

As I sit at my desk, attentively re-ready over my teams complied proposal, I feel a sense of pride, a pride of achievement. Together we have completed, as some could say, the mission of all impossible. Accomplishing the task that was set before us was no easy feat. Communicating with team members across four different time zones was overwhelming to say the least, as there was not one convenient time that suited all. Morning in New Zealand, evening in Colombia, nighttime in Nigeria, however sleep time in Nepal. For me, as team leader, this was by far one of the most difficult responsibilities that I incurred during my Geebiz adventure. It may not sound that problematical, but it was a tricky and time-consuming process. All I can say is thank goodness for The World Clock Time Zone Converter web page!

Facebook, what a gem of an invention. This communication portal was the setting in which the majority of our teams interaction took place. My first step as team leader was to create a group, conventionally dubbed, 'Team 39'. This enabled all team members to post ideas, issues or concerns regarding our Geebiz proposal. It was also an effective communication tool for the location of our team meetings. It enabled us to initiate group Facebook chat, which allowed all members of the group to share their creative concepts simultaneously. As a collective we are considered the generation of cyber space. This typecast worked in our favour during our Geebiz experience as our constant obsession with our own personal Facebook page allowed for a fast and efficient reply to all posted notifications on the home page of 'Team 39'.

The initial task that I set for our team was to each present a short summary of an idea for a business proposal. I believed that this was a necessary activity as it gave each team member an opportunity to voice his or her opinion in regards to an effective proposal. The response was outstanding! Every member stood up to the plate and subsequently imposed the team with a very tough decision; which one do we choose? What was amazing to see is that several members based their business proposal within their home countries. Reading through the proposals it gave me an insight into the diversity of our group, the colourful cultures that I have never had the privilege of collaborating with. This was the moment when I truly realized that the opportunity that Geebiz presents us with is not only a unique learning curve but it also opens up your eyes to a world of divergence.

Collectively, we chose the proposal that was based on the service of medical tourism. To us, this service presented an opportunity for growth yet at the same time it signified the characteristics of service that had the potential to link developed and developing countries for mutual benefit. The country of origin in which our service was based was that of the developing nation of Colombia. This proved to be a beneficial decision as two of our group members were local Colombians, one of which had a father whom practiced medicine within our chosen market, therefore providing us with relevant and valuable information.

The Geebiz adventure has been one of many highs and, very few lows. As a leader, I have been privileged enough to experience the immense pride of guiding an astonishing group of people. The journey has also enabled me to improve on my leadership qualities, which will be extremely valuable for future roles of management. As a closing statement I would like to thank all those parties who have brought this experience to life and made it what it is today.