

Learning has no expiry date

DR Ho Nee Yong read the newspaper one morning and saw AeU's advertisement offering a 50 per cent discount on tuition fees for senior citizens. After some thought, he headed to the AeU campus in Kuala Lumpur to enrol in the PhD in Education programme.

"The beauty of life after retirement lies in the freedom of not having to ask permission from anyone. Nevertheless the news of my enrolment at AeU caused a little commotion among my family members whose support has been the catalyst for my advocacy for lifelong learning for the past 40

years. Nevertheless I promised them that the quality family time would always supercede my PhD journey," says Dr Ho.

At AeU, learning is easier with easy access to its many international online libraries and e-Journal databases. As Dr Ho's reference research was almost exclusively carried out through e-Library, he had the option of not having the static queue-up counter service. He says that he is very thankful to the AeU librarians, who offered their assistance whenever he needed it.

"My journey at AeU was at its crucial stage when the viva voce was held last January. My external examiner from the University of Oxford, UK, had to be ready at 7am to be linked up through video conferencing with other examiners at the AeU meeting room in Kuala Lumpur at 3pm local time. It was a defining yet exciting moment for me. I have AeU to thank, not forgetting the confidence my supervisor Professor Dr Siow had in me for his selection of external examiners," says an elated Dr Ho.

