

Overseas Education, Global Career

It was a deep desire to develop their technical skills in Systems Analysis that got Vincent Yang and Judy Wong to travel from China to Singapore for the Graduate Diploma in Systems Analysis (GDipSA) programme offered by Institute of Systems Science, National University of Singapore (NUS-ISS).

Vincent, who also has a degree from the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China Chengdu, says, “What attracted me to the NUS-ISS course is that it combines knowledge with practical skills, and which enables me to expand my technical knowledge within a very short time. Even for my classmates without any technical background, it is extremely helpful in providing them with technical foundation in understanding how an IT project can be delivered.”

Judy, from Beijing, China, agrees, “The technical skills gained from the programme is very practical and useful for my current job. I particularly enjoyed the 5-month internship that has allowed me to gain first-hand experience in real enterprise projects – a plus in seeking for job as a fresh graduate!”

The Graduate Diploma in Systems Analysis programme is designed for graduates who recognise the need to equip themselves with the latest IT knowledge and skills, and wish to advance their careers in their current field. It also provides an opportunity for non-IT graduates in crafting a new career path in the IT industry. The 13-month full-time programme consists of lectures, workshops, laboratory sessions, projects and a 5-month long internship with an organisation.

Since his graduation in 2011, Vincent has been handling regional business development in Alipay, the biggest third-party online payment company in China. Though he is not directly working on systems or application engineering, Vincent feels that his graduate diploma still value-adds to his current work, “The programme offered me a solid technical background and it helps me in dealing with the technical folks within and outside my company.”

Both the NUS-ISS GDipSA graduates agree that the programme equipped them with more than just technical skills and knowledge.

Judy, who is now employed as a Senior Software Engineer in JustCommunity Software Solution Pte Ltd, a Singapore company, says, “When I first started the programme, I could barely speak a word of English. But now I can converse smoothly in English, which is very helpful in my workplace.”

“Looking back, the lecturers at NUS-ISS are very nice, patient and professionals. And I’ve made some very good friends from the course,” she continues.

Vincent adds on, “I have enjoyed every moment of the programme, though it is quite intensive. I learn something new every day and no two days are the same!”

“The Chinese students make up about 30% of each cohort in our GDipSA programme. Most of them face language barrier initially, as our lectures are delivered in English. However, most of them can overcome this barrier in a few weeks and they are able to have a good grasp of English, which is advantageous for their job search after graduation. Our assessment and examinations are also application-oriented, which encourages our students to think critically and apply what they learn to real life, rather than just textbook theory,” says Esther Tan, Chief, Systems Analysis Programme, NUS-ISS.

The next intake for the Graduate Diploma in Systems Analysis is in August this year, and applications will close on 15 April. For more information or to apply, please visit

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