Green careers guide

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May we also ask you to please give us your narrative using the following guide questions:

What did you study in the UK?

In September 1992, I pursued my MSc degree in Information Technology at Cranfield Institute of Technology (now Cranfield University), Silsoe Campus, Bedford, England. I was very fortunate to be supported by the British Council and accepted by Cranfield University. Computer Applications and Networking in the third world is quiet behind in the developing countries. With the opportunities of studying my graduate program in Information Technology will greatly provide me the skills of using productivity tools in the operations of the Department of Science and Technology Regional Office in Central Visayas, Philippines.

What inspired you to study your subject at university and to work in the green industries?

In our regional office, I was tasked to adopt/use productivity tools in the operations of the office as well in bringing science and technology closer to the people. We already thought of going paperless on the use of networking technologies but the issues are the knowledge to introduce and implement it. Reduction of Energy Consumption and Conservation are also in our mindsets.

Why does climate change matter?

In the advent of industrialization, Massive use of energy/electricity sourced from coal, fossil fuels and natural oil/gases has generated greenhouse gases that resulted to new normal experiences in our climate conditions of having excessive rainfalls and strong weather disturbances that brought massive destructions to our countries.

How did your studies help you get into the career you’re in today?

The MSc IT degree, I earned from the British Council Program has set me directions to learn more, explore more opportunities and challenges, implement programs of enhancing productivity in the government sector. I rose from the ranks from science specialist into a regional director thus lead my career as a government practitioner.

What other experiences and support have you had along the way?

I also lead in the creation of IT professionals in the government and in the establishment and operation of the Central Visayas Information Sharing among the government institutions in Central Visayas that provide easy access of information, transparency, fast, accurate and highly productive government.

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What do you do now – what does your role involve?

I already retired as a regional director of DOST7 in May 31, 2020. I am now pursuing a program of Science, Technology and Innovation in Agriculture unveiling biodiversity and sustainable use of biological resources. Expected outcomes and impacts of our small farm are related to the United Nations SDGs especially on Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

What exciting projects have you been involved in?

I am now focusing on the area of SDG 14 and 15, doing some research, development and extensions on the culture and production of red tilapia and other fresh water integrating aquaponic technology, breeding of native, heritage, dominant CZ and Shamo x Aseel chickens and high value agricultural crops (coffee, croillo cacao and other crops).

Do you have any tips for people looking to pursue a career in your sector?

Transform your dream into vision (have actions to your dream), Work on it Have faith in God and always ask his presence and guidance in every actions Learn more, adopt, use and share your learnings Be respectful to your superiors and subordinates Empower your people, provide them opportunities to grow.