

Exploring Chinese medicine

"EMBARKING on a Chinese medicine journey was one of the best choices in my life," shares Goh Si Woei.

"After secondary school, while looking for tertiary programmes in Malaysia, I found that IMU's Chinese Medicine programme is taught in English. My dad thought this was a great move to connect traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) with an internationalised world.

"Looking back on my years in IMU, the knowledge and skills gained through lectures, problem-based learning, workshops, hands-on practical sessions, as well as experiences gained in student clinics prepared me to become a competent Chinese medicine practitioner.

"I later pursued a master's degree in Chinese Medicine Gynaecology at Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM), where I was offered a full China government scholarship to study infertility treatment.

"Under the guidance of my supervisor Prof Fu Jin Rong, I learned a lot. Seeing how Chinese medicine can help women conceive, have regular menstruation and overcome menopause was really engaging.

"I also had the opportunity to practise under Prof Li Xiang Yun, a veteran Chinese medicine gynaecology TCM practitioner, as well as Prof Zhang Zai Liang, a famous classic literature expert in Shanghai.

"In 2019, I graduated from SHUTCM with an outstanding graduate award. Upon returning to Malaysia, I thought joining IMU would be a



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good choice. The knowledge and skills I have learned over the years can be passed on to future generations of Chinese Medicine students, and I can further develop myself too.

"I am grateful to get to work with colleagues who were previously my lecturers. In addition to the usual teaching-learning activities, I undertake various workshops and courses to enhance my other roles such as researcher, facilitator and assessor. I also had the opportunity to practice at IMU's Chinese Medicine Clinic.

"Since March 2020, Covid-19 has disrupted the way we deliver teaching-learning activities

– we had to move nearly everything online. Teaching, engaging and motivating students through online classes is much more challenging. But as Bill Gates once said, 'Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the students to work together and motivate them, the teacher is the most important.'

IMU offers a four-year BSc (Hons) in Chinese Medicine. It also has partnerships with several universities of TCM in China (Shanghai University of TCM, Shandong University of TCM, Guangzhou University of TCM) and RMIT University, Australia for students to transfer after three years in the IMU Chinese Medicine programme. Students will be awarded the Bachelor degree in Chinese Medicine of the respective partner universities upon completing their studies.

The commencement for the Chinese Medicine programme is in February and September each year. IMU welcomes students with pre-university qualifications to embark on a promising and 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, the one-year IMU Foundation in Science (FIS) is the direct route for entry into any of the university's degree programmes.

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