

▶ RETURNEES' THOUGHTS

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How did you find out about TalentCorp?

I was working as a research fellow at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City when I first heard of TalentCorp back in 2011.

I was invited by some friends to attend an informal meet-and-greet event with two TalentCorp representatives.

I find TalentCorp's outreach sessions very informative.

The representatives knew the audience well and they were able to address different kinds of questions patiently.

I also enjoyed attending these sessions because of the opportunity to meet other Malaysians.

I got in touch with TalentCorp for advice on how to apply for REP.

The process was quite straightforward and I am thankful for the assistance I received.



Are there any key messages you would like to share with fellow Malaysians abroad who are looking to contribute beyond borders or looking to return home?

I know many Malaysians residing overseas and pursuing a career in research who are looking for opportunities to contribute through dialogue sessions to learn about each other's work, to share research ideas and to exchange research expertise.

Participating in these discussions is the first step towards forming future research collaborations.

I would also like to see Malaysian scientists who are living abroad give research talks in seminars when they are in Malaysia for their vacation.

The purpose is to expose Malaysians to the kind of work



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In short, there are so many ways where we, as a global Malaysian scientific community, can work together and the key is to take the active step of reaching out to one another.

What are your hopes for Malaysia?

I wish to see more young Malaysians become interested in science. Not merely as consumers but as discoverers and innovators.

One of my roles as a researcher and lecturer is to cultivate a love for science in these young people and to inspire them to do things that can impact the world and improve the daily life of people.

I also hope that the Government will continue to support the research community so that science will one day become a thriving industry in Malaysia.