

## 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.



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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- 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



Source: South China Morning Post, 9 September 2011

## Shadowing, practising make perfect for Deloitte intern



8 Photo: May Tse

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)

## Fruitful Internships at the Inland Revenue Department

In addition to internship programmes at renowned accounting firms, the Department of Accountancy also nominates students to work at the Inland Revenue Department for three months over summer.

In 2010, eight students, together with around a hundred students from other local and overseas universities, worked at Inland Revenue, handling taxpayers' enquiries and conducting interviews on tax matters.



AC student Olivia Ho (left) with interns from other universities and Mr Brian Chiu (centre), Assistant Commissioner of Inland Revenue, who also formerly served on the AC Departmental Advisory Committee



AC students spent a meaningful summer at the Inland Revenue Department as interns

During their internships, the students learned how to work precisely and accurately, enhanced their understanding of taxation and compliance, handled various cases and improved their time management. Overall, the experience was very fruitful.



# Sharing the Joy – A Glimpse into the Life of SNG Interns

Recently, two groups of students joined the Singapore internship programme, working in Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton and RSM Chio Lim Stone Forest. They conducted audit work with their team, helped senior officers, and had a great time after work. Let's see how they spent their days in Singapore!



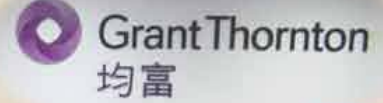
Squeezing into the crowded subway



Where we work



Preparing a working paper



Every morning, we squeezed into the crowded subway to start another busy and fruitful day helping the team to complete audit work. After work, we socialized with our colleagues.

**Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton**  
(Cheng Wan Wing Maggie, Li Xiao Claudia, Li Yue Jackie, Wu Hanyu Hattie)



Preparing documents



Ready for a meeting



Socializing with colleagues after work



Morning at 8:30, Little India. Heading to the office by MRT



Conducting audit work at the client's office and discussing with managers



A fruitful day during the Singapore internship



Obtaining reference files from the file library



**RSM Chio Lim Stone Forest**

Every day was fruitful for us. We learned new things, made new friends, and became more independent.

**RSM Chio Lim Stone Forest**  
(Bian Xiaoyi Emily, Leung Ka Yin Catherine, Su Rui Lisa, Wong Chi Shun Eric)



Doing housework and cooking for ourselves



Having a delicious meal after work – Hainanese chicken rice S\$3.50





In the summer of 2008, the Department of Accountancy (AC) sent more than 10 Year 2 students to Singapore's Baker Tilly TFWLCL, BDO Raffles and Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton for 2½-month internship placements.

By participating in this valuable internship programme, the students were able to apply what they had learnt in the real world and obtain hands-on experience. They also learnt how to work with people of different cultural backgrounds and to be independent.

Most of the participating students agreed that Singapore is a good place to live. They also appreciated the opportunity to join this programme.

Sally Zeng Jiali, an intern at Baker Tilly TFWLCL, was greatly motivated to devote herself to this industry. "The team working experience impressed me a lot; it made me love this job," she said.



Sally and Jackie (from left) - before starting the job, we were excited



BDO Raffles interns: Mavis, Joyce, Chris and Angela

Chris Lai Yuet-ting, an intern at BDO Raffles, was excited about working for the firm as the experience strengthened her. She was especially thankful to her senior and other BDO colleagues who gave her an understanding of the importance of having an active learning attitude.



Colin (back row) and other interns - HK airport before departure to Singapore

Colin Chen Chen, an intern at Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton, said his interpersonal skills improved a lot during this internship. He became more independent at work, and he was able to maintain two-way communication with different people within the firm.

