

# FRESHMAN FRESHMAN

Blog Contest

The Student Affairs Office is pleased to announce  
results of Freshman Blog Contest 2011 .

The FRESHMAN Blog offers an open channel where freshmen post their thoughts and experience as they get started their university life in PolyU. Freshmen are invited to blog about their transition to university study through the myBLOG feature in SPECIAL ePortfolio.

Echoing the 4P-theme of the university Common Orientation Programme, freshmen taking part in the FRESHMAN Blog Contest were encouraged to post blog entries to share how they "plan", "progress", "persevere" and "participate". The platform allows them to stay connected with peers to find clues to success.



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## Best

Blog  
Winner – congratulations  
to Boaz, a first year  
student of Dept. of ENGL

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## Lucky

Supporters – Thank you!

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## Hottest

Blog Winners – LIKE!

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<b>Week</b>	<b>Weekly Winner Name of Student</b>	<b>Title of the Blog</b>	<b>Department</b>
Week 2	CHAN Ka Yee Crystal	The Climb - our another mountain	BRE
Week 3	CHAN Ka Kit	I love my BEM family	BRE
Week 4	KWONG Kok Ting	Challenges presented by the transition from secondary school to university	BRE
Week 5	CHOW Yin Yu Kevani	We're going to the Polytechnic:)	COMP
Week 6	LI Ka Yan	長路漫漫是如何走過	CBS
Week 7	CHEUNG Yat Kit	Just to say thanks to my enemy	AF
Week 8	TOO Sin Yu	NEW LIFE	SD
Week 9	LAM Yan Ho	The Enchanted Life at PolyU	SHTM
Week 10	YEUNG Hei Ming Francis	A new life	FB
Week 11	WU Kenton Dennis Mcelhone	Gui Lo Freshman in PolyU	SHTM
Week 12	NG Tin Long Danon	理工大學我的家	ME

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# 1 Best Blog Series



Winner – congratulations to Boaz Chan Ching Wa, a first year student of Dept. of ENGL

**Winner of an iPad2** - View the blog posts of Boaz



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The Start of something NEW	Summer is over, and school starts . . .
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**Prize for Lucky Supporters** - SAO is going to contact the 10 lucky supporters who will be presented a \$50-gift-voucher for each.



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## The blog posts of Boaz Chan Ching Wa

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Responsibilities	<p>Everyone has his/her own responsibilities to take, no matter you are the president of the state who controls the power over the start of a war,</p> <p>or just only a salesperson who is folding clothes repeatedly and serving the customers with your stiff smile endlessly.</p> <p>You may not receive any admiration when you have taken your responsibilities, because they are your own duties and what you should do, and with the same reason,</p> <p>you should be blamed or even be punished when you haven't done it.</p> <p>With different roles, we have different responsibilities to take, some are heavier and some are lighter.</p> <p>Maybe some may say that it's not fair at all, but actually they are wrong, as "Great power comes great responsibility", quoted from the &lt;Spider Man&gt;.</p> <p>You are given the more difficult task to deal with because your ability is good enough to handle it.</p> <p>Although you may not be pleased when you are taking your responsibilities, but it's definitely not pleasant when you are suffering from the outcome of rejecting to take them.</p> <p>"It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities" , by Josiah Charles Stamp,</p> <p>this motto always remind me of how I should behave, and remind me of WHO I AM?</p> <p>and now, I am a university student who has been educated for nearly 20 years, and is going to receive tertiary education.</p> <p>it's time to think of a question...."What are my RESPONSIBILITIES now?"</p> <p>Keep thinking...</p> <p>Boaz-CHAD</p> <p>29th August, 2011</p>
The Start of something NEW	<p>Summer is ended, and school starts.</p> <p>What difference this year is that I no longer have to take out my uniform from my wardrobe at the morning and get ready to school.</p> <p>so, what's that mean?? I do not need to put on something to show and to represent which school I am studying in order to alert myself how I should behave???</p>

Of course NOT, cos although i put on casual wears, I am representing something, and these 'things' will not be faded without a uniform:)

So, it's another chance for me to know more different people again. University- a place where full of young and energetic people who are filled with passion, ideas, fire....

Although i always meet new faces (as my hobbies require me to work with so many different people), I can't not be a little bit worried,

not because I am afraid of the problem of making new friends, as all the people in my department are so nice and kind that they will even try to get to know me actively.

but it's really hard to find someone who has the same VALUE or think of the same way as you, and this is what I really wish I can find in the coming future.

but anyway, I believe I can find one sooner or later!

Wish everyone will find a confidant soon as well:)

have a good start!

