

## **A Rewarding Internship Experience in Shanghai**

Because I was interested in working overseas, I was motivated to take part in the Global Work Attachment Program (GWAP) in the past summer semester and was ultimately given an internship offer in a government office, the Hong Kong Economics and Trade Office in Shanghai. This experience of working in the mainland, which is appreciated by employers in the accounting field, has enhanced my employability in the departmental local internship program and given me an edge in competing for an auditing internship offer.

As a liaison and coordination intern, during my involvement in organizing different events for Shanghai- and Hong Kong-related associations, I not only intensified my coordination skills by foreseeing all possible factors related to the events and making comprehensive preparations for them, but also had opportunities to broaden my social circle through meeting leading representatives and participants from the associations. Often working as part of a team in the preparation work and during events, I gained practice in team-working and problem-solving when dealing with unforeseen difficulties that occurred during the events.

Although the internship experience was not directly related to accounting, it gave me the opportunity to experience the working culture and lifestyle of the mainland, as well as hands-on work experience, to better equip myself with the soft skills that are essential for most jobs. I believe that attempting something outside of our major field, especially through the experiential approach of working or interning overseas during our studies, enables us to explore our strengths, weaknesses and potential, which can stimulate deliberation and planning for our future career.



*Cultural exploration in Shanghai*



*Luncheon event for Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce-Shanghai association*



*Intern Visit to Hong Kong Toursim Board in Shanghai*