# 實習生計劃，一半學生往實習

會計學系為令同學能早了解一個會計工作的真實情況，每年都會安排二年級學生到全球四大會計師事務所、本港會計師事務所和新加坡的會計師事務所作實習。到二零零七至零八學年，超過百分之五十的二年級學生參與實習計劃。故此說在全球四大會計師事務所與本地和新加坡著名會計師事務所，盡可見會計學系學生之影子也不為過。

## 2007-08學年，會計學系學生前往實習的香港和新加坡會計師事務所

香港、中國	德勤會計師事務所
香港、中國	安永會計師事務所
香港、中國	羅兵咸永道會計師事務所
香港、中國	中瑞岳華(香港)會計師事務所
香港、中國	均富會計師事務所
香港、中國	德豪嘉信會計師事務所有限公司
香港、中國	陳茂波合夥會計師行
香港、中國	Horwath Hong Kong Group
新加坡	Foo Kon Tan Grant Thornton
新加坡	RSM Chio Lim
新加坡	Baker Tilly TFWLCL
新加坡	BDO Raffles

然而為令實習學生能盡快適應真實的工作環境和勝任工作，會計學系於他們往實習前，會舉辦連串講座和訓練營，並邀請業界人士、系內講師和其他專業人士作講者。事實上，不少參與實習計劃的同學，都指計劃令他們獲益良多。同學畢業後迅即獲昔日實習的會計師事務所聘用之例子，更加俯拾皆是。



▶ 德勤會計師事務所合夥人劉先生出席訓練營並作演講，題目為「僱主對實習生的期望」。



## 同學感言

### 陳婉婷 (工商管理榮譽學士 — 會計，2008年應屆畢業生)

在二零零六年的聖誕節我收到了一份很寶貴的聖誕禮物，就是到德勤會計師事務所的實習機會。

回想在德勤短短的一百零二天。初時一班實習生戰戰兢兢受訓，大家每事問，彷彿大鵬兒都希望學多點再學多點，讓正式投入工作時能學以致用。記得我第一份被派的工作是到一間皮具製造商作審計，每天掛著職員証向客戶的會計部同事詢問、取文件，跟同事分工合作，帶著完成工作的滿足感下班，然後又帶著學習新事物的心情上班，週而復始，時間過得真快。

這是我大學生涯裡最豐盛的一個學年，因為學到了書本裡沒有的知識。從工作的人、事、物裡，我漸漸體會到城大的校訓「敬業敬群」。學會凡事認真，投入工作，虛心學習。而有幸地我已獲得德勤的錄用，在畢業後展開我會計師的道路。



▶ 因實習時表現出色，陳婉婷已獲德勤聘用。

### 張耀文 (工商管理榮譽學士 — 會計，2008年應屆畢業生)

在大學生活的第二年，我獲得了一個寶貴的機會，就是到安永會計師事務所實習半年，這使我能將在學校裏所學到的知識實踐於工作上，獲益良多。

在一輪嚴格的面試後，我終獲錄用，而在實習開始前，為了讓每位實習的同學能充分了解工作的性質和要求，會計師事務所安排了約兩個星期的培訓課程。課程主要透過導師的講解和分組活動，讓我們能夠掌握一些基本的知識，原付將來的工作。

會計師事務所提供的實習機會主要分為核數和稅務，而我選擇了在稅務部門進行為期半年的實習。在這半年間，我覺得每天上班的日子感到很充實，因為我有很多工作機會，讓我學到不同的知識。這些工作包括為上市公司填寫報稅表，與稅務局處理客人稅務上的事宜及解答他們對稅務上的問題。而經過這半年工作上的訓練，我在時間管理和待人處事的能力都有明顯的進步。

除了在工作上獲得寶貴的經驗，我還跟同事們建立了一份友誼。每當我在工作上遇到困難，他們都會主動協助我去解決。尤其是當我剛開始工作的時候，他們的熱情使我更快地融入這個大家庭。而我還與所有同事一起參與會計師事務所舉行的周年晚會，讓我大開眼界。

經過這半年的時間，我更明白會計這個行業的要求，這使我在餘下的大學日子裝備自己。



▶ 張耀文(圖右三)跟其他前來實習的同學合照