

Sweet Smell of Success

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Success is defined differently in various stages of our life. For Abel Yeap, a recent graduate of JCU Singapore, success is getting a job in a reputable MNC like Bloomberg.

Abel's success did not come easy, but he certainly knows his way. He sat for the Bloomberg Altitude Test which the University organized in collaboration with Bloomberg. He knew that taking the test would open his door to massive opportunities with companies worldwide.

"The most challenging aspect of job hunting is actually the preparation itself. People often have the misconception that there is a 'one style fits all' method when it comes to job hunting." said Abel. He adds, "The truth is, every job varies and so does your CV and preparation."

Abel has also emphasized the importance of being independent and putting in your best efforts if you want to be successful. His advice to students on becoming successful: "University is the best platform for you to learn to be independent. While nobody can teach you, effort happens to be the most important aspect to have." He adds, "JCU prepared me to be independent. And that was the most valuable lesson I learnt in JCU."

"Ever thought if you have put in enough effort to secure a job? Well, think again! Remember, there are thousands of people like you looking for a job out there, so what makes you stand out among others? Have you researched on the position you applied for? Have you prepared yourself for the interview if you do get one and do you know how to answer any questions that the recruiters might throw at

you? Have you seen what is it like to work in that position on a day to day basis?" There are some questions that Abel has asked for fresh graduates to reflect on during their job search.

On grooming, Abel understands that students tend to want to look cool and stylish, however, looking smart and attentive is more important when it comes to serious matter. "Do you think you look cool with those funky hairstyle and stylish pants? Please.... take a look at what others wear to work before you make a judgement that your hairstyle and attire are appropriate. You don't have to look awesome; you just have to look attentive and smart."

Reflecting on why he has chosen JCU over many other universities out there in Singapore, he said, "I wanted exposure to international affinity, there is no better place to get to know people from all over the world than JCU. One more thing, straya* mate!"

One final advice for students to be successful, "Understand your priorities and put in your upmost effort in succeeding in what you do." he said.

*Slang: Australia