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# Fruitful academic journey

WHEN I decided to become a part-time student while holding a full-time job that sometimes required me to work the night shift, I was apprehensive about being able to manage both tasks well.

However, if I did not take any action to further my study, I would never know if I could do it.

I overcame my anxiety and took the first step by enrolling in Asia e University (AeU)'s Master of Science (Management) by Research or MSc (Mgt) programme in May 2010.

The programme offered the best option for a working professional like me. The MSc (Mgt) programme's flexibility and the independent nature of its research project allowed me the freedom to customise my study schedule to fit my work requirements.

My academic journey in AeU was not without its ups and downs.

Being a full-time working adult with family obligations, it was challenging to complete the degree programme within two years.

Although the study duration could be extended, I did not want to take that option for granted as I feared the consequences of not completing my degree.

As I progressed in the self-regulated research programme, I found that the MSc (Mgt) suited my personal goals and work commitment in the semiconductor testing industry.

Specialising in automation and semiconductor testing as well as acting as a sales manager with COHC, Inc at that

time, I was responsible for multi-site testing and handled sales and service activities.

The programme offered at AeU was very flexible and affordable compared with other research-based master's programmes provided in other institutions.

As time passed, my fear and doubts about completing the programme gave way to confidence.

The advisory and counselling services provided at the university were invaluable and timely.

I am especially thankful to Dr Oo Yu Hock, programme coordinator of the MSc (Mgt) at AeU's School of Management and advisor to PhD candidates in AeU's School of Graduate School, for his dedicated and wise guidance.

I am also grateful to my external supervisor Prof Dr Shahrul Kamaruddin.

He and Dr Oo have contributed to reshaping my academic values and professional orientation.

Learning at AeU was a truly rewarding and enriching experience as I have benefited from two challenging years of working and studying at the same time.

This invaluable experience culminated in my convocation on Sept 21 last year, with the conferment of my MSc (Mgt) degree by AeU.

My work-based and job-related thesis is now a living testimonial of my fruitful journey at AeU. – **By Ir Khoo Voon Chin**

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