

Strong foundation is key

THE 'What is next after SPM' question is quite daunting but regardless if you have a definite answer or are not sure of your plans, one thing is certain and that is you would need to build a strong foundation.

Those with a definite answer will most probably pursue a specific diploma programme, but for those who have yet to formulate a solid plan, pursuing foundation studies is the smartest option.

The foundation programme at Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT) is categorised into four areas namely arts, science, business and computing, which caters to a wide range of disciplines for undergraduate levels at TAR UMT.

Although it is a one-year programme, the foundation studies at TAR UMT are designed to prepare students comprehensively, allowing them to seamlessly advance into their bachelor's degree programme in the fields of accounting, finance, business, computing, information technology, built environment, engineering and technology, social sciences and humanities, applied sciences, communication and creative industries.

One of the significant advantages of the foundation programme at TAR UMT is that it allows students to explore various disciplines before committing to a specific degree.

This exposure helps students make informed decisions about their academic and career paths.

They can gain insights into different subjects, discover their

interests, and make more confident choices when selecting their degree programme.

The foundation programme also focuses on strengthening students' academic skills, such as critical thinking, research, and problem-solving abilities.

More so, as students delve deeper into the programme, it helps them develop a deeper understanding of their chosen subject area, enabling them to excel in their future studies.

TAR UMT's foundation programme not only focuses on academic development but also nurtures personal growth.

Students will develop essential skills such as time management, teamwork, and independent learning. These skills are invaluable for success in higher education and future professional endeavours. In addition, students will be actively involved in various co-curricular, sports and recreational activities.

By completing a foundation programme, students gain confidence in their abilities and knowledge. They enter their degree programme with a sense of preparedness, knowing they have acquired the necessary skills and subject-specific knowledge. This confidence positively impacts their academic performance and overall university experience.

Take it from Wong Jin Xuan who completed the Foundation



Apart from equipping students with a strong foundation, TAR UMT also provides a conducive campus environment for students to engage in healthy interactions with each other and help them inculcate important life skills.

in Computing and is currently pursuing the Bachelor of Computer Science (Hons) in Data Science at TAR UMT.

"Before entering foundation, I didn't have any theoretical knowledge about the fundamentals of computing like hardware, coding, networking, and data management, since I didn't learn it in secondary school.

"Studying the foundation programme helped me explore and strengthen my understanding in the field of computing. I have to admit, I learned a lot of practical techniques and knowledge during my foundation year, which increased my interest in computing."

Wong added: "Moreover, completing assignments during my foundation year allowed me to gain experience and develop important skills such as critical thinking, creativity, research, communication, presentation, as well as reference and citation techniques.

"Mastering these skills have been a crucial part of my foundation programme as I am using these skills a lot for my degree studies," Wong shared.

Lim Zi Li highlighted how the foundation year has proven important to pursue the Bachelor of Banking and Finance (Hons).

"I decided to pursue Foundation in Business instead

of Diploma in Banking and Finance because I was still uncertain about my career path after SPM.

"At that time, I had no prior knowledge of finance as I came from a science background in secondary school.

"I opted to study foundation to give myself the flexibility to switch courses if necessary.

"Additionally, the foundation programme provided me with an introduction to finance, as well as subjects from other fields of study such as accounting, economics, and marketing."

Lim explained: "Having this exposure helped me determine which field I was most interested in and suited for, which is finance.

"Besides, I had always planned to pursue a degree, so the foundation programme proved to be the best option for me, as it also helped me transition to the degree level more smoothly," Lim elaborated.

For more information about TAR UMT's foundation programmes, call 011-1075 8537 or log on to www.tarc.edu.my for more information about TAR UMT and to apply online. Various financial aid and merit scholarships are available for qualified students.

