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## Tell us about your Experience since Graduation

After graduating in mid-2015, I joined SBS Transit Downtown Line Pte Ltd as an Engineer with the Facilities Management Department. I am currently in charge of the maintenance of the Fire Protection System and Roller Shutters for all 34 stations in the Downtown Line. My role includes taking over the stations from LTA after construction and ensuring the systems are properly maintained post-completion. This will require us to plan the maintenance

regime and to manage our outsource contractors and their quality of work. I am exposed to contract management, whereby we follow through the tender till award stages.

Other than overseeing the maintenance works at the stations, I am also the Fire Safety Manager for Tai Seng Facility Building, which is an MRT Depot mainly to provide train maintenance for DTL3 trains.

## What did you learn from your Degree that helped in your current job?

BSc (PFM) has provided me with a strong foundation to pursue further in the Facilities Management field. The way the programme was structured allowed me to apply what I learnt in class and during internship to my job easily. My mentors did not need to explain many of basics to me as it was something I was already familiar with. This allowed me to learn fast on the job and contribute to the team.

In addition to the practical knowledge, the project work component which was more than half of the course becomes useful at work too. It trained me to be able to multitask when involving in different projects for different modules. This is similar to the working world to a large extent.

## What are your advice for current students?

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