## CERAMAH TEKNIK TECHNICAL TALK

## Internship, the dos and don'ts

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A technical talk by UTP alumni who had just graduated and were newly employed was conducted on 21st August 2023. This talk was co-organized by the Geophysics Working Group in the Geological Society of Malaysia (GSM) together with the UTP Alumni Office. The objective of this talk was to expose geoscience students from universities in Malaysia on the experience of undergoing internships and the real experience working full time. The three UTP alumni who gave presentations were Amirah Wardah Binti Mohd Azmir, Mohamad Rashdan Bin Marzuki. and Aini Tasnim Binti Che Mahadzir. The session was chaired by Muhammad Irfan Jusmila, from AAPG Student Chapter of UTP. The talk focused on the internship experience and placement, which focused on the dos and don'ts related to the internship. This talk aimed to give perspectives from the alumni who were just entering the industry as permanent employees to geosciences students, especially those about to go for internship.



The talk started at 2:00 p.m. with welcoming remarks and the moderator's introduction to the topic and speakers. The discussion was very interesting as the speakers had different backgrounds and experiences while working and during their Final Year Projects (FYP). Varied answers and points of view were given as each speaker had different perspectives and experiences individually during the internship, final year and working life. Also discussed was whether we should choose the industry that was related to the topic/focus we wanted to pursue for the Final Year Project and working life, or try different and new things. This allowed the graduates to either choose to focus/have a certain niche/expertise or have additional knowledge for them to be more marketable. This talk also discussed the challenges and provided tips to overcome certain difficulties during the internship. Using LinkedIn was also among the topics discussed as it gives an overview of an individual's soft skills and social skills while acting as a second resume and a professional profile for the purposes of promoting oneself. This talk was important for Geoscience students as an overview of internship and working life later. The talk then ended with a Q&A session.



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