Title: Sunshine, a Reliable Companion for our Sungshin Students

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Let me ask our readers a question. Why did you come to Sungshin? There could be various answers, but this question aims to find out why our readers came to university. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, a university is defined as a place where people study for undergraduate or postgraduate. To be specific, a university provides academic knowledge and various opportunities to find our dreams, enlarge our interests and help us gain a broader perspective in life. Although listening to lectures occupies a significant portion of achieving that objective, our career counseling system Sunshine gives us invaluable assistance as part of that journey.

Sunshine is a system where Sungshin students can receive information on career and employment opportunities such as graphs of Sungshin core competencies and core job competencies, notices, extracurricular programs, and employment notices. The Sunshine system consists of seven menu items - vision establishment, career choice, competency development, employment information, counseling/letter, SC-Shiny, and community. Despite each of them serving its purpose, Soojung, students of Sungshin need to understand how to utilize them effectively to make the most out of the system.

Vision establishment, career choice, and competency development seemed to be the most useful menu tools for freshmen and sophomores. The ‘Vision establishment’ category is where students can set goals and plan on how to achieve their dream. Although it is a bit abstract, students are given chances to reflect on themselves through this activity before forming conclusions about what they want to be. In the ‘Career choice’ category, the subsections are more focused on informing about specific jobs. The most beneficial one for freshmen and sophomores might be ‘Competency development’. Through competency assessment, students can find out what kind of competency they have and reflect on their interests to better understand themselves. Through group studies and extracurricular activities, students can self-improve themselves beyond taking classes and progress in the area they are interested in. Juniors and seniors are likely to find the ‘Employment information’ category useful. The category provides deeper insights into employment. Subcategories can be largely classified into roughly two sections. One section is more about companies and recruitment while the other section is more about assisting students to get ready for employment. By taking career aptitude tests students can identify jobs to their liking, learn about enterprises, and discover the enterprises they want to get into. Students can finally start getting ready for employment. After students have established their goals, students can take action toward achieving them by writing a resume or preparing for a job interview. The Sunshine system helps these students with this process one step at a time and helps students to get closer to their dreams.

Besides the categories introduced above, the best-known category among students would be the ‘counseling/letter’ category. It is common for students to be worried about their future paths and career aspects. Through the system Sunshine, Soojungs can benefit from seeking support through counseling sessions with both professors and counselors. Supervising professors are designated for each student so students can receive counseling both offline and online. If counseling is required from a particular professor this is also available through the Sunshine system by simply choosing an available date. Counseling in areas of career employment, learning capacity, and education with advisors can be arranged through the system as well. Besides professors and counselors, current employees who work in the field can give you help as well. Through the Sc-shiny category, 1: 1 online mentoring from senior Soojungs is available. Soojungs who are particularly interested in finding a position in a company would find this category useful. The community category is mainly used for examination students’ management purposes. Aside from that, in the information plaza subcategory, recruitment exhibitions, employment issues, and news are displayed. Lastly, ‘my page’ enables students to promptly locate and verify the activities they have done. This makes it possible for students to check activities immediately without checking them one by one.

Indeed, the university is a place where students find their paths. However, ‘standing alone’ is a different term. Sungshin Women’s University offers a helping hand along the way to what students are trying to achieve. Not to mention, the system Sunshine is in the middle of this journey. Undoubtedly, utilizing the system prudently would help students physically and psychologically as well. Students should gain a better understanding of the system and become familiar with the available assistance for students.