

My Fabulous Exchange Tour and Life-changing Experience in Ernst & Young Internship

Dear classmates,

As the student representative of the Department of Accountancy at CityU, I want to take this opportunity to share some of what I learned and discovered on my academic journey. It is my pleasure to share with you some of the unforgettable experiences I had over the past three years.

During the summer of my first year, I stepped out of my comfort zone and joined the College of Business Student Leadership Chapter (CBLC) as a student helper. My duties included helping to organize the College of Business open day and cooperating with other helpers to ensure that the open day was a success. This was a surprisingly meaningful experience for me, as it led to new friendships with CityU classmates and helped me learn interpersonal and time management skills.

Also in my first year, I and one of my classmates participated in a three-day exchange tour to Xinhui with the Hong Kong Business Accountants Association (HKBAA). Even though it lasted only three days, this trip broadened my horizons and taught me many valuable lessons. In particular, I had the chance to meet a variety of professionals, including CEOs and accountants. By talking with them, I gained insight into their jobs and companies. When this unforgettable tour was over, I found that I knew more about key developments in the business world in Hong Kong and China.

Last but not least, during the summer of my second year, I had my first-ever internship at the accounting firm Ernst & Young. I worked in the assurance department, which is in Admiralty. During the internship, I learned how to use the company's computer system and how to use Excel to work faster. The senior workers and staff accountants, knowing I was a newcomer, gladly shared their time and expertise and taught me about the duties involved in working there. The company also required me to go on a field outing to a client office in Siu Sai Wan, a place I had never been. I learned various auditing skills, such as vouching, TOC, and TOD. The accounting manager and finance manager were kind, and gave me all of the documents and sources I needed to carry out my tasks. Due to the knowledge I gained from my seniors and supervisors, this was an especially valuable experience for me.

In conclusion, I would urge all of you to treasure your time studying in the Department of Accountancy. Seek opportunities to expand your horizons, as I was fortunate enough to do. Time flies, so don't let these opportunities pass you by. My own experiences improved me and gave me memories that cannot be forgotten. I wish the same for all of you. Good luck!



My EY assurance summer internship in 2020 summer



My colleagues and teammates working in the client office in Siu Sai Wan