



Salam Sejahtera,

Semoga anda berada dalam keadaan sihat walafiat. Emel ini ditulis oleh pihak Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman (YTAR) berkenaan dengan permohonan anda untuk Biasiswa Tunku Abdul Rahman 2021.

Pada tahun ini, kami menerima lebih daripada 4,000 permohonan untuk Biasiswa Tunku Abdul Rahman dan telah menjalankan lebih daripada 150 sesi temuduga. Setelah melalui proses pemilihan yang sengit ini, kami yakin bahawa anda telah menunjukkan potensi kepemimpinan yang tinggi, kecekalan dalam mengatasi cabaran dan mempunyai aspirasi yang tinggi untuk menyumbang kepada pembangunan Malaysia.

Dengan itu, pihak YTAR ingin mengumumkan bahawa anda telah dipilih untuk menerima Biasiswa Tunku Abdul Rahman. Tahniah atas pencapaian anda!

FROM ZERO TO HERO

Hiew Wen Tian, an ISM graduate of 2020, was awarded the prestigious Yayasan Tunku Abdul Rahman (YTAR) scholarship 2021.

According to the YTAR, more than 4000 applications were received and approximately 150 candidates were shortlisted for the interviews. Hiew emerged as one of the few candidates who were successfully awarded the scholarship.

Hiew is currently pursuing the University of London LLB program at the Brickfields Asia College (BAC). The scholarship would cover his full tuition fee for the remaining two years at BAC (amounting to approximately RM48k), living expenses, accommodation fee, textbooks as well as extracurricular organization grant. In addition, he will also undergo a two-year one-to-one mentoring program with a legal expert.

The YTAR scholarship is an undergraduate degree scholarship open to high potential, deserving students with a strong ambition to contribute to the development of Malaysia. In addition to academic excellence, the scholarship aims at identifying candidates with great leadership traits and strong personalities.

According to Hiew, he never thought he would stand a chance to win the prestigious scholarship. Hiew recalled that his academic performance was always below average during his primary and early secondary education. He even failed some subjects. In terms of extracurricular activities, he also did not hold any prominent positions and was never perceived as a leader.

Hiew attributed his poor academic and extracurricular achievements to his lack of personal goals and directions. It was through his engagement with the underprivileged communities through some non-government organizations (NGOs) that he discovered his passion. Having been moved by the state of living of this marginalized group of people, he was determined to strive hard for his studies so that he could be an effective advocate for them. With perseverance and hard work, he eventually scored four straight A*s in his GCE A-Level examination in 2020.

Hiew was indeed grateful to ISM for nurturing him to be who he is today by providing a platform for him to develop himself, not only as a great learner but also a holistic leader in all aspects.

After graduating from ISM and while waiting for his university placement, Hiew continued to pursue his passion to serve the local communities by co-founding three NGOs, namely the UndiSabah, Belia di Bawah Bayu and Gerakan Mahasiswa Demokratik. He sincerely hopes that his personal story could be an empowerment to those lacking in self-confidence.

To his juniors, he would like to give these words of encouragement: "Who you are today does not necessarily define your future. The important thing is whether you are willing to take small but cumulative steps ahead regardless of the difficulties."