

Producing competent graduates with greater confidence

WITH market-driven and internationally recognised programmes, AeU believes it is able to transform students' lives through education. - AeU understands that juggling between career, life and study can be perplexing.

It has developed flexible learning modes – full-time, blended and online – to ease students' educational journey alongside with promoting academic excellence.

AeU's sophisticated learning management system (myPLS) and digital library facilities are available to serve busy students 24/7.

For many, the thought of pursuing PhD while working can appear daunting especially without proper counsel and guidance. Sanath Sukumaran, who holds AeU's Doctor of Philosophy in ICT, knows this all too well.

He currently has his own consultancy and training agency. "I pursued my PhD because I wanted to gain a deeper insight about issues arising in the industry and how I can contribute to solve them".

Constant provision of support by his supervisors is also one of the factors that ensured the successful completion of his PhD in ICT. He comments, "My supervisors are the subject-matter experts in my area of study. Their top-notch consultation and advice assisted in setting the direction of my PhD journey".

According to Sanath, it was his dream to solve problems related to Knowledge Management through his PhD research. "When I began my research in 2014, I was blessed with the opportunity to approach companies and gain deeper understanding on the pertinent issues and problems that happen in the industry pertaining to knowledge management in ICT".

Apart from upgrading his academic qualification, Sanath believes that his PhD journey also led to a major improvement in his personal quality.

"To me, the process of getting a PhD is demanding and stretched with numerous challenges. Once the journey was completed in 2017, I found myself overwhelmed with a significant boost in my confidence.



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The glorified moment of walking on the convocation stage and being conferred with my PhD scroll from AeU chairman, Emeritus Prof Tan Sri Dr Syed Jalaludin Syed Salim, was really emotional and gave me a sense of achievement and believe in my own self," he says.

"AeU really knows how to deal with working adults. Aside from the instructional weekend classes, AeU professionals and subject-matter experts are always committed to give the best learning experience. I enjoyed my time in AeU and I strongly believe other prospective students will do as well."

He added, "PhD is not an easy journey but with persistence and hard work, I managed to reach the end.

"I am honoured to be part of the academia and cooperate with established companies such as Jabatan

Kerja Raya (JKR), Agrobank Malaysia, and Institut Sukan Negara (ISN) to further strengthen their capability of knowledge management in ICT".

AeU is a leading digital and flexible university in Malaysia, and one of the premier Open and Distant Learning (ODL) institutions in Asia.

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