

TIHK Tax Debate Competition 2018 (27 May 2018)

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We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong for organizing the CTA Tax Debate Competition 2017. The competition took place in Hollywood Plaza and was accompanied by different tax advisory booths, promoting taxation to the general public, arousing public awareness of the tax profession and demonstrating its significance in today's society.

We would like to express our thanks to our dearest advisor, Dr. David Yip, for his tremendous support and inspiration throughout the competition. We were also touched by the many CityU colleagues who spent their valuable time to help us prepare for the competition.

In contrast to other competitions, the tax debate requires both an extensive knowledge of taxation and professional debating skills. With the help of our devoted professors, tutors and the feedback from the judges, we overcame the hurdles and broadened our understanding on different tax issues. Through this process of comprehensive research, data analysis, and public speaking training, we understood more about the taxation system in Hong Kong and its implications for society. However, one of the greatest rewards was to get to know my teammates by listening to their views and truly realizing the importance of teamwork. This competition will be important for our future success in learning more about the world of taxation.

The debate required us to put aside our personal relationships with our teammates and battle each other. It is important for more people to understand the taxation system in Hong Kong, its implications for society and the practical tax incentives and principles of different taxes. During the competition, we developed a solid friendship and mutual understanding with our teammates.

Many people fear public speaking. We were all first-time debaters. Participating in the tax debate allowed us to release our potential and tackle our weaknesses.



