

Gaining overseas exposure

Lee Poh Sein, 24, learnt much from his study attachment in Munich

As part of your degree programme, you did an Overseas Immersion Programme (OIP) in Munich. How was it?

Chemical Engineering students like myself had a longer OIP of about four months. In Munich, I was exposed to a completely different culture and way of life, which broadened my perspective. We live in a global world and it is good to be able to learn how to relate cross-culturally as it is an important skill in the workplace.

I also had the opportunity to study in the Technical University of Munich (TUM)

campus. The study programme there is similar to the one in Singapore. We complete our lab courses in block teaching style and then move on to our bachelor thesis.

How does the OIP prepare you for work?

There are certain things you can't learn from a textbook or classroom. While in Munich, I learnt the importance of communication. The first language in Germany is German. Therefore, I had to adapt fast and keep an open mind about communicating with new people. I believe this is a necessary skill in the workplace, because companies employ staff from many countries. If I go on to work in a German chemical company, this will be handy.

How does TUM Asia help students in their job search?

TUM Asia organises regular networking sessions with its internationally renowned industry partners, which provide opportunities to know more about the companies through their representatives. This ensures we are in close contact with these companies well before graduation.

You are currently at the top of your cohort. Have you always been an ace student?

I was not always an ace student, not in polytechnic at least. I have been fortunate to meet the right people at TUM Asia. The lecturers showed me what passion is about. The company that sponsored me for a scholarship gave me further motivation to work even harder.

At a glance

Course: Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Institute: Technical University of Munich (TUM) Asia

Duration: 2.5 years



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