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Position: Treasurer

Star Plus Alumni Candidate Manifesto



A manifesto is a vision set out by candidates who are hoping to be elected by the group members to become part of the National Star Plus Alumni Group Committee. The manifesto is what the electorate can judge and compare each candidate against one another



1. How do you think the strengths of the Alumni can be better utilised to further individuals in the group socially, professionally and even academically?

A key aspect of the Alumni group is they are a cohort of like-minded individuals aspiring to better themselves personally and professionally whilst being at different stages academically and professionally. Furthermore, the group as a whole are diverse in terms of potential career paths, thus there are opportunities for the group to exchange one's knowledge and experiences so they can enhance their chances for furthering themselves in their relevant field. Through social events the Alumni can improve, as they will understand others' obstacles and successes, gaining knowledge of future prospects.

2. What do you believe are the needs of Star Plus Graduates that the committee can deliver?

The main need for the graduates is servicing the skills and knowledge they have acquired from the Star Plus courses, with which they can use it to their advantage through networking with industry professionals at talks and conferences. Furthermore, this will aid the Alumni through obtaining relevant work experiences within their particular field. With a university degree being the academic minimum for a top position within an organisation, the graduates need to have delved into a work environment as well to put themselves into an advantageous position in terms of upcoming opportunities.

3. If elected, what do you hope the Alumni Committee will achieve in terms of events, fundraising and group support?

The committee can deliver events such as conferences and talks with industry professionals to gain an insight of future prospects from their perspective and networking for possible work-related opportunities. Additionally, the committee can generate sufficient finance and more from fundraising. I believe that finance will not be a major issue as long as the committee are realistic in terms of aspirations. The committee can rely on the support the Alumni group with these events as it will be beneficial for them. In return the Alumni can lend their services to help the committee with finance through fundraising.

Treasurer: For any organisation money is the life blood. How will you assist in raising money, how do you hope to ensure that the group spends within its limits, and that there is always a healthy amount of money left for the next committee? What experiences have you had in the past of managing money and bank accounts?

I will assist in raising money by listing possible income and expenditures from the events; thus giving the committee a budget to spend and a target to reach for income. Moreover, I will offer my services physically through whatever means the Events Co-ordinator requires. The committee will spend within its means by my prior forecasting of expenditures and opportunities for income. I will budget an amount that will be sufficient for the next committee to spend. With the current and potential talent of the Alumni group, I have no doubt that there will be excellent ideas for fundraising.

Currently in my second year, I am the treasurer of Shakha Football Club men's team. It is my job to collect match fees, process the information and to send the money to the club secretary. Throughout the season, there have and will be times where players have had outstanding fees and it is vital for myself to not let the situation get out of hand. With my work experience at an accountancy firm, I have the ability to perform simple accounts and I will ensure that proper financial records and procedures are maintained.