

FROM CAMPUS TO CORPORATION: MY BIG 4 ADVENTURES

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A few weeks ago, I just completed my internship journey at one of the Big 4 accounting firms in Kuala Lumpur. This might sound cliché but it has been my dream since I started my study for a Diploma a few years ago which is to have once-in-a-lifetime experience to work in the Big 4. Six months of internship provided valuable learning for me to prepare myself to be in the real working world. During my internship, I was assigned to Taxation Service Line, under the International Tax and Transaction Services (ITTS) Sub-service Line. In this sub-service line, we provide many types of services such as Tax Due Diligence, Advisory, Real Property Companies, and others. After I joined EY, I realized that taxation is not only tax computation, however, it is more than that. There's a lot of new knowledge that I gained during my internship as I have been looped into various types of engagements.



When first I joined EY, I felt so overwhelmed as the environment was different I had to speak the English language all the time and work together with the top level of staff which are the Partner, Director, and even Senior Manager. These situations made me feel so nervous and insecure at the same time as I was afraid that I would not meet their expectations in delivering the outcome of the task. However, I overcome my fear by always asking questions or clarifications on every task that I receive from the Director and Senior Manager to ensure that my understanding is correct. Furthermore, I usually do some research on the tasks that I receive before I start doing it. It is to ensure that I have tried my best to understand it by myself before asking questions on the tasks that I am not clear about.



On top of that, I would like to share one of my significant achievements during the internship which is I was chosen to be in incentive engagement and I had the opportunity to work at an Associate level. During this engagement, I learned about the engagement lifecycle from the first step and I had the opportunity to work directly with the Manager and Partner. While preparing the deliverable for the client, I gained research skills as I had to do a lot of research to increase my understanding of the related accounting knowledge. Apart from that, I also improved my communication skills as it helps me in voicing out my opinion on certain issues that arise while working.



To conclude, my internship experience was the best experience to end my degree journey as a student. Apart from the exceptional experience of the internship journey, I also made a lot of new friends which expanded my networking at corporate level.