



Engineering the family business

Lim Wei Ting has big plans for her father's engineering business and it starts with a degree

By Chan Seet Fun

Lim Wei Ting had always known that engineering was her cup of tea. When she was in primary school, she would walk to her father's shop after class almost every day to watch him work.

"When I was in Primary 5, he started teaching me things like how to set up a circuit," said Wei Ting.

The 20-year-old second-year undergraduate is now working towards a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology at the Technische Universität München (TUM) Asia — a subsidiary of TUM.

A record in engineering excellence

Wei Ting had heard about TUM Asia through her elder brother but she was unfamiliar with the Germany-based university. Moreover, she was offered a place at a local university.

Owing to her research, Wei Ting was satisfied to learn that TUM has over 140 years of engineering excellence and 13 Nobel laureates among its academic ranks. The university is also known for its strong links with industry partners.

"TUM Asia provides specialised programmes that are targeted at growth sectors of the economy, giving students an industry-focused

education," she said.

Wei Ting is also looking forward to the three-month on-campus stint in Munich, which she sees as "a valuable opportunity for cultural exchange and networking".

Moreover, spending just two and a half years to earn a degree at TUM Asia instead of four years at a local university made a lot of sense to Wei Ting.

"If I graduate earlier, I start work earlier. I'm very practical," she said. "I want to be able to help out at my dad's business."

And Wei Ting has big plans for the family business. "It is a small company with three shops. In time, I hope to broaden the company and reach out to a global market," she said.

At a glance

Name: Lim Wei Ting

Age: 20

Course: Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

Duration: Two and a half years for diploma; three years for "A" levels

Institute: Technische Universität München (TUM) Asia

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