



Ian Yong Lim

Class of 2011

**Jerudong International
School**



Ian Yong Lim graduated from **Jerudong International School**, a COBIS Accredited Member school in Brunei, in 2011. Throughout his school years he also attended other **international schools** around the world, including COBIS Accredited Member British School Muscat. A few weeks ago Ian began a graduate programme at Shell, and before this he was working at JIS, helping to set up an **alumni** network. 2017 is the 20 year **anniversary** of Jerudong International School, making it the perfect time to launch an alumni network. The mission of the network is to **connect** all JIS students and staff, past and present, to make them more **productive** and successful, and to discover **common ground** and shared goals.

After graduating from JIS, Ian moved to the UK to study at Loughborough University. He gained his Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Financial Management, followed by a Masters degree in Corporate Finance.

Some of Ian's favourite memories from his time at JIS came from the year that he stayed at the school's boarding house. He really valued the **experience** of being a part of the school in a different way, specifically getting to spend more time with his **friends**, and also seeing the **additional work** put in by all the staff to accommodate everyone. Ian was involved with the school football team as co-captain, and participated in the annual football tournament where other schools were invited to come and compete in a 7-a-side tournament. He remembers this being an **exciting occasion** where you could play **football** with your friends as well as meet new people. Ian was also involved with the '**Make a Difference**' programme where Sixth Form students were encouraged to help out with activities for younger students in the school. Through this programme Ian helped to **coach** the under-12 football team as well as a Business Studies support group. Ian says that programmes such as this helped build the **family feel** within the school, as everyone was helping and supporting each other.

Ian's advice to current students is to get as much **experience** as possible, as even getting an unpaid internship might make the difference between getting a job or not. He also emphasises that young people should not be afraid to **try new things**, explaining that *"I found out so much about myself by going outside my **comfort zone** and trying new things. Networking events were initially really uncomfortable for me but I slowly grew to enjoy them - meeting new people and learning from their experiences."*

Over the next year Ian hopes to still be at Shell, **learning** as much as he can and gaining as much **experience** as possible. In his spare time he hopes to learn Korean and compete in a Crossfit competition. His travel bucket list includes Korea and Brazil. He would love to travel back to Oman or even have the opportunity to live there again, having really enjoyed his time there at school.