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A learning experience at AeU

DESPITE many challenges, it was a dream come true for Punithavathy A/P Kupasamy who completed her Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) at Asia e University (AeU). The programme is one of AeU's most popular and highly demanded by Malaysians.

Married with 3 children (a daughter age 19 and sons, age 17 and 15) as well as being owner and principal of Taska Day Care Center, Genting Highlands, Punithavathy is a believer in lifelong learning.

After receiving her Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (GradDip,ECE) scroll at AeU's 5th Convocation, Punithavathy shared her journey and learning experience at AeU.

Punithavathy was a student of London Montessori Centre from 1997-1998 and had attended other short courses to upgrade herself. She decided to further her studies in Early Childhood Education at AeU because it offered the most convenient modes for her to study in terms of accessibility, flexibility and affordability that could fit her very busy career and family lifestyle.

At AeU, Punithavathy only needed to attend 2 days classes in a month during the weekends. Assignments carried 60% marks and exam 40%.

Punithavathy's daily routine was to wake up at 4.00 am every morning so that she could arrive at the school in Genting Highland by 7am. By the time she returned home to Batu Caves at 6pm, she had to pick up her sons from their schools and send them to tuition. At home, Punithavathy

attended to her chores and cooked dinner for her family. She would only start on her assignments after 10pm. Every day, Punithavathy will try to spend 2 hours on her studies and assignments until 12 midnight.

Saturdays and Sundays were more taxing.

"Sometimes, I had no time at all to do my assignments. I tried not to skip any AeU classes which was a wise move because the lecturers and academic facilitators were most helpful in giving guidelines on how best to complete my assignments in time which I managed with determination and good time management," said Punithavathy.

"After few months, I was able to adapt and adjust to my studies. With God's grace, I managed to complete my studies and graduated in September 2015."

Despite the many challenges, it was a dream come true for Punithavathy. She enjoyed her studies because the knowledge she gained was relevant to her job.

Punithavathy has decided to further upgrade herself by doing a Master in Early Childhood Education programme with AeU in January 2016.

About AeU

AeU is a collaborative multinational university established under the auspices of the 33 Asia Cooperation Dialogue Countries (ACD). All academic programmes are internationally benchmarked, approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

AeU has garnered several awards such as the Brand Laureate Awards 2010 for "Best Brand in Education - e-Education," and the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010 under the "Most Promising Entrepreneur" category. Additionally, in 2012, the University was announced as "the best ACD Project" during the ACD Meeting in Kuwait.

Established since April 2007, AeU now has an enrolment of more than 22,000 students from 65 countries, and has graduated over 7,000 graduates thus far. As one of the leading provider of Open Distance Learning in Malaysia, AeU has a diverse and international community of over 1,000 fellow doctoral students from 46 countries. By delivering a world-class learning experience, AeU aspires to be the leader and the premiere educational hub in the promotion of affordable quality e-learning throughout Asia.

AeU has spread its wings to ACD member countries such as Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UAE, Vietnam, as well as to non-member countries such as Denmark, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, Somalia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

There are three intakes annually; January, May and September. AeU will assist Malaysian students to apply for their loans and EPF. To apply online, go to www.aeu.edu.my or call Tel: 1300 300 238 for more information.



A BELIEVER in lifelong learning, Punithavathy Kupasamy is now embarking on getting her Master in Early Childhood Education programme with AeU.