New Students Orientation 2011/12

We admitted 76 Year-1 students: 52 from JUPAS and 11 from Non-Jupas, 12 with Advanced Standing, and 1 sportsman (soccer). The average A/AS-level score point is 12.6, the fourth highest in Faculty of Business. The highest A/AS-level score of this year’s intake is 18.6 and the lowest is 11.2. One student (Samson Fong) has been successfully admitted to the Double Major programme (Major in marketing and Major in design (advertising)).

We also admitted 7 international students and there is a good mix of their nationalities: ONG Fen Fen (Malaysia), Tsarukyan Nerses (Russia), Dodds Thomas Enerstad (Norway), Tsai Pei-chin (Taiwan), Anastasia Vanessa (Indonesia), Enriquez Osorio Victor Hugo (Mexico) and Another lady from Vietnam will join us in Semester 2.

Our new Year 1 and Foundation Year class reps

Katie and Suki at the Student Ambassador Inauguration Ceremony held on September 2, 2011

From left to right:
Zhao Yiting, Yan Huiqi, Samson Fong, Ng Ka Wai, Yip Man Ying
Almost every day PolyU’s auditoriums are filled by crowds of students literally squeezing in the doors of spacious rooms for another lecture. Auditoriums seat over a hundred of students, whether local, non-local or exchange, all of whom have diverse backgrounds, yet same goal for their presence – to learn and comprehend. However, from my personal experience, education doesn’t only take place during lecturers’ speeches, but also in the midst of breaks, when students continue learning by communicating and interacting with different people. I came to know that auditoriums are some of the most eminently suitable environments for socializing, as they provide a great opportunity for any attendee to meet and talk to others at the university with population of roughly 30,000 students. In one week, I happened to become friends with not only a few international students, but also many local freshmen, and finally break the ice for myself with both largest groups on our campus. It all started with just a common phrase “Excuse me, do you have an extra pen?” to the person sitting next to me and soon proceeded to a dinner, at which I met three more students. My network had hardly expanded so rapidly before I enrolled in PolyU and became a part of its community, and it never stop growing here.

Cheng Cheng, Constance (Year 3)

“This summer, I went to Harvard for a summer course. I really enjoyed the life there and I made a lot of friends. The academic atmosphere inspired me and broadened my horizons. I took two courses. One of them was Public Speaking, which equipped me with sophisticated speaking skills. The other one is Strategic Management; students in that course came up with creative ideas when doing case analysis and had good interaction with the professor. I saw a new way of study. This summer, I grew. The wealth of knowledge that I gained will back me up for the new semester.”

Suki Lee On Ki (Year 3)

Suki worked as an intern in the Hong Kong Housing Society during the summer of 2011. “Working in one of its management offices, I become more experienced in customer service and have an opportunity to expose to the property management field. This precious opportunity not only prepares me for my further career development, but also extends my network to various disciplines besides my own one. Such experience is really memorable, so do treasure every chance that you could have and share with us your unforgettable moment!”

Michelle Tang Kit Ling

Michelle worked as an intern for the Hong Kong and Economic Trade Office (HKETO) in Sydney during the summer of 2011. “My main duties are to assist in the preparatory work for HK promotion activities, perform on-site set up and meet & greet visitors. One of my recent projects is to promote the HKETO’s Facebook page through viral marketing. My job also involves lots of research work, which deepens my knowledge of Australian politics and current affairs.”
Vivian Chong (Year 3)

Vivian worked as an intern for HSBC Securities Services Marketing Team in the summer of 2011.

“My key activities are to assist the Advertising Manager in preparing competitor advertising reports and work with the creative and media agency to ensure ads are resized and dispatched as per the media and copy rotation schedules. In addition, I also work with the Events and Conferences Manager in running events and conferences for clients and also to write intranet stories. Furthermore, I also assist with communications and marketing materials and capture press release and thought leadership exposure. During these two months’ placement, I had many chances to communicate and work with staff from other countries as this Hong Kong based marketing team supports all activities in Asia and Middle East. This allowed me to have a sense of how members of a multinational corporation link and cooperate together to complete projects. I not only gained really useful knowledge of the banking industry but also how a big organization works in the real business world. This summer has been really fruitful and unforgettable.”

“My Journey 2011”- Alice Chen Yi (Year 3)

Jan 2011 Botswana World’s University Debating Championship Tournament

The World’s University Debating Championship is the biggest annual English debating tournament in the world. As one of PolyU’s representatives in such an international event, I focused more on learning than on competing. It was amazing to see the top speakers express the clearest logic and the most precise language. In Feb, I was appointed as one of the judges in the 2011 Manchester Debating Union Inter Varsity Tournament. This gives me a completely different experience compared to debating.

Jan to Jun 2011, Student Exchange Programme at Aston University, Birmingham, UK

The exchange semester was one of the most wonderful and memorable periods of my life. I lived a colorful life in one of the world’s oldest and most powerful empire - Great Britain. Unlike in humid and crowded Hong Kong, I was able to experience a different lifestyle with its politeness, mildness and preciseness….

Jun-Aug 2011, Summer Internship as an Event Sales Coordinator in 1881 Heritage Hullett House Hotel

Hullett House Hotel is a 5-star boutique hotel under the international restaurant group Aqua, which is located at the top of 1881 Heritage in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong. It was the first time that I had to carry such a large responsibility. I did get challenged sometimes, but that only gave me stronger sense of self-actualization when I actually achieved something at work.