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Ministry of Education scholar Mr Roysmond Sin Zhen Wei learns the art of being an educator through an internship stint

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As part of his internship, Mr Sim was attached to a local primary school, Montfort Secondary School, for a brief period. He was involved in various aspects of the school, including preparing lesson plans, marking assignments, and providing feedback to students. During this time, he also had the opportunity to observe experienced teachers in action and learn from their teaching styles.

After his internship, one of his students sent him a simply written “thank you” letter. “I think that letter and the words of appreciation made the choice really simple for me. No other job can grant you the intrinsic rewards of teaching. Sometimes, just one is enough,” he says. Learning to teach

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