

A holistic approach to education

Mr Lien Zhou Han utilises every opportunity to expand his learning horizons at SIM GE

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ONE of the most valuable lessons Mr Lien Zhou Han, 24, has learnt at SIM Global Education (SIM GE) is to think critically and independently.

"The teaching pedagogy here helps us think and evaluate critically as we are not bound by any 'model answers'. Rather, we are encouraged to challenge traditional frameworks and perspectives," he says.

Mr Lien, who has a diploma in business administration, will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Business and Management.

Awarded by the University of London (United Kingdom) and developed by the London School of Economics and Political Science, the degree will appeal to those considering careers in banking, finance and accounting.

He says that one of the best features of the degree programme is the combination of core management and contemporary business units, as it provides a good understanding of various functional areas in business to develop key analytical skills in management.

Internship experiences

Mr Lien went on an internship with International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, where he helped with research and event management, and interacted with business professionals and government officials.

The three-month stint helped him to understand how IE Singapore supports local companies in growing and internationalising their operations, and gave him a valuable insight into industry trends.

Mr Lien, who has a keen interest in Japan, also participated in the SIM GE Service Learning Project offered by SIM's Office of Global Learning to provide students with various summer programmes and study trips to enhance their global outlook.

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In June last year, he joined the SLP team in the Oki Islands, Shimane Prefecture, Japan, to assist with reform efforts in local schools and industries.

For two weeks, he taught English to students and participated in consultations with businessmen on industry projects.

"We focused on creating promotion packages to attract tourists to visit the island to boost their tourism sector," he says.

Personal development

Mr Lien has also picked up valuable skills and lifelong lessons from his mentors, lecturers and career coach.

For example, he learnt to "get comfortable with being uncomfortable" so that one does not sink into complacency but constantly seeks to make progress in life.

Having this mentality motivates him to continue learning and broaden his horizons, he says.

He constantly reminds himself to keep an open mind and be receptive to new ideas to develop holistically too.

When he played host to international students during their visits to SIM GE for various programmes and summer courses, he was able to learn about new cultures and widen his social network.

It was a good platform to share various perspectives, even if they differed from one another.



Mr Lien has made academic progress, received valuable insight into industry trends and learnt lifelong skills at SIM GE. PHOTO: CHONG JUN LIANG