E3 World Catch Up with Our Top EEE Graduates

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A famous quote says that "a journey starts with a single step". My journey through life as a mature person started with an important decision to enter the School of EEE. From that time, numerous experiences have given me invaluable lessons.

I am really honoured to be given the chance to share my experiences in this issue of E3World. As I recall my memory of studying in EEE, I realize that I have made the correct decision.

Life was not always easy back then. There were numerous assignments and long hours put in to chase the deadline and the frightening exams. Yet, there were also life-lasting friendships formed and the euphoria when exams were over.

Life in NTU was really different with its fast pace and enormous pressure to excel. To be able to endure all these, I realized that to have a commitment and to enjoy what you do really helped me to excel both academically and non-academically. The support from my friends and my tutors has been no less beneficial in making all my achievements possible.

My industrial attachment in Switzerland is my most memorable experience. It opened my eyes to life in other parts of the world. I realized that openness to new things and communication skills are really important, especially with a different culture, and, of course, I will never forget travelling in Europe.

I cannot deny that all these experiences have made me grow. As an engineer, I am trained to analyze problems in depth but at the same time to think from a wider perspective. The technical subjects in EEE polished my analytical skills, but I also learned to balance my life and to respect other people as a mature person through the non-technical subjects and my extracurricular activities.

Thinking about the future, I have a dream to contribute to society with the talent that I have. As to how I am going to achieve my dream, there is still a long road ahead of me that I need to discover. Pursuing postgraduate study to discover useful inventions for society is one of the options that I am strongly considering. Working as an engineer to create a device which will improve people's lives is another viable option which is equally honourable. I really hope that I can achieve this dream and I hope that you will also achieve your dreams, whatever they are. Remember to dream high, as no dream is too high!

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My NTU life has come to an end. These four years have been so enriching and rewarding for me that I have obtained satisfactory academic results and a DSTA Gold Medal for my FYP. My partner and I also submitted papers to IEEE Student Paper Contest and IES Publication Awards 2004 based on our research and findings. However, the university is not only a place for studying, besides school work; ECA was another important element in my university life. I was the vice chairperson of Chinese Dance Club, where I practised and improved interpersonal and management skills. Tracing back my university journey, I can see the ups and downs along the way. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my supervisors, project partner, and my study group, without whom I would never have achieved what I did.