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?

When I permanently shifted to India with my family, after living in Indonesia for 11 years the first thing that I noted that both the countries Indonesia and India are very culturally diverse. There are about 150 languages spoken in India. 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.

Indonesia’s national motto is Bhinneka Tunggal Ika, is an old Javanese expression usually translated as "unity in diversity." Indonesia has always welcomed both Indian and Chinese immigrants with open arms and has allowed them to earn their livelihood and succeed. This has both benefited Indonesia’s growing economy and the immigrants’ lives , living in Indonesia. Living in such culturally diverse countries, has taught me how imperative it is to be open minded and to collaborate to bring the collective community forward.

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