

Former Sunway University student pens letter to thank our Founder and Chairman

Recipient of Tan Sri Dato' Dr Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship awarded ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship 2020 expresses her gratitude to Sunway Group Founder and Chairman.



Dear Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to complete my undergraduate studies at Sunway University. I am grateful to be a recipient of the Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship. I completed my studies in BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance, which is affiliated with Lancaster University, in December 2015. After graduation, I started working in the finance and investment field while taking Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams part-time.

Recently, I was granted the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship 2020 by the China Scholarship Council to pursue Global MBA studies at Peking University under the fully-funded scholarship. Out of the five Malaysian recipients, I was the only recipient who would be pursuing Master's studies, whilst the others would be pursuing a Ph.D. or becoming a visiting scholar. I truly appreciate the opportunity to further study in the heart of the economic development and policymaking of China. I felt that the open-minded and entrepreneurial environment at Sunway University had built my character and equipped me with the relevant skills and mindset.

I am grateful that throughout my undergraduate studies, the faculty had shared with us not only their academic knowledge but also corporate work experiences. I had also met inspiring lecturers who would go the extra mile to encourage independent thinking through tutorial discussions. The topics of the assignments also honed our critical thinking skills and intellectual curiosity.





My coursemates and I had the opportunity to participate in societies to explore different interests and meet up with like-minded peers; backed by supportive faculty and program coordinators who provided additional training and guidance for field trips and competitions; and also being mentored by graduated seniors. We had the chance to give back and volunteer through Sunway Student Volunteer and Sunway Ambassador. These platforms broaden my perspectives, put knowledge into practice, and enhanced soft skills.

Thank you for the opportunity to learn beyond traditional classrooms and from the industry experts and pioneers. I had the chance to participate in more than 40 talks and workshops, a few talks under the Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah Distinguished Speakers Series, and the Asia Leadership Conference. The talks and forums enhanced my ability to analyse and embrace different views. During my first year in university, I attended Tan Sri's talk titled "Turning Wasteland into Wonderland", from which we learned about the entrepreneurial journey and keen interest in improving the society through education.

Thank you once again for your vision and generosity in education which enabled me to complete undergraduate studies at Sunway University. Without education from Sunway University, I would never have the chance to pursue postgraduate studies at Peking University.

Best regards,

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Class of 2016

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