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Global employment services for its graduates and students

>Informatics plays an active role in maximising the employability of its students

Singapore, 27 June 2005 - Informatics, a provider of quality lifelong learning services introduces the global employment services to its graduates and students.

"In addition to providing quality education to our students, Informatics wants to play an active role in helping their job search. We aspire to see every students graduate from Informatics with a good international career." Lawrence Wee, Vice President of Informatics Higher Education and PurpleTrain.com.

Recruiters are always looking for new talent. The graduate population has grown hugely, creating more competition than ever before. For many graduates who are leaving school, the prospect of entering the job market may be daunting. It is often difficult to locate the most effective channels to search for a job even locally.

Many young people ended up in a career they never wanted. Some become depressed in jobs they fell back on while waiting for something better to happen. One needs to take a focused, coherent and purposeful approach to securing a job that will take you to where you want to be.

New jobs created around the globe – Greater career opportunities

If one look beyond their home country, they are opening themselves up to the abundance of job opportunities.

Singapore

Looking at Singapore, in the year 2004, there are 71,400 jobs created. Economists believe that 2005 could yield a net job creation of up to 60,000 and 70,000. [source:channelnewsasia]

Philippines

1.1 million jobs were generated from January to May 2005. [Source:philippinesheadlinenews]

China

China created 9.8 million new jobs last year. [source:chinadaily]

U.S.



In the month of April 2005, 276,000 jobs were created in the U.S. [Source: economicpolicyinstitute]

"While the global job market continues to be challenging, signs of a worldwide recovery raise expectations for new international job and career opportunities." Stephen Taylor, Executive Director of the International Business Center.

'The continuing demand for cost containment and cost reduction, and the changing demands of global business have resulted in many changes in the pattern of international assignments in the past few years. We are now seeing a much wider range of international assignment arrangements...' [Source: Ernst & Young – UK]

"The world has moved to a global economy. Future Executives will be those who have experience in International Business." Mark Chang, CEO and founder of JobStreet.com

With the global employment services, our graduates can be working anywhere around the world

Many successful executives like the opportunity to work overseas. But how does a person undertake a career search in countries thousands of miles away and in a different time zone? For those who are currently employed in a multinational corporation, they will know that it can take years to be offered an overseas assignment.

At Informatics, graduates and students are provided with the global employment services which will keep them informed of the current job opportunities not only from their home countries but job opportunities around the globe. Our graduates can be working anywhere around the world with their internationally recognised qualification with the help of these employment services.

Employment services help students to make informed career decision

"If I were back at university, I would have definitely started applying for jobs earlier. This means around Nov/Dec time in my final year which is when most graduate recruiters advertise vacancies ready for the following summer..." Ms. Rahana Majid, BA (Hons) Business Studies.

"I began my job hunting about 6 months before I finished my degree; mostly I used the university's career library to get advice on jobs and companies and how to go about writing a CV, etc..." Kay Rogage, BSc (Hons) Computing

"If I could do my job hunting differently, I'd start earlier. Having a position lined up when leaving university is like opening a marathon with a five-mile head start against the rest. I would also try to be better prepared for applications and interviews by spending more time learning about each company." Ryan N. Fleming, BSc (Hons) Management and Technology
[Source: <http://www.prospects.ac.uk>]

Learning from the job hunting experiences of others, it is evidently important for graduates and students to start their job hunting early and efficiently.

Today, Informatics students can make informed career decision with the employment services provided for them:



- Be informed of the thousands of job around the world, everyday a few thousands are added on
- Daily job alerts via email
- Career counseling
- Useful tools and articles
- Share the joy of fellows and learn from their experiences

"I got myself a job in a software development company right after I have completed my studies..."
Mohsin Iqbal, a student of Informatics who has completed his Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing awarded by the University of Portsmouth.

For more information about the employment services, please visit www.informaticsgroup.com/gef

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About Informatics Group

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