



Annur Hadi Hashim is a graduate of Master of Information and Communication Technology Management (MICTM).

An icon of lifelong learning

ASIA e University (AeU) is among the academic institutions selected as the Lifelong Learning Icon for the year 2019. This year, the programme organised by the Ministry of Education (MoE) has nominated several local icons from numerous backgrounds with the goal to celebrate inspiring icons and cultivate the lifelong learning culture in Malaysia to motivate the young generation to pursue academic excellence regardless of time frame and age.

Annur Hadi Hashim is one of AeU's graduates nominated as this year's icon. Currently working as the Assistant Secretary at the Information Technology Department, Ministry of Transport, Hadi shares his journey in striving for academic excellence.

A catalytic course to excellence

As an AeU graduate in Master in Information and Communication Technology (MICTM), Hadi expresses his gratitude for being named as one of the nation's lifelong learning icon for the year 2019, "I was surprised when they (AeU) first informed that I was selected to be one of the nation's icon and I am truly grateful for such recognition."

"I hope my journey can inspire more people, especially those from the low-income community, to strive for success and change their living conditions."

According to Hadi, his success did not come overnight. Previously, he worked as a van driver and delivered textbooks to schools before joining the Land Public Transport Agency (SPAD) and pursued his bachelor's degree.

"It is actually wiser to work for a while before pursuing further education or working while studying.

"Such experience will help you to better understand which field of work or industry interests you before pursuing your specialisation in that field," he said.

Industry exposure

Hadi began his career as a special officer at the Land Public Transport Agency (SPAD) before pursuing his first degree in Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (BICT) with Asia e University.

According to him, the decision to further his studies not only widened his view and

knowledge on the area of information and communication technology but also opened a better career opportunity with the Information Technology Department.

"The opportunity for hands-on involvement in the field while working at the same time was a 'blessing in disguise' to me and I managed to complete my bachelor's degree in 2016," he added.

"After completing my bachelor's degree, I was keen on pursuing a master's degree in the same field. Supported by my family and friends, I enrolled and committed myself to the programme and completed my Master of Information Technology with AeU."

He also expresses his gratitude for the smooth sailing in his master's degree – he was able to complete the entire programme in just one and a half years, saying, "I started my master's in 2018 and I attended my convocation ceremony before 2019 ends. It makes a perfect closure to such a wonderful year."

Sharing the experience of completing his master's degree in Information Technology, Hadi confesses that the journey was definitely not a walk in the park.

He is thankful to his lecturers and supervisor for their time and effort in helping him to complete his educational journey, "I am excited to pursue my next educational adventure (PhD). At the same time, I want to furnish my skills and gain a deeper understanding on the pertinent issues that are happening in the industry (ICT)."

AeU at a glance

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