

## **My experience as an Inspiring Leader**

### My job as a student leader

My job as the Chairperson of the Student Council is multivarious. The mission of the Student Council is to make the school life of fellow schoolmates colourful and the most conspicuous work of mine is to hold fascinating activities. Do you remember the Funfair 2022 held by the student council? Internally, I have to discuss with my members about the ambience we want to create and the topic which is engaging to schoolmates. This year, we chose 'Childhood' as the theme which is inspired by the famous play 'Squid Game'. I work together with the external vice-chairman to negotiate with the suppliers for prizes for schoolmates and invite celebrities to our school for a talk to hold the well-received Funfair 2022 for all of you. In a nutshell, my job is to serve my fellow schoolmates with my committee members, who also have the genuine heart to serve our fellow students.

### My biggest challenge for a student leader

As the saying goes, 'with great power comes great responsibility'. The biggest hurdle for me is to face the pressure being a chairperson. This kind of pressure is derived from my responsibility. To fellow students, not only am I the leader of the Student Council, but also the role model for them. For the sake of being a convincing chairperson, I have to maintain balance between duties and academic studies, and between dealing with the affairs of activities and duties in the Student Council and studying hard to pass the examination with flying colours. It is demanding sometimes to strike a balance within limited time. On top of that, as the representative of the school, it is incumbent upon me to give speeches in an inaugural ceremony of an event in which people outside the school would pay heed to. This also makes me pressurized, and it takes time to overcome the hurdle.

### Once-in-a-lifetime experience

As you may wonder, being a Chairperson of the Student Council is not cost-effective at all because of its time-consuming duties and insecurities and pressure for me to endure. Well, we cannot take the job of a chairperson at face value. Being the chairperson is a once-in-a-lifetime experience as I get the chance to lead a meeting with my members and even the whole school, with teachers and stakeholders from other student organizations. This can drastically improve my skills of holding a smooth and decent meeting which I usually don't get an opportunity in classroom. What's more, the benefit of being a leader is not immediate. When I have to be interviewed for a university place or to promote myself to a company in the future, I believe with my unique and precious experience of being the Chairperson of the Student Council, I am much more competitive in society.