RECIPIENT OF THE CHAIRMAN’S AWARD

KUMARESAN A/L MUTHUSAMY
Master of Business Administration

Kumaresan works full-time as a Head of Risk Management and Quality Assurance at Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad. He received his BSc. (Hons) in Economics from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) in 1999. He has 14 years experience in the field of internal audit, compliance, enterprise risk management, assurance and governance. It took him six (6) years of research to find the university that offers MBA with specialisation in Risk Management before he found AeU. With encouragement from his wife, four children and the circle of family members, he enrolled for the AeU MBA programme in August 2012.

He finds the AeU MBA curriculum that combines eastern and western perspectives with a special attention to Asian business perspectives, is highly relevant to his professional career and fits his ambition to be a competent Asian business leader. Also, the flexibility he enjoyed during his study, allows minimal disruption to his family, work commitments and challenges faced in adjusting his time and roles as a professional, a husband and a father.

Kumaresan believes that the programme has definitely taken him to greater heights, both, professionally and personally. He likes the way the AeU MBA programme is run where it enables him to broaden his knowledge in all aspects of the corporate sector. The subjects offered are extremely useful in developing his knowledge and ability to lead others in his organisation. His advise to prospective students is to invest in their future with the AeU MBA. He is confident that AeU MBA graduates will have an edge over others when they are equipped with the skills that they will need in an ever increasing competitive workplace. In addition to the academic rigour, the programme also gives opportunities for students to further develop their communication, leadership, interpersonal and networking skills.
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CHOW CHOI CHIN
Master of Education

Chow Choi Chin works full-time as an accountant at ALZAC VIVA Sdn Bhd. She received her BSc. (Hons) in Accountancy from University Malaya in 1996. She has been an accountant for 18 years focusing on strategic planning, costing, budgeting and credit administration. Interestingly, her wish is to be an early childhood educator. With encouragement from her husband and three children, she enrolled for the Master of Education in 2010 at AeU, specializing in Early Childhood Education. Her most challenging task at AeU was striking a balance between work, family and a life as a student. However, with the support of AeU’s staff and academic facilitators who were passionate in imparting knowledge, she continued to strive to complete her degree. She also attributes her success to the unwavering support of her family and fellow classmates.

The e-learning paradigm adopted at AeU made available all learning materials and online databases needed for completion of assignments, preparation for examinations and the research project. She had access to materials anytime and anywhere at her own convenience making her journey at AeU even more pleasant. Chow feels that the Master of Education degree has given her confidence to be an effective educator and perhaps venture into a different career path. She aims to apply the ideas and principles learnt in the programme as an early childhood educator.
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NAINA BINTI ABDUL KARIM
Master of Education

Naina has been a lecturer at the School of Allied Health Science, Nilai University since 2008 in critical care nursing and community development. She received her Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree in Human Development from Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2004 and enrolled at AeU to pursue the Master of Education (M.Ed) programme in January, 2011. Like many adult learners, she had the mammoth task of having to manage her time between family, work and studying at AeU. However, with the support of staff and academic facilitators who challenged her to think and reflect on her role as an educator encouraged her to push on. Support of her family played a significant role in completing the programme as a part-time student. Also, the flexibility of the programme enabled her to schedule her time in meeting deadlines, reading the learning materials and discussing online. The learning materials were interesting, friendly and easy to understand which made her learning easier.

Completing the programme has enhanced her confidence as a health educator. She seeks to improve the teaching learning experience of students at her university by applying the principles and concepts gleaned from various courses. Her advice to prospective students is to prioritise and manage their time effectively as going back to school is a serious commitment. She plans to continue with her doctorate in education.
RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD

WAN NOR ABIDAH BINTI IBRAHIM
Bachelor of Education (TESL) (Hons)

Wan Nor Abidah is a teacher at Sekolah Kebangsaan Janglu, Kuala Ramping, Pahang. She completed her secondary school at MRSM Taiping, Perak and obtained a diploma in teaching from the Institute of Teacher Education. She has been teaching English in primary school for more than 15 years and believes that there is always something new to learn in education. With the support and encouragement of her husband and children, she continued her studies and enrolled for the Bachelor of Education (TESL) at AeU in March, 2011.

As an adult learner, having to manage family, work and studying was not an easy task. It is certainly admirable of Adibah to return to school after all these years. She owes her success to the support of AeU staff, encouragement from academic facilitators and the pleasant moments she shared with her classmates. The flexible mode of learning adopted at AeU allowed access to learning materials, web resources and online discussion anytime, anywhere adapted well to Adibah with her hectic schedule. The various courses offered encouraged her to think critically about her teaching and how the new ideas learned may be creatively applied in teaching English to young learners.

The road towards getting a degree was tough with many twists and turns but Adibah believes that as long as one has passion the hurdles are unmountable and the journey can be pleasant. Her family was most supportive during her sojourn at AeU and hopes that her children will follow in her footsteps. Her advice is to grab every opportunity to learn and hopes to continue in doing a master’s of education.
RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD

RATHI AMBIGAI A/P KANAPATI
Bachelor of Education (TESL) (Hons)

Rathi Ambigai is a teacher at Sekolah Kebangsaan, Seksyen 2, Bandar Kinrara, Puchong. She completed her STPM from Sekolah Menengah Raja Kelsom, Kuala Kangsar and later obtained a diploma from the Institute of Teacher Education (IPG), Batu Pahat to pursue a diploma. She has been teaching English to young children for 18 years and loves what she is doing. She has made a concerted effort to keep up with best practices in teaching English as a second language and believes that learners should be given individualised instruction to succeed.

With the encouragement of her husband and two children, she registered with AeU to pursue the Bachelor Education (TESL) in March, 2011. Her journey as an adult learner has been most challenging having to juggle between work, family and studying. She found the support accorded to her by various academic facilitators and staff at AeU has inspired her to push forward. She finds the e-learning pedagogy adopted by AeU as convenient giving her the flexibility in accessing learning materials, discussing online whenever and wherever.

Her experience at AeU has broadened her perspective of teaching English as a second language and provided insights into how children learn. It had been a long and arduous journey for Rath, but certainly a very rewarding experience. She owes her success to the constant support of her husband, children and her classmates whom she enjoyed interacting with and treasures their friendship. She believes in hard work and intends to pursue a postgraduate qualification.