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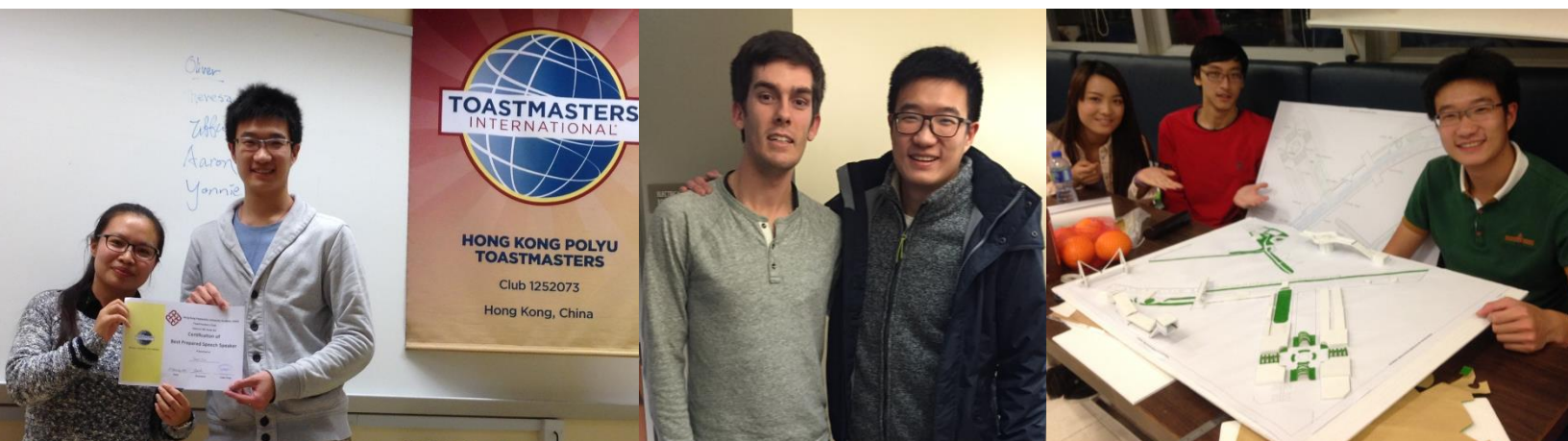
It is my great honor to be named the Outstanding Student of Faculty of Construction and Environment. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my department and my university for giving me the most memorable four years of my life. It is a recognition of my previous efforts and an encouragement for my future aspirations.

I cherish every moment of my university life and try to live every day to the fullest. Although it has been full of ups and downs, all of my experiences and encounters have shaped who I am today, and they have enabled me to become more mature and responsible.

My faculty has offered me plenty of chances and resources for all-round development, and endowed me with a passion and genuine love for civil engineering technology and construction. Over the past several years, I have acquired a deep knowledge of design theory and the construction industry through lectures and internships. I have also gained multicultural exposure through international exchange and have developed precious friendships within and outside of the university. I am proud to say that I am a member of FCE, and that I am a part of PolyU.

The past several years have also taught me one thing: always be always eager to learn within and beyond the lecture. Learning is a lifelong business. The university has trained us on how to explore knowledge independently and efficiently. Apart from learning pure knowledge, the university is also a place where you can meet sincere friends and colleagues. I learned the importance of being sincere to people around me, to hold a positive attitude, and to learn from others.

PolyU and FCE also provide a good platform and abundant resources for us to build an international vision, and get exposure to foreign education, friends and engineering. I have benefited from the academic exchange programme in America, during which I made friends with people from Korea, Indonesia, and Brazil. Spending half a year in America gave me a chance to experience a different lifestyle, and I started to appreciate matters from their perspective: food, culture, learning and working. I also volunteered to be a student ambassador to represent Hong Kong in the international festival, from which I understand one's culture identity makes who you are and make you stand out in a group.





Exploring the world and finding limitless possibilities are also one of the main purposes of the university. Aside from the exchange to America, I travelled around the world with friends several times. Travelling to Europe was the best birthday gift because I formed precious friendships. Several scuba diving trips provided me with the opportunity to meet several awesome scuba divers who had a variety of career backgrounds (doctor from Malaysia, accountant in Singapore, cook from Vietnam, journalist from HK). We shared stories about our diving experiences and normal everyday lives, with anything ranging from someone escaping from sharks to someone picking up English at the age of forty. All vivid stories revealed different lifestyles and I learned to appreciate how everyone strives for a change or dream, no matter how miniature or grand.

An extensive internship experience has enabled me to look deeply into the construction consulting industry. I participated in several façade structural design projects and implemented structural analysis concerning wind effect and frame optimization. I also conducted slope incident investigations, drafted study reports and assisted model establishment & calculation. Through this experience, I was able to demonstrate my theoretical knowledge in the real industry and learned how engineering practices could differ from my previous understanding. It also better prepared me for my future career.

In the year of 2015, I received the Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarship, which is regarded as one of the most prestigious and recognized awards in the university. I never imagined that I would achieve this and it motivated me to continue working hard and enabled me to connected with many other outstanding scholars. From time to time, the Jockey Club organized community service opportunities, high table dinners, and chances to attend business ceremonies like the Hong Kong Management Association(HKMA) Quality Award. I really enjoyed doing the service, attending ceremonies and sharing insights about life and research with others.





Apart from learning and internship experiences, I also joined several community service projects in both Hong Kong and mainland China to serve people in need. I visited Hainan Qionghai as a volunteer teacher for a local middle school and served in Guangdong Heyuan to help local farmers promote black garlic and other agriculture products. I also helped to look after Hong Kong South Asian children whose parents were on nightshift duty. From serving others, I have gained a sense of blessing, and learned to treasure more of my current life. I started to appreciate things from different perspectives. Poor or rich, fortunate or miserable, we all live in a common world and share infinite possibilities. I feel delighted that my services have given happiness to others and my contribution has brought benefits to the community.

In addition, I would like to share some of my insights about my university life. I always tell myself to seize every opportunity and be well prepared for it. Sometimes, it seems meaningless to prepare for something impossible, but you never know where life will lead you to. Sometimes, impossible missions can actually be accomplished, or even if they can't, the effort and experience can strengthen us.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the many people who have assisted and accompanied me. My genuine thanks to my classmates, with whom we cooperate and fight together; my sincere thanks go to my electrical engineering friends, who discussed with me the engineering business start-ups; my special and warm thanks go to a most special girl, who accompanied me through joys and hardships and encouraged me to overcome any obstacles in life. Thanks to my parents and supervisors, who offer me unending help and impart to me valuable knowledge.