

Lifelong learning journey for one AeU alumnus

ALAN YAP Cheng Tat can still recall his euphoria the day he was announced as winner of the Chairman Award for School of ICT at Asia e University's (AeU) convocation in 2013.

"I was very nervous as I walked up the stage to deliver the valedictorian speech. Although many people think pursuing higher education is for career advancement, in retrospect, I was merely surfing for a breakthrough after having been stagnant at a level too long," he recounts.

Yap enrolled in AeU's Master in ICT Management (MICTM). "At that time AeU was the only university that offered IT Security as one of their specialisation subjects. What was of interest to me most about AeU was the blended mode of e-study that offered flexibility as an adult learner," he says.

Time management was crucial for him as he had to juggle work, studies and family. "Spending quality time with my family was a top priority," he says, adding that he appreciates that AeU "understands the needs of students".

"AeU has over the years made improvement and modifications on the student portal, offering



Yap mentors a student at AeU.

comprehensive learning materials and digital information that would come handy. All these allow students to have better scheduling, planning, and timing.

"The my Personal Learning Space (myPLS) has helped strengthen the relationship between the faculties and students," he says.

Although Yap's job is the same today, his perception has totally changed, he says. "The management skill I learnt during my MICTM has enabled me to

understand the different perceptions of managerial tenure; the various solutions and ideas needed in solving different levels of issues.

"Even now, pursuing higher education in PhD is still in my mind and my ambition. I believe in lifelong learning; how it gives us more understanding of the different stages of life," he says.

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