

Sharing a learning experience at AeU

LIOW Zen Min, from Johore, enrolled in Asia e University (AeU) as a Master of Education student with a specialization in Early Childhood Education in January 2014.

Life has not been easy as a single mother, aged 40 with two young children, 6 and 7 year-olds respectively.

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A believer in lifelong learning, she said, “my dream and ambition is to become a specialist in early childhood education and a motivational speaker. I like to inspire women to overcome their hardships, live independently and has the determination to pursue their dreams.”

Her first degree is Bachelor of Commerce and Management by Lincoln University, New Zealand.

“After browsing through many universities I came across AeU which seems like the most ideal open distance learning institution for me to pursue my studies,” she added.

She is also an entrepreneur, currently running two businesses. “The first business is teaching young children to be independent readers.”

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of Southern University College, in Johore,” said Liow.

“The main reason why I chose AeU was because it provides me the flexibility to study anywhere, anytime which allows me to structure learning around my already busy life schedule,” she said.

Although a fully online student from Johore, she tries not to miss any of the AeU seminars and attended most of it by driving or took flights to the campus in Kuala Lumpur.

“The seminars are interesting and it helped me to develop a deeper understanding on my studies and at the same time enable me to network with the professor, academic facilitators and other course mates,” said Liow.

Despite the obstacles, she managed to submit all her assignments before deadlines and scored GPA 3.33 in my first semester, GPA 4 in the second semester and GPA 3.92 for the third semester.

“I just completed my 4th semester exam and now waiting

for my results and is left with two more semesters to complete the whole programme,” she said.

“I have benefited a lot from this programme because the theories I learned are not only closely related but also applicable to my work.

“Besides, it gives me an opportunity to pursue my goal in earning a valuable Master of Education qualification to enhance my career and at the same time, fulfilling my ambition and dream,” she explained.

“My daughters are my greatest motivation in my life’s struggles. I am very thankful and grateful to my mother for her support,” she said.

She is also very grateful to all the professors, lecturers, academic facilitators and staff who have been very friendly and helpful in her studies.

“I hope to inspire others especially the single mothers and the less fortunate men and women not to give up their struggles but to work towards their dreams and achieving their goals,” said Liow.



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