

Solid Preparation for New Challenges

THE whole world was forced to adapt to the unforeseen circumstances brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, and this has changed the landscape of many sectors such as industries, economies, and of course, education.

While many continue to find their feet, there are few who have taken this situation as an opportunity instead to solidify their foundations in preparation for future challenges that will arise from adapting to the new normal we all have to contend with today.

Take Teh Wen Jie, who joined Tunku Abdul Rahman University College's (TAR UC) Foundation in Accounting programme last year and is currently a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) student, as an example. The comprehensive lessons she picked up from her foundation days prepared her to take on the new challenges today and turn them into opportunities to excel.

"When the pandemic hit, I clearly remembered one piece of advice I was given by one of my lecturers: 'Challenges can be opportunities, it all depends on how you view them'.

"Thanks to my foundation studies, I have already adapted to online learning, so the transition to full online learning is seamless. I was also taught to be independent and pre-prepare myself for lecture sessions so that I would never miss out on important lessons during online classes. This saves me hours of ineffective studies, which I can channel towards other meaningful activities like revision sessions or even exercise to keep myself active and alert," says Teh.

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importance of social skills such as team planning, negotiation and communication. The experiences also spurred me to volunteer for the TEDxTARUC 2019 event as a committee member, which taught me lessons that cannot be replicated in class," she explains.

It was also her passion for accounting that led Teh to TAR UC.

"I have always been fascinated with numbers, so that was the path I pursued after secondary school. When I heard how strong TAR UC's foundation programme was and its history of producing successful graduates annually, I figured this would be the place that could help me develop my passion into a career. Now, I can truly say that TAR UC is the right choice for me,"

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Currently TAR UC offers six foundation programmes – Arts, Science, Engineering, Accounting, Business and Computing. All are curated to prepare students effectively for transition to their respective bachelor's degree programmes and any future challenges they may encounter in their careers upon successful graduation.

To find out more about TAR UC's foundation programmes, visit www.tarc.edu.my/cpus.

■ Application for all 2021 intakes are now open. Prospective students are encouraged to apply online at www.tarc.edu.my. Those who send in their application online by June 20 will receive a waiver of RM60 processing fee. SPM trial exam results are accepted for foundation and diploma programmes for the June 2021 intake. Attractive scholarships are also available at TAR UC on the basis of academic merit and sibling discount for qualified students.

