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1. How has your on-the-job training helped you to perform your job duties? Please give one or two examples.

The Construction Officer Development Programme (CODP) aims to develop young talents to be competent and well-rounded project managers at a faster pace. The systematic and structured training helps me not only to perform my job duties, but also to realize my career goal. For instance, while working in project coordination in a public rental housing project in Tai Po, Hip Hing offered me an invaluable opportunity to assist in the tender preparation, site planning and programme of works in the tendering of “*Construction of PRH Development in Ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters*”. This experience enables me to acquire knowledge in various areas quickly and to further enhance my competencies.

Meanwhile, Ir K.H. Mok, as both the Executive Director of Hip Hing and Head of the CODP Programme, took precious time from his busy schedule every month, provided his invaluable guidance and feedback on our site learning experiences and shared his insights on various aspects of construction management during the monthly site observation meetings. These regular meetings not only helped us to further develop ourselves, but also showed that the top management took an interest in our personal development.

2. What was the most meaningful experience at Hip Hing Construction Co. for you? Why?

Being part of the Project Management Team in the “*Construction of Public Rental Housing at Po Heung Street*” has been a fruitful and meaningful experience. Thanks to my CODP’s Work Supervisor, Mr Kent Chan, I had invaluable opportunities to enhance my technical knowledge, not merely in building engineering, but also in various areas, including tendering, site planning and building services. Before joining Hip Hing, I, as one of the awardees of the prestigious Innovation & Technology Scholarship, showed great passion in innovation and technology and sustainable construction. Working with the project team, I now have the chance to fully develop my potential and participate in different technological, safety and environmental innovation projects, training me to be a good team player.

With the great teamwork and excellent supervision from my work supervisor, we together won the NWS Outstanding Team Award 2015. My dedication to safety innovations and initiatives also helped me to garner the Bronze Award of OSHC Outstanding Employee in Occupational Health and Safety.

3. Do you have any advice for our current students on how to get into the Project MT Programme at Hip Hing? How should they prepare themselves?

In order to become a CODP Trainee, a candidate must demonstrate his/her personal competencies, such as great eagerness to learn, positive work attitude and excellent communication skills. Thus, current students should seize every opportunity at BRE & PolyU to gain more exposure in various areas, further enrich their academic experiences and improve their competencies. Apart from formal learning, I, as a BRE graduate, would say BRE has been providing an excellent environment for students through academic exchange programmes, internship programmes and mentorship programmes. For example, the summer exchange programme, particularly the course of Strategic Management, at King’s College London has broadened my knowledge in the area of management as well as sharpened my interpersonal skills by enabling me to work with people from different backgrounds.