



CLUB NEWS:

#HumansofNTUAlumniClub

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1. How would your close friends describe you?

My best friends (Dr.Kadir, Mr.Praphat and Mr.George) whom I spent the most time with in the University told me that I was someone who is engaging to work with as I always contribute interesting ideas during group studies. They also described me as an affable person and a collaborative team player.

2. What is your biggest takeaway from NTU?

My biggest takeaway from NTU would be the insights I've gained about Project Management. I learnt about how I can manage a project in terms of scope, budget, schedule, and resources, as well as, the soft skills required to overcome the challenges faced in projects - communication skills, time and risk management skills, problem solving skills and critical thinking skills. All in all, I learnt that a good project manager has to be a good leader.

3. What is the most unforgettable experience as a NTU student?

To prepare for group presentations, my teammates and I had to organise group study sessions at night. Although I'm physically exhausted after a day's work, my teammates always ensure that the virtual meetings are engaging. Hence, I am extremely grateful for my team members and would never forget the special moments of laughter we had during these group meetings.

4. What goals are you actively seeking to accomplish in the next 5 years?

My familial goal is to provide financial support for my family and to fund my children's education. At work, I strive to be a better leader. Every day, I ensure that my customers are satisfied through my inspirational leadership of the team and meticulous planning for the projects' completion. These ensure my career development and promotions.



5. What is your principle in life?

My principle in life is to always be grateful. Practicing gratitude helps me to feel positive about every small thing that occurs in my life. Every day before going to bed, I will think of three things that I am grateful for - my colleagues, family, my health, etc. I also encourage everyone to do the same.

6. If you could go back in time, what would you do differently in your life?

If I could go back in time, I would have changed my sleeping schedule and sleep earlier every night. I believe that having a solid 8-hour sleep can affect my performance significantly the next day. Instead of feeling groggy the next morning, I could feel more refreshed, have better health and achieve higher efficiency at work.

"Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results not attributes" - Mr. Peter Ducker

