

# PARTING SHOT



## ► FISHING FOR CLUES

READING *Are You A Shark Or A Goldfish* (April 11), I feel that we sometimes have no choice to decide to become a shark or a goldfish because the characteristics are naturally wired in us. We just need to learn how to adapt ourselves to different scenarios.

Being a shark has its advantages. It has its strong long tail that allows it to swim away fast. It also has sharp teeth to protect itself from harm. A shark can become aggressive and attacks when it feels threatened.

Compare this with a goldfish – small in size and with a short, beautiful tail. It is gentle in nature and doesn't actively search for food because the owner feeds it. It lives in a rather secure environment in an aquarium, with its grace and beauty appreciated by the owner.

The analogy of the two fish is similar to our workplace.

Those who are passive (goldfish) rarely climb up the corporate ladder. Bosses over such employees either usually appreciate their work, or they take advantage of their submissive nature to overwork them.

On the other hand, those who are seen as proactive (shark) are the ones who usually get promoted.

Above are just my thoughts and opinions about the article. Hope it doesn't offend the writer in any way.

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Interested in reading about your possible status as shark or goldfish? Do check out the original article at <http://leaderonomics.com/personal/are-you-a-shark-or-a-goldfish>

## ► WRITE TO US

Feedback to the editor is welcome, please include writer's full name and town of residence. It may be edited for clarity and length, and should be emailed to [editor@leaderonomics.com](mailto:editor@leaderonomics.com). Please do not send attachments. More feedback is available at [www.leaderonomics.com/tag/readers-feedback](http://www.leaderonomics.com/tag/readers-feedback)

## ► INTO THE FIRE

THE article *From Banker to Chef* (April 4) struck a chord with me. I have had a similar interest, but I never got the chance to study culinary arts. I could not take up this course previously, as it was assumed that the career pathway would be too rigid. However, deep inside I still have the passion to learn culinary skills.

Reading this article, a few queries crossed my mind:

Does the writer have plans to further pursue his career in this new field of culinary arts, and never return to working in a bank?

I major in Management and Marketing but if someone like me were to pursue this type of career, this person will need to prepare mentally, physically and financially as well because he (or she) may need to start from scratch.

I have had some trial experiences working in a bakery only as a cashier staff, a little in the kitchen, helping to prepare simple breakfast at a small boutique hotel and manning a takeaway shop.

I hope to find the determination, just like the writer has, to take on this course and experience a total career change.

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To read the article that received numerous write-ins, do go to <http://leaderonomics.com/personal/from-banker-to-chef-one-mans-daring-plunge>

## THIS MAY BE FOR YOU

### SECTOR FOCUSED CAREER FAIR (SFCF)

**SFCF UPSI: Global Business Services**  
Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris  
May 11-12, 2015

Malaysia's global business services sector is consistently ranked as the third most preferred outsourcing destinations globally. Malaysians wanting to make their mark in this sector should head to the Sector Focused Career Fair organised by TalentCorp at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris from May 11-12, 10am to 5pm.

**SFCF UMP: Engineering**  
Universiti Malaysia Pahang Gambang Campus  
May 23-24, 2015

Calling all engineering students in the East Coast! The Sector Focused Career Fair will head to Kuantan in May. Explore internship or career opportunities with more than 30 top employers in the engineering sector at Universiti Malaysia Pahang Gambang Campus from May 23-24, 10am to 5pm.

### DIODE CAMPS

**Harmony Excellence Resort, Lorong Chemperoh 1, Kg Janda Baik, 28750 Pahang**  
June 2015

The camps aim to help youth discover and grow their leadership potential by providing an alternative method to learning through hands-on experiences in project management, communication skills, confidence building, public speaking, self-discovery, teamwork, decision making and much more in a fun and safe environment!

- DIODE Youth Leadership Camp, June 1-6, 2015
- DIODE Tweens Leadership Camp, June 3-6, 2015

### MALAYSIA HR AWARDS 2015

The prestigious 15th Malaysia HR AWARDS 2015 organised by the Malaysian Institute of Human Resource Management will be presented to winners on Oct 29, 2015. To date, an overwhelming number of submissions have been received. This year, the Malaysia HR AWARDS 2015 will be presented in eight categories. Submission for interested organisations and individuals is still open till June 30, 2015.

**BRAND YOU CONFERENCE**  
A KEY LEADERSHIP STRATEGY FOR WOMEN  
Connexion@Nexus, Bangsar South City  
July 29, 2015

What is your Brand? Does it stand out? The BRAND YOU Conference will help women build strong personal brand for confidence and visibility. Organised by Leadwomen, a company focused on advancing women to the top, the event is a full-day workshop facilitated by William Arruda, the personal branding guru from the United States.

■ For more information on the events above, please email [editor@leaderonomics.com](mailto:editor@leaderonomics.com)



Mapping our  
**stakeholder**  
universe



Worst  
**mistakes**  
made at work



Don't **lose** by  
a 'peanut'



Your  
**dreams** are  
not over

