

Serenade's Internship Experience with MIE

(From an intern to an accounting and administrative specialist)

1. Tell me about your involvement with MIE.

I was an intern for Making It Easy for five months, starting in August, 2015.

Now, I am in full-time employment with Making It Easy as an accounting and administrative specialist.

2. Why did you choose MIE for your internship?

Making It Easy is a start-up company; so it was a great place for me to learn about my career path.

Umm, I wanted to learn about the many different aspects of business and I believed that Making It Easy could help me with this.

3. What new things did you learn and did you reach your internship goals? Please describe.

I have had a chance to consider my career path. My internship began just 2 months after I graduated from high school. At that point, I needed to explore what field I wanted to choose for my future career. Back then, I couldn't decide whether to choose media or business. I joined a business plan writing competition and I gained some ideas of what business is like. Then, I had my internship with Making It Easy as a business development intern; focusing on digital marketing (media). I mean...I like both business and media. But after my internship, I finally decided that; I would pursue a career in business and keep media as a hobby.

4. What inspired you most during your internship experience?

It has inspired me to think outside of the box. It's pretty common in Cambodia that, when girls reach the age of 18; their parents want to arrange a marriage for them. Umm, back then I thought; it was a short cut to a good life! I mean, why work so hard when you can just sit back and enjoy life? You know what I mean? It's a kind of party all night and sleep all day!

But after my internship, I started to think differently.

I started to grow passion and dreams. **I decided to take a risk, start a career, and be independent.**

I also wanted to challenge the popular misconception that, "...if young girls don't marry immediately; they will end up being spinsters." I believe that, (as women) we shouldn't be the kind of women who **need** men; but we should be the women who **men's need**. Ladies, there is nothing sexier than a woman with dream and passion. Gentlemen, don't you agree???

5. If you were asked to describe your internship experience with MIE in one sentence, how would you describe it?

The lessons that they don't teach you in school!

6. What is your recommendation or encouragement for future interns?

I highly recommend this internship, especially to high school students before they choose their university major. Only through specific work experience, you will know what you really want to do in life. I remember a quote from Jack Ma; **"Before 30 years old, follow somebody, go to a small company. When you go to a small company, you learn the passion, you learn the dreams. You learn to do a lot of things at one time."** Though, Making It Easy is an internship option worth of consideration!!!