Boaz-CHAD

31st August,2011

YES MAN

Watched <Yes Man> by Jim Carrey in a boring evening, couldn't believe that it inspired me a lot.

<Yes Man> talks about a poor, divorced man, Carl, who lost interest to everything, and always said "No!" to everyone around him.

But after he joined a programme which required members to say "YES!" to everything, his life changed!

it seems "Yes" is just a very simple word, but its power can help you to open up to life's possibilities!

I rmb when I was in junior form, I didn't know how to say "No" to people, so everytime when my teachers asked me to help them for preparing some school activities,

I must be one of the people in the team. But now when i look back, they were really good experiences, and I learned so much as well.

Ironically, now I have learned how to reject people in a nice way, I lost so many opportunities because I closed myself from many things.

so, I really need to have an introspection.

So.....

if you haven't watched it before, go to the CD/DVDstore and pick one right now!

but if you have, why don't you give one more chance for yourself to enjoy it one more!

You will find different 'things' each time from a movie:)

so, let's be a YES MAN!

YES!

Boaz-CHAD

4th September,2011

An unforgettable, amazing trip with wonderful people

Yesterday I went to visit Ngong Ping 360, the Big Buddha and Tai O village with three important people in my life- my mum, my best friend Maki and my new classmate Caterina.

ya, it was a quite special combination. Cat is an Italian, I met her in a coincidence, and it's a quite long story to tell, so I'm not going to write it down here (but if you are interested, you can come and ask me;))

I planned for this trip one week before, cos this is the first time Cat come to Hong Kong, all the things and places are so new for her, that's why I think I should have a good planning.

I was so afflicted when I was thinking where I should bring her to, although I am a local people, I don't even know what are the good places, spots in HK.... wt a shame....  
(and now I understand why we learned "Hong Kong Culture" when we were in secondary school LOL)

and then finally we've made the decision to visit these places

Another coincidence was that, when I was getting ready to leave home yesterday morning, my mum told me that she didn't need to work, and she said she wanted to join us.

I hesitated for about 3 seconds, I was thinking and concerning, cos.... I seldom had a chance to go out with my mum, the last time was like....a couple years ago and I don't know when, so I wanted her to come along

but the other thing was, I didn't know whether my friends would be comfortable if my mum came with us, and my mum doesn't speak much English, so it would be a problem.

but I told myself that, I might not have many chances in the future, so I should do the things that I think that are right.

so my mum finally joined our trip:)

Fortunately, it was a good combination! We didn't have any "dead air" or what's so called "generation gap" during our trip lol, instead, we just couldn't stop talking, asking things about our own cultures, sharing our family life and interests, talking about the religions and belief...etc

it was a great opportunity for cultural exchange, and it was a very

successful one!:) )

We took the cable cars, and took a lot of photos inside. The view was stunning! amazing! as a local people, I didn't pay much attention to the beautiful things around me, and because of a foreigner, I finally opened my eyes!

We went to see the big Buddha, and when I was walking up the stair, it recalled lots of my childhood memories... the last time I came was like 6, 7 years old.

we visited a tempo beside the big Buddha, we taught Cat how to pray and make wishes, and we had lots of fun, include Cat had dropped all the bamboo sticks on the floor instead of one LOL

and then we went to Tai O, a beautiful tiny fish village. We took a small boat to find the white dolphins, although we couldn't see any, it was an excellent boat trip to see the amazing scenery of Hong Kong.

But it's just the start of the story, I will tell you the other part of the story in my next blog, cos it's too long:)

thanks for reading everyone!

Boaz-CHAD

11th Septemle,2011

The one who can change your life

First need to say sorry that I haven't finished sharing about my last blog's story. No matter if you are interested or not, I will write it later as I promised.

today I would like to share another thing that have just happened yesterday, and I want to share about it so much:)

Yesterday I went back to my mother school. Although I've left only a few months, it seems everything is changing, not much, but significantly.

I talked with so many teachers, they were so excited that I came back, and I could feel that warm welcome, it was so warm, so warm that I cant use words to explain.

They kept asking me many things about my school life and also asking about my secondary school classmates.

They were so worry about us, but when they knew that most of us are fine and having good uni's lives, smiley faces were shown instantly:)

Actually one of the reasons that I came back is that to find a teacher and talk to her.

Ms Chan, She is..... different! She is the best "teacher" or even best friend I have ever seen.

She teaches and taught me Chinese Language and Culture and Chinese Literature.

She is moral, she is talented, she is experienced, she is accomplished, she is Perfect (at least in my eyes)

She is really my role model! Everytime when I faced any difficulties and I told her, she could understand my situation and see many things that I couldn't see.

