me that success isn't instant, it's built through patience and resilience.

The most important piece of advice I gained from the interview is to keep moving forward even during rough times. He reminded me that pursuing a career in computer engineering is meaningful and rewarding. And that praying and trusting God's will can help us especially whenever we feel overwhelmed.

Connection to Course or Program

The interview connects with my field of study, computer engineering, by giving me a clear picture of what the career truly demands beyond technical knowledge. The knowledge involves understanding how we learn and experience the problem firsthand. We learn more when we try to understand how something works, after all, the more challenging it gets the more we grow as a person. Learning about the difficulties of finding a job and handling stress strengthened the understanding of this line of work, highlighting the need for resilience, dedication, and emotional maturity. It also challenged my previous views by showing that success requires more than just skill, it demands the right mindset, the ability to stay positive, and faith in the process even during challenging situations. I believe that while faith is important, we shouldn't rely on God alone to carry us through every challenge. As prayers and faith are significant in our everyday lives, we should also consider that our actions are just as important, there would be no results if we leave everything in faith. The more challenging it gets, the more we develop, both as students and as future professionals. Computer engineering is a demanding course, it

requires perseverance, discipline and diligence. We can go far and get as many opportunities as we have on our field.

Conclusion

What Engr. Jessney S. Baldivia portrayed in this interview is what we call an honest, pursuing, overcoming, and devout man. He tackles challenges with determination, perseverance, and faith. This aspect is one of the important values of being a computer engineer. Having passion such as this is what kept him going, that is why he enjoyed this field quite so. This interview was a valuable experience for us because it gives inspiration and encouragement to keep on going and to always have faith in God's plan. We are truly grateful for this experience and we wish Engr. Baldivia and his family the best throughout their endeavors and may God bless them even more.

PICTURES WITH ENGR. JESSNEY S. BALDIVIA IN VIDEO CALL *(with consent)*