

## **Stand Out To Get That Job**

*My Paper Views (May 6, 2013)*

I REFER to Ms Chua Kim Choo's letter, "Jobless for months despite MBA" (My Paper, April 23), in which she mentions her niece's inability to secure a job despite the latter's academic qualifications, and that she knows of other graduates who face similar challenges.

Ms Chua seems to suggest that the Government should bear responsibility for this, saying that "the Government should forecast future trends so that students will know which course of study to undertake".

Academic achievements alone count for little in an increasingly competitive job market, and how one stands out has to be emphasised, especially in more competitive industries.

When making sense of our own plight or challenging situations, perhaps we could be more circumspect, and think about how we might improve or change ourselves to make the best of opportunities, instead of blaming others.

The onus should be on the individual to grow and adapt.

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