Message from Careers Office

Greetings! We are delighted to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of the HSMC Careers Office! Thank you for the unfailing support from the College, the corporate sectors, our alumni and students over the years! We will continue organizing and delivering well-rounded activities, seminars and workshops to assist our students in career development and job hunting.

We look forward to seeing you in our upcoming events! Wish you and your family members a warm and joyous Mid-Autumn Festival!

Event Snapshots

**PwC Graduate Recruitment Talk (21 September 2012) (Photo on the right)**

With the theme of “The Opportunity of a Lifetime”, the recruitment talk covered an introduction of the corporate culture, career path and the training opportunities for fresh graduates. The recruitment manager provided tips on the screening process, which included an aptitude test, written test, assessment centre and final interview. Many students showed enthusiasm that they stayed behind to talk to the representatives about the career opportunities and employer’s expectations.

**Recruitment Talk – Executive Officer (EO) & Management Services Officer (MSO) (27 September 2012) (Photo on the left)**

An informative seminar on EO and MSO recruitment was held to provide students with necessary information on the job nature and tips on application process. Passing CRE and JRE is a prerequisite for candidates to obtain a chance for interview. Being analytical and a good team player, having strong awareness to social issues and commitment to serving the society are important qualities to excel in the positions. The application of these two positions will close at 5pm, 3 October 2012.

Practical Tips on Doing Business in the Mainland China

Tips 6 It is important that you do not make people 'lose face' in front of their social groups. Always respect and pay attention to seniority and do not openly disagree with people.

~ by James Huang (1994 graduate)

Student Corner

Hilson Un (BBA Year 3)

“After joining the company visit to the Ernst & Young, I had a glimpse of the global working environment of the professional accounting and auditing sector. The company representatives advised us on how to get prepared to cope with the rapidly changing job market. I am now making use of my spare time to attend more employment events on and off campus, meet with employers and find out what qualities of candidates they are looking for. I earnestly appreciate Careers Office for organizing the meaningful visit.”

Coming Up

- Sharing Session on **Mainland Internship Experience** (4 Oct 2012, Thurs, 5pm-6:30pm.)
- Careers Training Programme (1) – **Make Up & Skin Care Class** (9 Oct 2012, Tue, 11am-1pm & 3pm-5pm)
- Careers/Recruitment Talk (5) - **Carving out a Successful Career in the Banking Industry**, presented by Ms Carrie Leung, CEO, Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (16 Oct 2012, Tue, 1:30pm-2:30pm)
- Careers/Recruitment Talk (6) - Recruitment on **Auxiliary Undergraduate Scheme** (26 Oct 2012, Fri, 3:30pm-4:30pm)
- Briefing on Internship, Writing CV and Interview Skills (17 Oct 2012, 2:30pm-4pm & 29 Oct 2012, 4:45pm-6:15pm)
- **[Signature] Kick-off Ceremony of Careers Mentorship Programme 2012-2013** (27 Oct 2012, Sat, 2:30pm-4:30pm)

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Our signature Careers Mentorship Programme has proudly stepped into the fourth year. This year, we are delighted to have a record-breaking number of participants, including 66 mentors from a wide spectrum of industries and 130 mentees. All of them were invited to attend the Kick-Off Ceremony of the Programme on 27 October 2012 to get together and mingle. The Ceremony signified a joyful and remarkable commencement of the 2012-13 Programme. We wish all the mentors and mentees a rewarding and enjoyable mentoring experience the year ahead.

Event Snapshots

Makeup and Skin Care Class (9 October 2012) (Photo on the left)
Applying appropriate makeup not only projects a professional image, but also helps enhance one’s self-confidence. During the workshop, students were advised of some makeup techniques and how to create a decent look for interviews. All participating students had a wonderful time.

Carving out a Successful Career in the Banking Industry (16 October 2012) (Photo on the right)
We were definitely honored to have Ms Carrie Leung, the CEO of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, to share with our students an overview of the banking industry, the challenges and opportunities ahead. Students were also able to obtain invaluable advice in preparation for embarking on the banking profession.

Briefing on Internship, Writing CV and Interview Skills (11, 17 & 29 October 2012) (Photo on the left)
“Good preparation is half of the success”. We always encourage students to get well prepared before and during their job-hunting process. Three seminars covering internship arrangement through the Careers Office, CV writing as well as interview skills were organized to arouse students’ awareness on the importance of career planning, preparation and to improve their job-hunting skills.

Student Corner

Emily Cheung (BBA Year 1)
“In the College, students can choose to join various activities according to their willingness and have a flexible timetable. We, as freshmen, are given certain extent of freedom. I am grateful that professors in the college are very nice and really care about our performance which makes difference from other universities. I believe that I can embrace a meaningful and wonderful university life in the following years.”

Alumni Corner

Bosco Ho (2008 graduate)
“School life for me was happy, but too short. I would suggest the students to make good use of the time, try as many new things as they can, seize opportunities provided by Careers Office to explore their interests, equip themselves with various skills, or even think about their dreams, so that they would not get into the wrong industry. Do remember to manage the time well and live to the fullest in HSMC!”

Coming Up

- Careers Training Programme (2) – Manner and Etiquette in Wine Drinking and Appreciation (30 Nov and 7 Dec 2012, Fri – to be confirmed)
- Briefing on Internship, Writing CV and Interview Skills (15 Nov 2012, Thurs, 3:30pm-5:00pm)
- Career/Recruitment Talk (7) - Roles and Opportunities in Corporate Communication Profession (5 Dec 2012 – to be confirmed,, 4:00pm-5:30pm)
- Career/Recruitment Talk (8) - How to Commercialise Your Business Ideas? (7 Dec 2012, Fri, 2:15pm-4:00pm)
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Congratulations to Siu Iu, currently our year 2 student of Associate in Business Administration, for being awarded as one of the “Excellent Student Interns” of the Hong Kong Universities Students Summer Mainland Internship Program 2012!

