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## Bridging Taiwan and Hong Kong



# Hong Kong Challenge

Sunny Wang Lin, Year Two BBAAMIS student, and Shane LAI Wen Ping, Year Two BBAAC student, look just like other CityU students. But they're not – they belong to the very first batch of Taiwanese students who arrived at CityU three years ago.

Sunny and Shane initially found the English teaching environment challenging, but with two years of hard

work and support from their peers they are now communicating fluently. They are also learning Cantonese, making local friends and participating in extracurricular activities. They even established the CityU Taiwan Student Association and have organised activities with Taiwanese students from other local universities.

# The Future Beckons...

Both students intend to work in Hong Kong to gain international exposure and obtain their HKICPA qualifications. To achieve this, they are making extra effort to maintain excellent GPA results and grasp every opportunity available.

Sunny and Shane are planning to enter the Accounting Scholars Programme and establish connections with business leaders. Shane wants to gain hands-on experience through an internship in Hong Kong, while Sunny has her sights set on Singapore. If you could take a look at their schedules, all you would see is studying and learning. They certainly deserve all the success that comes their way.



## Spotlight: Why did you decide to study in Hong Kong?

**Shane:** It was the boldest decision that I had ever made. Studying in a foreign environment is not easy. Imagine being surrounded by a group of foreigners and taking lessons in a foreign language, suffering from homesickness and pressure from your peers. Life was challenging for the very first few months, but things have improved a lot and I'm now much more familiar with CityU.

**Sunny:** I was attracted by Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre and its vibrant lifestyle and environment. I wanted to sharpen my competitive edge by acquiring business knowledge and greater competence in English, which are essential in today's business world.

## Spotlight: Who do you admire the most?

**Shane:** Maria Sharapova, for her calmness and determination.

**Sunny:** Hello Kitty, for her pureness and simplicity.

## Spotlight: Describe your mood in terms of the weather.

**Shane:** Thunderstorm, because of my fierce competitiveness to get better grades.

**Sunny:** Sunny, because of my positive thinking and open-mindedness. Also, my name!



**Shane**  
 Programme : BBAAC  
 Place of Origin : Taipei  
 Alma Mater : Taipei Municipal Jianguo High School  
 My Favourite Place : Hall, for sleeping!



**Sunny**  
 Programme : BBAAMIS  
 Place of Origin : Keelung  
 Alma Mater : Taipei First Girls High School  
 My Favourite Place : Same as Shane!



# A Home for Taiwanese Students

When speaking of the most memorable things about Hong Kong, both students mention the CityU Taiwan Student Association. Sunny and Shane founded the Association, and have organised activities such as an orientation camp and a New Year countdown. The Association has jointly hosted events with societies from other universities to help Taiwanese students in Hong Kong better support each other.

The pair has also established an email consultancy service, through which they give advice to Taiwanese students who want to study in Hong Kong. They have received all sorts of enquiries about CityU, with the funniest being the one that asked if the student hostels offer bath tubes!

