

Main Text (The essay must be 1 page in English or Japanese)

Essay Title: Say, "I am engineer".

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One of old Malay saying translated in English said, "A woman, even though they studied until the highest level, finally they will still end up in the kitchen". Women, everywhere in the world, their place are commonly associated to be always in the kitchen, inside the house, and to take care of her family. However, the theory has already irrelevant in this cyber and modern era. More and more women are trying to upgrade their status and to enhance their skills by entering the male-dominated industry, the engineering.

Unlike Japan, in Malaysia, most of the engineering majored students, especially, the biology, chemical, electronics and computer related engineering studies, half of them consist of female. Yet, the survival rate of those female graduate engineers declined when it comes to getting a job in those industries. Therefore, they tend to, either giving up their long life dreams or try to escalate their career by being a lecturer or a researcher in any educational institutions.

When looking for a job, the employers will not always look at the high academic achievements, but, they will highly employ a candidate who suits their job preference and is willing to work hard and stay loyal for the company. Unfortunately, women are one step behind of this requirement as they have the tendency to have a long sick leave when they deliver a baby. It does not mean that the women cannot get married if they want to succeed in their career. But, they should have their own measures to ensure that their employer is not going to leave them behind.

When I was choosing a major to study in the university, I consulted with many people regarding the best major that will guarantee me a job after graduating. Most of the people that I went for told me to take a medical degree or an education degree, as the jobs are mostly dominated by women in our country. However, I took the most challenging one, furthering the engineering study in Japan, where female is less than 10% in the class, as I believe an engineer is an inventor and a developer who help the society more than the others. Without us, even the doctors cannot do their work properly.

Years by years passed, when the graduation date is just around the corner, everyone is desperately looking for a job. Those who could not perform well during the interview will definitely collapse in the middle of the job hunting journey. Before and now, even though ten to twenty years later, when the discrimination towards female is no longer exist in the world, a loser will always be a loser.

This is because, to succeed in this male-dominated industry is not absolutely to be a male, but the people who can confidently say, "I am an engineer," will conquer this industry. Be confident to yourself and to your study, no matter who you are, a man or a woman.