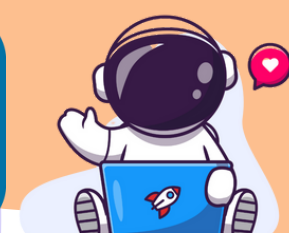# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

From the talk by Mr Habib and PPG (Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company), we have been introduced to the GetMe Hired which is a career builder platform and 2u2i program that are available in SECPH only. Mr Habib has mentioned that career development is a life long journey that involves continuous learning, updating and acquiring new skills in an ever-evolving professional environment, especially in this era of big data. He also discussed with us about the resume awareness among university students. Besides, session with committee PPG is to strengthen the bonding between students, industry and alumni as well as to give exposure to us about 2u2i program uniqueness.

COMMON MISTAKE IN JOB HUNTING

Job hunting is a challenging process, so we must prepare for employment in advance as the competition gets tougher by days. For example, build up our eportfolio and resume that are tailored to the specific requirements of our ideal job. Apart from this, we should empower ourself to persue opportunities in degree. If you have a well-define career path in mind, then you can develop towards this goal and participate in more skill training for this goal. But if you don't have a clear goal, don't be discouraged. We should make up some time to participate in various activities to further discover our interests, instead of staying in the room to study every day and not going out to socialize. Moreover, we should level-up and improve our soft skills especially communication skills. Focusing solely on technical skills and ignoring soft skills is a disservice to yourself and your employer. They usually prefer to hire employee that have good leadership, teamwork, communication, problem solving and adaptability, plus with technical competence.

CV/RESUME

A well structure resume is important to present one's skills and experiences to potential employers. Mr Habib have discussed with us about 9 components that must have on our resume which are contact information, career objective, educational background, professional experience, extracurricular activities, core skills, personal projects, awards and references. He also recommended us to use GetMe Hired to complete our cv with all of the valuable content. **GetMe Hired** is actually a paid career builder platform to progress our career ahead with **ATS-friendly CV** and **comprehensive job hunt support** to enhance our employability.

SKILLS

For the jobs in data field, there are some skills that we have to master before entering industry. For example, SQL skills, data modeling, visualization skills using BI tools and programming skills.

THINGS IN PPG

- Cutting Edge Cloud Technologies
- Get to learn Project Management
- Reliable colleagues
- Positive working culture
- Lots of opportunities
- Involvement like full-time employee

WAY FORWARD

Strategies for effective career development are **networking**. Establish good relationships with classmates and professors by attnding industry talks, visits and events because networking always open doors to new opportunities. Second, we can seek for **mentorship**. Find a senior who can give support, valuable judgement and guidance based on their experience in computer science field. Third, **accept the challenges**. View every challenges as a chance to develop and grow, thus we can acquire new skills and knowledges in any time.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This poster serves as a guide for us to navigate our personal growth and advancement. By knowing the importance components such as common mistakes in job hunting and skills that needed in this field, we can start planning our future, preparing cv and e-portfolio from now and gain knowledge at all times. Other than this, we can also start with some part-time jobs or volunteer work that provide hands-on experience in the field to get the relevant experience as well as training our soft skills.

REFLECTION

Motivation that I gain from this career talk is the importance of self-assessment. We have to understand our own weakness, strengths and interest, so that we can set an ideal goal to achieve. Furthermore, we need to being adaptable in all kind of challenge such as staying updated with industry trends and learning new skills or getting new qualifications to remain competitive in the job market. The career in Information Communication Technology (ICT) is essential in industry by facilitating digital transformation. ICT professional have this responsibility to help businesses adapt to new technologies. To illustrate, a tradisional retail company hire an ICT professional to assists them in transitioning to e-commerce platform, so that they can reach a wider customer base and improve their sells potentially. Additionally, career in ICT like data analyst or data scientist helps to support decision making process. They gather and analyze market trends, then provide the company with suitable marketing strategic to enable the company to target their customer more efficiently, thus making business performance better.

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