

## College of Business First Year Teaching Award

### **Ms. Candy Jiang (Graduate Teaching Assistant)**

As a graduate of the Department of Accountancy at CityU, it is my pleasure to serve as a GTA and nurture junior students. When I graduated from CityU, I never thought that I would return to my University, work together with the respectful professors who taught me years ago, and learn from them again. The only difference is that when I was a student I learned professional knowledge from them; now, I am learning how they teach.

Learning starts even before people are born, and it never ends. That is why I changed my career from a commercial industry to education. To me, University is a utopia in the real world. Students realize their dreams through higher education. As a member of the teaching staff here, I get a sense of accomplishment from facilitating students' learning processes while also equipping myself by continuous learning in my area of teaching.

Receiving the CB First Year Teaching Award (Tutorial) for 2018/19 in recognition of my efforts to be a good teacher was a great honor for me. Deeply influenced by my professors, lecturers, mentors and tutors, I also had my own thoughts about how to conduct tutorials better. Although I encourage students to be active in tutorial discussions, I respect Asian students' general characteristic of being quiet in class while staying busy taking down notes. I believe there is no right or wrong way to behave in class. The only goal is to grasp knowledge and skills to facilitate future learning. Therefore, I always encourage students to have a private chat after class if they do not wish to raise questions during class discussions. No matter how I interact with my students, I always encourage them to become independent and effective learners, which will benefit them greatly throughout their lives.

