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THE SCALE CONNECT

THE LEARNING

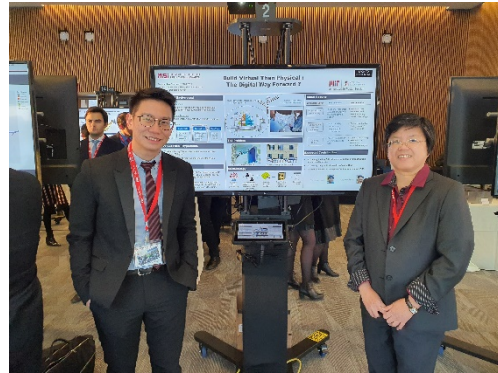
Never in my wildest dream that I would get study at MIT until MISI makes it happen for me. The SCALE Connect sessions have opened my eyes and minds to all the possibilities and opportunities still out there.

Three weeks of daily 9 to 5 classes and the SCALE Connect Speaker Series coupled with assignments to submit by 11 pm the same day were tough, to say the least. Yet, I found it to be most rewarding as I got to learn how to design a supply chain network using Llamasoft, learn python programming coding to analyze data, learning from the SCALE Connect Speakers' experiences and many more.



SHARK TANK COMPETITION

Preparing for the Shark Tank competition was another learning experience for me. We were grouped into groups of four, and my group mates were all from MIT residential program and MIT blended program. I was intimidated at first as I have always regarded people who got into MIT to be the best among the best. I kept thinking, "What can I contribute here that they have not thought of." My fear was put to rest as everyone was open to all opinions shared and comments made. I enjoyed the discussion sessions as well as the presentation, where I was the first speaker, and we managed to answer all the questions asked. All in all, I learned to be myself, not to let fear hold me back from contributing, to share my views, and to push myself for greater height.



THE RESEARCH FEST

The Research Fest was the highlight of the SCALE Connect. My research partner Andrew and I took turned sharing our research details with people who showed interest in our topics. It was invigorating to listen to everyone sharing their research so passionately. The ones I like the most were the new topics, such as sentiment analysis.

THE NETWORKING

Getting to know my fellow course mates from all over the world was self-conscious for an introvert like me. I did introduce myself and briefly talked about Malaysia and the program. I became more comfortable in the second week, and following in the third week, I made some new friends, and I felt satisfied when I shared my views and visions with my course mates, and I gained something new from their sharing.

THE FUN

It was my first time seeing a real snowman where it was already standing tall when I arrived at the Killian Court in front of the Great Dome. The whole courtyard was covered with snow that I could see my footprint on the slush as I walked. It was awesome!



Staying at the hotel together with course mates from other centers for three weeks was fun. What was more fun was the breakfast moments at the hotel. There was a large square table in the middle of the dining hall which can sit 12 people. Somehow, it had become the Malaysian table as we liked to sit together there, and everyone who came in will wish us "Good morning, Malaysia". I made many new friends at this breakfast table.

Three Positive Key Highlights

- Standing in front of the Great Dome of MIT, walking down the hallways of the building and immersing myself in the posters along the walls and be inspired by all.
- Getting to know my fellow course mates from MISI very well as we studied together. We went sightseeing, shopping, and we solved problems together i.e., finding the alternative flight back to Malaysia after our original flight via Hong Kong was cancelled at the last minute due to coronavirus.
- There are many things that I experienced for the first time studying abroad, plus it was my first time in Boston. I got to experience playing with the snow. It was also my first time eating a lobster roll and clam chowder. Last but not least, this year was my first time celebrating Chinese New Year away from home.

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