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Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

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Student Voice  
Malaysia





Yin Lin Mun,  
CBS Intake 2010

*Interviewer: Nice to meet you, Yin Lin! Would you let our readers know where you come from and which school you attended?*

Yin Lin: I grew up in Kuala Lumpur. I studied at the "Chong Hwa High School" and I am now studying at the ID since 2010.

*Interviewer: What are your thoughts about the pre-semester at Carl-Benz School?*

Yin Lin: Pre-semester is like a preparation or warm-up for the first semester. I had a long break after my pre-University courses, so I needed quite some time to recall the basics for the pre-semester courses. But you will always get help from the student office for your studies, they will try as much as they can to provide you any help you need. You will also have the chance to participate in excursions to the institutes, giving you a first hand idea in which area you want to specialise.

*Interviewer: What study experiences did you have so far? Did you encounter any difficulties?*

Yin Lin: The education system and way of studying here is a whole new experience, compared to the one I knew



» We have the advantage to be only thirteen students in our course which creates a very private and unique teaching atmosphere «

in Malaysia. It directs you towards independent learning, rather than „spoon-feeding“ you the knowledge. You have to be well organised in your daily schedule, nobody will ask you if you've understood everything and you have to come up with the questions. It's challenging especially at the beginning of the semester, but with some determination and hard work, it should be no problem.

*Interviewer: What is your impression of life in Germany and the German culture?*

Yin Lin: Life here is very convenient and easy: the shopping street is only 2 blocks away from the International Department. You can find everything for your daily needs and groceries at cheap prices. Behind the International Department is the Karlsruhe

castle with its huge park, offering a place for a short stroll between the trees when you need some fresh air. The main means of transportation here are bicycles and of course the 24-hour street trams. It is very safe to go out at night, even to the park. There are police cars patrolling in the city until early morning. There people here are always friendly and helpful. I also had the opportunity to travel around Germany with the high-speed train, visiting the beautiful cities while I had some days off and it was a lot of fun.

*Interviewer: Which cities have you visited so far?*

Yin Lin: I have been to Amsterdam on a short trip. And of course we had excursions to Stuttgart, where the Mercedes Benz museum is. I think another city I really liked was Heidelberg and its historical buildings.

*Interviewer: And do you plan to visit other cities?*



Yin Lin: Definitely Munich!

*Interviewer: And how is life at the International Department?*

Yin Lin: Life in the ID is fun and inspiring with most of the ID students living here under one roof, cooking and studying together most of the time. There is a ID bar downstairs where we have our regular 'German Stammtisch' we meet up to and play games, have a drink or just chat. We also have parties occasionally. There is a small library, a music room, a table-tennis room and a PC Pool for those who need to use computers or printers. Everything you need is simply within reach here. The administrative offices are just downstairs, so we don't have to walk far to ask

for something. Some courses are even held in the seminar rooms, here in the ID building.

*Interviewer: Can you also tell me, if there are any problems with getting halal food in Karlsruhe?*

Yin Lin: I'm a Buddhist but I also eat halal food, because I cook and eat together with my muslim friends. There are grocery shops selling halal meat and food, and many turkish restaurants, that have a halal only menu. I think it is no problem to get halal food from specialized shops, except for certain spices which you only find in Malaysia. But you can also go to the regular supermarkets with their usual assortment of vegetables and meat. The mosque in Karlsruhe is not far from the city center.

*Interviewer: Which advantages did you notice so far, during your studies at the ID.*

Yin Lin: I think one big advantage is the small groups of students. We are currently a class of 30 students in the

lectures and everybody gets involved in class. The lecturers are answering every question so that everybody can understand it. I, for example, like the math courses, because our lecturer explains the topics in such a way, that you can see the importance of the subject in your later career.

*Interviewer: Thanks for the interview, Yin Lin - it was great talking to you. I wish you much fun with studies and good luck with your exams in summer.*

» I like to get in touch with different cultures and learn about their habits – therefore the Carl Benz School is the ideal place to be «



## Bachelor Program Key Facts

<b>Degree</b>	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Mechanical Engineering
<b>Majors</b>	Production Management, Energy Engineering and Rail Systems Technology
<b>Scope</b>	With globalization it is becoming increasingly important to provide international students with excellent opportunities to study in Germany. This trend was addressed in collaboration with the industry in 1999 within the KIT. The degree program in Mechanical Engineering is offered by KIT and the supplementary courses are offered by the Carl Benz School (CBS) will provide the perfect platform for students to benefit from a proficient English-taught engineering education at a German elite university. The CBS as a college offers an optimal learning environment and in addition students will obtain assistance with industrial internship placement.
<b>Language</b>	Since courses are presented in English, foreign applicants must pass the TOEFL Examination with a minimum of 560 points pb, 220 points cb and 85 points ibt. TOEIC with 720 and IELTS band 6,5 are also accepted. Basic knowledge of the German language eases integration into general student life on campus, but is not a prerequisite for admission to the degree programs. German language courses are offered on campus.
<b>Admission</b>	German university admission to a B.Sc. program requires that applicants must have completed a secondary education, i.e., the German high school diploma. The admission requirements will decide on the eligibility of students joining the CBS. The final admission will be based on the results of an entrance examination which will take place at the end of pre-semester.
<b>Pre-Semester</b>	9 week preparatory course in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English which will ensure that applicants are equipped with all the quantitative skills to start their engineering studies at an elite university.
<b>Fees</b>	A tuition fee applies.
<b>Starting Dates</b>	August for each given year (Presemester)

## International Student Origins



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