Lined up by the Careers Office, the Internship Program was organized by the Hong Kong Youth Exchange Promotion United Association and Siu Iu was among the 29 HSMC students serving as summer interns for a month in Fuzhou or Beijing.

“This internship experience has enabled myself to develop a positive work attitude and broadened my horizons about business culture in the Mainland. I am honoured to be one of the student organizing committee members in next edition of this Summer Mainland Internship Program, and I will seize every opportunity to line up more rewarding internship or activities”, Siu Iu said.

Event Snapshots

Internship Interview Session for Associate Degree Students (3 November 2012) (Photos below)

Thanks to the unfailling support from our alumni and corporate partners of the College, we have converged 76 professionals from a wide spectrum of industries to conduct face-to-face interviews with our students. Through the panel interviews, students were able to gain precious experience and feedback on their strengths and areas of improvement regarding their interview performance. We were also grateful for having constructive suggestions from interviewers on strengthening our careers-related activities and services to cater for the needs of students and recruiters.

Subsequent to the interview session, interviewers and student helpers were invited to stay behind for an appreciation dinner on the campus. All participants enjoyed the wonderful time and mingled around to meet their old and new friends.

Student Corner

Daisy Chung (BBA Year 2)

“Last summer I was glad to have a fruitful internship experience in the Audit and Assurance Department of Baker Tilly Hong Kong. I was given an opportunity to handle the financial reports of some HK and US listed companies. The company provided me a supportive environment and I gained greater understanding about the operation of an accounting firm. My colleagues were amicable and willing to guide me through clerical and administrative work. They also shared their life experience and offered advice on my career planning. The internship programme indeed helps me identify my career path and have a better understanding of the accounting profession.”

Coming Up

Recruitment Day (1) – Hong Kong Disneyland (4 Dec 2012 – 11:00am-5:30pm)
Recruitment Day (2) – Swire Resources Limited (5 Dec 2012 – 11:00am-5:00pm)
Recruitment Day (3) – I.T Limited (6 Dec 2012 – 11:00am-5:30pm)
Career/Recruitment Talk (8) - Expert's sharing: "How to Commercialise Your Business Ideas?" (7 Dec 2012, 2:15pm-4:00pm)
Career/Recruitment Talk (9) - CSL Graduate Trainee Programme & Internship (7 Dec 2012, 2:00pm-3:00pm)
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It has been a great year for the College with the successful launch of Block A, the first HSMC Graduation Ceremony and welcoming over 2,100 new students in this academic year. Riding on the festive season, we would like to convey our warmest greetings to all our corporate partners, alumni, academic & administrative staff and students. Thank you for your continued support over the year and we wish you a happy and healthy 2013!

Event Snapshots

**PRISM – Behavioral Assessment Test & Brain Mapping Tool (30 Nov 2012)**

Appreciation, Manner and Etiquette in Wine Drinking (30 Nov & 7 Dec 2012) *(Photos on the right)*

Students gained better understanding of their personalities and career inclinations through the scientific assessment tool named “PRISM”. The session on wine appreciation enabled students to obtain basic knowledge of wine and social etiquette for drinking. Both events were well received by attendees.

**Collaboration with China Life Insurance (Overseas) Company Ltd (30 Nov 2012) *(Photo on the left)*

Over 30 HSMC students took part in an Undergraduate Internship Programme organized by the China Life Insurance (Overseas) Company Ltd last summer. During the Closing Ceremony of the Programme, students expressed gratitude to the full support from the corporation and their mentors. At the same time, students were applauded for their devotion and enthusiasm. We were pleased to establish a solid collaboration with the esteemed company.

**Experts’ Sharing: How to Commercialise Your Business Ideas? (7 Dec 2012) *(Photo on the left)*

We were grateful to have three young entrepreneurs from match-making, telecommunications and healthcare sectors to share with our students their experiences in starting up businesses. They offered practical tips on how to evaluate the viability and sustainability of business ideas. The occasion served as an ideal opportunity for students to seek valuable advice in this topical issue.

**MTR Corporation Visit (28 Nov 2012) & CSL Recruitment Talk (7 Dec 2012) *(Photos on the right)*

Students were briefed of the recruitment requirements on the Graduate Trainee Programmes and obtained a better understanding of the corporate culture through talking to the company representatives directly.

Student Corner

Isaac Wong (BBA Year 3)

“Thanks for the connection of Careers Office, I undertook an internship at the Minsheng Banking Corporation Credit Card Center in the Mainland last summer. My job duty was to analyze customers’ purchasing data and assist my manager to host corporation functions such as golf matches and cocktail parties. The on-the-job training helped me to explore my genuine interest and therefore this year, I have established the first Banking and Finance Society in HSMC with a total of 15 BBA students, which aims to promote to schoolmates the industry and develop network in the banking and finance sector.

Coming Up

- **Careers Training Programme – Survival Skills in Workplace**
  1. Professional Image and Business Etiquette (2 Feb 2013 – 10:00am-1:00pm)
  2. Adapt to New Work Place as an Intern or New Employee (23 Feb 2013 – 10:00am-1:00pm)
  3. Business Communication with Internal and External Stakeholders (2 Mar 2013 – 10:00am-1:00pm)

- **Recruitment Talks by Zurich Insurance (Hong Kong), Milton Exhibits Group and Midland Realty** *(late February 2013)*

- **[Signature] Job Fair @ HSMC** *(8 Mar 2013 – 12:00pm-4:30pm)*