She did give me advices, but instead of those general, definite advices, she gave me a direction of thinking, and sometimes also gave metaphors or analogies.

Although sometimes they might be quite abstract, but I love the way she 'guided' me!

I found what life was meant to me all because of her, and that is why i loved her lessons so much, and i was even the subject leader of CLC lol

Before I knew this teacher, I always thought that no one could understand me, cause if you know me, you may find that I am a little bit different (neither positive nor negative meaning)

"Different" can be good, cause you will have your independent thinking and won't follow the others recklessly.

but sometimes I hate it, cause you will feel so tired and lonely if no one understands you, and you are the only one who insist on doing something...

but anyway, I found her, and I will definitely treasure this relationship:)

yesterday, I talked with her again, I was so so so happy.

and it proved again.....She understands me a lot!:)

thanks Ms Chan, you changed my life and I love you!

I wish all of you can find "the one" who can change your life as well (in a positive way certainly)

Boaz CHAD

21st September,2011

A wonderful gift and encouragement

I've been teaching students for quite a few months, and I have four students now, the youngest one is P3 and the eldest one is F3.

I teach in a small tutorial centre near my home, at first I just wanted to gain more experience and earn a little bit more money in order to enjoy a more "luxury" life,

(for example to buy my own personal notebook so that I can be more convenient in working on my school projects and other works.)

and that's why I didn't mind to receive a comparatively low salary (I share the tuition fee with the centre)

In these few months, I slowly understood that it's really not easy to be a

teacher, especially a "good" teacher...

Everytime I got headache after the intense lessons without a break.

Although It's really a tough job, I can't deny that I really love this job.

Seeing my students' improvement is really an amazing thing..... It makes me feel that the effort and time that I have spent are not wasted and it's worth doing!

However, after the Uni life started, my workload is significantly increased a lot.

Plus I have lots of private things need to do... I was so stressful last few days

My friends said I should quit my job or teach less student, but I know that I won't quit it.... so I was thinking maybe I should forgo one of my students...

but I really couldn't do so! I love them all (although sometimes they would drive me mad)

and I think they need me, and I need them as well!

So I decided not to quit it, but tried to rearrange my schedule to that I can have more time to do my own things and take more rest.

and then today lessons, one of my students, called Kitty

She was late today, she seldom late, I should say she'd never been late before...

Because it was the third lesson of today, I was so tired, so I was a little bit annoyed because of it

and then I asked why she was late...

and then she took out a box and then gave me

She said because she was preparing something for me....

When I opened the box and see.....

It was a box of sushi made by herself!

I was so so so surprised and touched!

It's really a wonderful gift, I love it so much!

she encouraged me a lot in this tough period, and I know that I have made a correct decision!

Thanks Kitty!:)

Boaz-CHAD

2nd October,2011

## Timeout

Even Superman needs to take breaks, don't give yourself too much stress CCW! ADD OIL!

## Opportunities

You will never know what will happen in the next second, this is why life is so exciting:)

Opportunities often appear suddenly, when you are not prepared, and you are not ready.

and then you will only have a short period of time to think about it, whether you are going to reject it or accept it.

of course if you are not interested in it or you have some big problems that restrict you to do it, you will simply reject it immediately.

but if you are simply worrying about the self-related reasons, for example, you are not confident enough or you think that you are not good enough to handle the challenges,

you should throw these ideas away!

because if you have missed the opportunity, you may not be able to take it again.

Dont create more regrets in our life, life is short, and we use treasure it.

not until you step out and do something that you had never done it before, you can see the other side of the world, and find lots of different sides of yourself!

Today, I had a very good experience, an unexpected special opportunity that not everyone has have.

I'm so glad and pleased!

keep exploring and enjoying my life!/  
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Boaz-CHAD

26th September,2011

## Doing my best

I understand sometimes you spent lots of efforts, but the return is just not fair...

many people will feel so angry about that, and they will keep blaming on the unfair society... system...the world

I always tell myself that 'It's ok man, at least you have learned a lot in the process' and 'there must be someone who can see your effort and will appreciate it'

I believe... I really believe that the return may not come immediately. just like planting a tree, it takes time for it to grow.

However.....I just can't feel happy and throw away all the sadness.

I am only a human, I have feeling.

so far, I can say I spend 100% of my effort in doing everything, in every single task, including my assignments

it really makes me feel dejected sometimes when the bad system overthrows all the things that I have done.

but anyway, I will keep doing my best!

Boaz

8th November,2011