

INTERNS GO THE DISTANCE AT OCBC***OCBC-UiTM Internship Programme provides a platform for career building***

Kuala Lumpur, 6 July 2008 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad, in its first tie-up with Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), has welcomed two interns on board as full-time staff, providing them with the opportunity to build a career at one of Asia's largest and most respected banks with group assets of S\$180 billion.

Nor Aziah Binti Aminuddin and Tengku Nahdatul Shima Binti Tengku Nong Idris, who were among the six interns who participated in the 2007 OCBC-UiTM Internship Programme, gained a career footing into OCBC Bank even before their convocation in May this year. They are currently employed under the bank's Bumiputera Development Department and Wealth Management Department respectively.

"I feel so secure and proud to be absorbed as a permanent staff of OCBC Bank. With such stiff competition among graduates these days, this serves as a fantastic opportunity to kick start my career!" said Nor Aziah who majored in Bachelor of International Business and graduated with a 2nd class upper degree.

According to Tan Sri Dato' Nasruddin Bin Bahari, Chairman of OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad, the employment of the two interns sets an example for other tertiary education students to aspire after.

"OCBC Bank believes in nurturing the young, we recognise talent and look forward to not only educate but allow for career growth. This OCBC-UiTM Internship Programme enables more undergraduates to gain full hands-on training. With the absorption of these two interns, we are underlining our seriousness in providing opportunities for students beyond the internship programme.

"We strongly believe that this programme will improve career options for the Bumiputera community and enable OCBC Bank to be a choice employment option for young graduates. This is in line with the Bank's strategy to attract more qualified Bumiputera graduates into the organisation," he said.

The 20-week OCBC-UiTM Internship Programme focuses on developing the students' skills through on-the-job training and by working together with the university's staff to conduct research and industrial studies.

This initiative is designed to help students prepare for their role in meeting the demands of an industrialised nation, which remains one of the country's main aspirations.

The training methodologies include on-the-job and classroom training sessions, assignments and projects, exposure to practical selling skills and a unique 'buddy and mentor programme'. The students are also able to periodically receive feedback on their progress from the various Heads of Department.

"I urge undergraduates to grab opportunities such as this to gain greater exposure into the world of banking and finance. At OCBC Bank, I gained so much experience. Furthermore, I can attest to the fact that one will also be equipped with a healthy work culture, good communication and networking skills and be essentially prepared to enter the working force," said Tengku Nahdatul Shima.

OCBC Bank will be organising a career talk at UiTM in July / August to engage students for the 2008 OCBC-UiTM Internship Programme. The programme is open to all second year degree students of the Faculty of Business Management with a minimum CGPA of 3.0, excellent co-curriculum participation, as well as strong leadership and communication skills. Students who are interested may contact OCBC Bank Bumiputera Development Department at 03 – 2034 5370 for further information.

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