

## A Review of 2010/11 Internships

Over the past several years, the Department has provided countless opportunities for students to gain valuable internship experience in professional firms. These internships not only offer an excellent chance for students to manage themselves effectively in a professional work setting, but also enable them to establish networks for their future career development.

In keeping with this tradition, during the 2010/11 academic year the Department nominated almost 100 students for a variety of internships and work placements in Hong Kong and overseas. These included local internships at professional audit

firms such as PwC, Deloitte and KPMG, as well as internships at the RSM, Grant Thornton and BDO offices in Singapore. A number of students were given the opportunity to work outside the auditing sector: internships were offered at the Hospital Authority and the Inland Revenue Department as well as at Hang Seng Bank and cosmetics outlet Colourmix.

Upon completion of their internships, students were asked to report on their experiences, and many responded with enthusiasm. Featured in this article is just a sample of students who made the workplace journey and came back the better for it.

## Looking ahead

In addition to expanding the existing internship scheme to a greater number of local and overseas firms, the Department is now formalising it into a credit-bearing course. Students will be given due recognition on their transcripts, and receive more effective feedback on their performance.

We look forward to new opportunities for students to put their classroom learning into practice, the ultimate goal of which is to help them set their own career paths.

- 1 Ivy Chan Wing Ching (first left, back), BBAAC student, joining other KPMG staff/interns for business trip to Nanjing
- 2 Chak Sin Man (5th right), BBAAC student, at KPMG Annual Dinner
- 3 Emily Ho Hui Fan (left), BBAAC student, with other IRD interns outside the Revenue Tower in Wanchai
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- 5 Wong Suet Fong, BBAAMIS student, interning at Colourmix, a subsidiary of Veeko
- 6 Kevin Kam Lok Ting (left), BBAAC student, at the RSM office
- 7 Fung Tze Wai (middle, back), BBAAC student, with other Deloitte interns on her last working day
- 8 Fannie Tang, BBAAC student, interviewed by the South China Morning Post on her experience at Deloitte



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Yi Lingzhi, BBAAC student (second from left), with fellow interns at Deloitte, "Be patient and willing to learn, as a good attitude always determines others' impressions of us".

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## Shadowing, practising make perfect for Deloitte intern



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Hoping to nurture young talent, Deloitte has been inviting year one undergraduate accounting students to join the Deloitte Club. Fannie Tang Fong-yuen (left) was one of the 30 successful recent applicants. She talks to Wong Yat-hei about how she was awarded an internship at Deloitte's auditing sector for the global financial services industry (GFSI) division

### What is your academic background?

I am studying a BBA (Hons) degree in accountancy and law at City University.

### How do you start your day?

During the first week of my internship, I attended a one-week training course to learn about accounting techniques. I also had lectures on ethical issues in accounting. After training, I was assigned to assist some of Deloitte's permanent staff.

### What does your job entail?

I work at the GFSI division of the auditing sector, which is responsible for financial institution

clients. I follow the company's staff on visits to clients' offices, prepare trial balances, financial statements, and so on. I also assist with administrative work.

### What are the major challenges you have encountered so far?

Assisting colleagues in the preparation of accounting documents can be complicated.

### What have you learned about your chosen career and what are your plans?

Unlike most white-collar employees, an auditor does not stay in one place at all times. Also, you need to have good interpersonal skills to get on well with clients.

### Any advice for potential interns?

Recognise your weaknesses and capitalise on your talents. The key to success is to have a sincere heart and a desire to learn.

For the full interview, go to [www.classifiedpost.com/internal](http://www.classifiedpost.com/internal)