

An unforgettable learning journey

WONG Pui Mun would have never been able to realise her dreams without the financial support from International Medical University (IMU). Since receiving the scholarship, Wong's financial burden for her undergraduate studies in a Chinese medicine degree at IMU since 2014 was reduced.

Wong said, "After completing my high school education, I decided to join IMU as a Chinese medicine student and entered into another milestone in my life. Throughout the four-year journey pursuing my degree at IMU, I not only gained professional and useful knowledge about Chinese medicine but also in other medical fields such as psychology, pharmacology, western medicine and more."

Knowledge is power, but knowledge without the support of practical skills and experience is useless, Wong pointed out.

"IMU Chinese Medicine programme offers supervised clinical practice in the fourth year, which was the biggest challenge that I have ever faced throughout my studies at the university."

However, her strong desire to achieve her wish to help more people in need soon ignited the fire in her and she decided to put in more effort and practice to overcome her failures and weaknesses.

"The moment I realised all my hard work has paid off is when my patients recovered

after the treatments, with a smile and appreciation on their faces. I have never felt such happiness and sense of achievement before," shared Wong.

She elaborated that such experiences inspired and ignited her passion to do better and work harder in helping more people.

"In addition, I would never be this successful and competent without the guidance of all the lecturers from Chinese medicine," Wong added. "They are always helpful, responsible and patient in guiding us, encouraging us and nurturing us in becoming a competent physician of the future."

As an IMU scholar, Wong had opportunities to help host events, workshops and activities that improve her communication skills and widen her circle of friends.

"In return, I always did my best in my academic studies," she said.

"Other than the scholar committee club, I also participated in other activities such as drawing and led the decoration team of Chinese Medicine Week 2015. In sports, I held the position of vice-president and secretary of the IMU Darts Club for the year 2016/17. By participating in these activities, I met new friends from other courses, as well as improved my leadership, communication and time management skills."

Wong said she completed her undergraduate studies in IMU with many good and



Wong (right) with Dr Hea Ai Sim, the Head of Department of the Chinese Medicine Department.

unforgettable memories. But the time has come for her to embark on another milestone in her life by pursuing postgraduate studies in China.

"I am lucky and honoured to be awarded a China government scholarship to continue my master's in Chinese Medicine Dermatology at Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine," said Wong.

IMU offers a four-year BSc (Hons) in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). It also partners with several TCM universities in China such as Shanghai University of TCM, Shandong University of TCM, Guangzhou University of TCM, and the RMIT University in Australia, where students can transfer to after three years in IMU's Chinese medicine programme.

Students will then be awarded bachelor's degrees in Chinese medicine of

the respective partner universities upon completion of their studies.

The commencement for the Chinese medicine programme is in February and September each year and IMU welcomes students with pre-university qualifications to join as a start to a promising, rewarding yet challenging future with a career in Chinese medicine. If you have pre-university qualifications, make an online application today.

If you have just completed your SPM and do not have pre-university qualification, consider enrolling in the one-year IMU Foundation in Science (FiS), the direct route for entry into any of the university's degree programmes.

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