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CB Ph.D. Student Teaching Excellence Award 2025 – Student Sharing by Cao Li

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My name is Cao Li. I am a Ph.D. student in the Department of Accountancy. It is a great honour for me to receive the 2025 College of Business Ph.D. Student Teaching Excellence Award. I am sincerely grateful to CityUHK for giving me the opportunity to teach Introduction to Managerial Accounting (CB2101 tutorial) for three years. This teaching experience has improved my presentation and leadership skills. I really enjoy being an accounting teacher. I am happy to be able to share with you my teaching experience and philosophy.

My teaching philosophy is quite simple. First, I start my class by reviewing all the key points of a chapter. This helps students recall information from the book and prepare for the tutorial questions. Second, I discuss the tutorial questions immediately after reviewing the key points of the course material. I believe the best way to learn something is “learning by doing”. So I ask my students to answer the questions with me as I talk about them. Third, I answer their questions and emails in a timely manner. I encourage them to email me if they have any questions about the course material. I want them to know that they are not alone and that I am always here to help.

Finally, I encourage my students to participate actively in class. I believe they can develop their critical thinking skills through class participation. Overall, my teaching methods are quite simple, but following them is not so easy. This requires a lot of work, patience, enthusiasm, and diligence.