

## **Indrani Dasgupta Memorial Student Excellence Award 2015**

### ***Testimonial by:***

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My name is Htoi Ja @ May Shat and I am from Myanmar. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Commerce specializing in Accounting from the University of Newcastle (UON), Australia. During the course of my learning at UON in Singapore, I



was awarded the Indrani Dasgupta Memorial Student Excellence Award for the academic year 2015. Since graduating, I have moved back to Myanmar and am currently handling the accounts for my family's business.

I studied in Singapore for almost three years and I had a great learning experience along with lots of fun. The greatest experience was being able to interact with a diverse group of people from various countries. Studying abroad offered me the opportunity to learn about different cultures and taste different kinds of delicious food. As Singapore is one of the safest countries in the world with amazing infrastructure, it was convenient for me to live and study in such an environment. Needless to say, the quality of education is excellent because of the professional educators available to students. Although I missed home and longed to go home at times, the friendships I forged during my course sustained me and encouraged me to remain in Singapore longer for my degree. I had great support and help from my peers, who were also curious about my life back in Myanmar.

I am proud I made the choice to study for a UON degree in Singapore. The main reason I chose this university is because of its excellent academic reputation. Having been told about the academic quality in Singapore, it was a dream come true to study abroad and especially so in a country like Singapore. After I did some research, it was evident that UON was one of the schools that offered a holistic learning experience through the structure of its course design. I desired independence in learning along with proper guidance from lecturers, tutors and learning resources. The structure of UON degree programmes guaranteed my satisfaction and after two years in the Bachelor of Commerce programme, I am pleased to say that I hold no regrets in making UON my choice institution.



During my studies with UON in Singapore, I gained valuable knowledge and countless opportunities that may not have been available to me anywhere else. The quality of education offered by the university was consistently high and well delivered by the

experienced professional lecturers and tutors. They are always willing to help students with regard to any queries we might have. The university also provided Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) for students to assist one another in revising and discussing subject materials. Apart from the academic side, the university also had events and activities for students to engage in. Through these activities, I had the privilege to interact with many people from my course and school, making the environment more enjoyable for me. The facilities and staff at the university are excellent and provided a wonderful atmosphere for my learning.

During my time in UON, I learnt not only accounting skills but also intangible character-building skills such as perseverance, time management and even personal branding. All of these have made me feel more comfortable and confident of my progress in the route of my chosen career. As a student, I definitely experienced the pressure and stress of studying; nevertheless, the very process of being a student taught me how to handle stressful situations effectively in the future.

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