SMU is a diverse learning environment shaped by the convergence of ideas and cultures. How will your unique experiences or background enhance the University, and how will you benefit from this community?

I come from one of the most culturally diverse and open countries of the world; India. There are about 150 languages spoken in India. Although we Indians are sometimes a bit more sensitive in many issues, our unique cultural diversity has always united us and has been one of our greatest strengths. Despite the fact that we have several cultures which are further divided into hundreds of variations, we Indians have always nurtured the belief that having diverse opinions or perceptions helps us to see the world in a multidimensional way and it helps us in constructing innovative solutions.

When I permanently shifted to Indian with my family, after living in Indonesia for 11 years, as an adult, the first thing that I noted was the thriving competition in everything. I saw everyone fighting against odds and never giving up. It inspired me to work hard and respect everyone’s different struggles and backgrounds.

Being a culturally diverse community, SMU was an immediate attraction for me. I am very keen to meet with students from different countries and cultures and share ideas with them. With the increased awareness of different cultures and viewpoints, I will be able to successfully communicate and learn from them.