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Most ISM graduates enroll in prestigious universities



From left: Fung, Megan, Darren, Leong, and Calvin.

TAWAU: Majority of the Institute of Science and Management (ISM) Tawau graduates who obtained their A-Level results of Cambridge International Examinations in August are starting to enroll in various prestigious universities both local and overseas.

Fung Siu Ling, who aspires to be a doctor in the future, is currently in Volgograd, Russia to pursue her dream. An anonymous philanthropist generously offered her a sponsorship, which amounts up to RM 120,000.

“I always think that I have a responsibility to contribute back to the society since I’ve received help from many kind people to tackle the obstacles and challenges I face in life. That is why I choose to become a doctor, to help people as much as I can,” she said.

According to her, studying at ISM had actually helped her to focus on the Science core subjects, and in turn, she managed to score in the A-Level examination.

She also benefited from the many career talks held, and the conducive learning environment in ISM. She added, “ISM is always student-oriented and it brings students closer to success.”

Megan Lo Uise, who graduated from ISM at the young age of 17, has enrolled into Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Education (TESOL) programme at University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

The university has awarded her with the International Arts Scholarship that covers 75 per cent of the tuition fees which is a fee waiver of nearly RM20,000 per academic year for the whole duration of her studies.

“Overall, it was a great experience studying in ISM, the classes were well conducted, particularly those of English and Mathematics,” she was quoted from a recent interview.

Apart from that, she added that her time of service in the Student Council, Rotaract Club and 1 Malaysia Club committees has honed her leadership skills, among others. As a final comment, she urged for her juniors and those after her to ‘be proactive and get involved’.

Darren Lee from the A-Level Science stream, who is one of the high achievers, has enrolled into the MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering course at University of Southampton Malaysia Campus. The university offers him a scholarship that covers 50 per cent of his tuition fees.

“ISM trained me to be more prepared before leaving my hometown and seeking education elsewhere. The course that I took in ISM had also given me the choice to seek higher education in a vast majority of universities around the world,” he said.

He added, “It is truly a gem for those staying in Tawau to be able to have quality education at this level right in our hometown. The wonderful lecturers and the great studying environment make it stand out even more.” He also thinks that being able to study at a more relaxed pace and having the comfort of being at home had allowed him to perform better academically.

Another top achiever, Leong Pit Khien is currently taking the Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering at the Asia Pacific University (APU), located in Technology Park Malaysia. The university awards her with a scholarship that covers 50 per cent of her tuition fees.

“Studying in ISM has made me become more independent and sharpened my English communication skills. All of these enable me to adapt to the new environment in the university,” Leong said.

Meanwhile, for Calvin Chong, who is currently taking Bachelor of Laws degree in Brickfields Asia College said, “Small teacher-to-student ratio eases communication in which students can easily approach the lecturers when they face problems.” The college offers him a RM 6,000 scholarship per year.

These students’ success stories have proven to be the real manifestation of the quality of education provided at ISM over the years. Its graduates have high exposure to scholarship opportunities and options to further their study either locally or overseas.

Studying in ISM is definitely the stepping-stone for students to the pathways of success and excellence in the future.