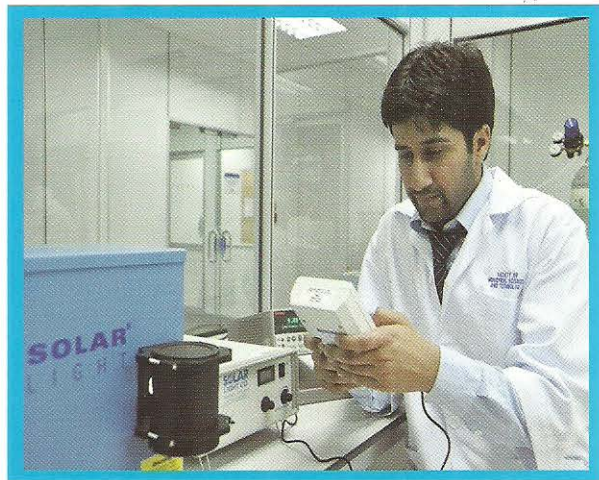


# SPOTLIGHT ON GRADUATE STUDENT

## Azhar Fakharuddin, PhD (Advanced Materials)

Azhar Fakharuddin originates from Azad Kashmir, Pakistan. He has Bachelor and Masters degrees in electronic engineering. The decision to change to science and technology field was one of the most difficult decisions he has ever made. It can never be easier until he met a professor, which happens to be his current Ph.D supervisor. The first question from the professor was, "What is your intention of switching to nanotechnology?". He paused and after deep thinking; he answered "I am looking for a place that could offer me a platform to make differences and a thrust to do something non-existing which one should dream of". The professor answered, "You have come to the right place".

***"We all have ability.  
The difference is  
how we use it"***



After one semester, he confronted the hurdles which he faces with smiles. The teamwork, co-operation from the team members, a real research environment in the lab and motivation from his supervisor have made him stronger and confident of his path. He is working on charge transport phenomena in dye sensitized solar cells, under supervisions of Prof. Dr. Jose Rajan. He is actively involved in publications, presenting research papers in conferences and the International Conference on Nanotechnology 2012 (ICONT 2012) committee as Secretary. His final remark at the interview was " I have finally discovered a place where my hearts feels it belongs to. I am proud to be a part of the family".