

Long but fulfilling journey

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Like most teenagers, I had no idea what career I wanted to pursue. I was mildly interested in almost everything ranging from psychology to business and law.

After two years in university, I have realised that pursuing dreams is a much longer journey than I imagined. I know that I have to make maximum use of every learning opportunity provided by City University.

My first opportunity came when I was appointed a Student Ambassador. I received training in social and business etiquette. They were very useful skills in greeting VIPs at the university. Meeting special guests has inspired

me to think about the kind of person I want to become.

I observed a common virtue in many successful people I met - they were very humble. I believe that the world is always kinder to considerate people. I hope this theory always applies.

In Year One, I joined a student research programme, "Addicted to Discovery". It gave me the freedom to study things that amazed me the most. I conducted research on hair colour stereotypes. The most enjoyable part of the programme was the weekly meeting with our adviser and other student researchers, where we made presentations and received feedback. My biggest discovery was that I am very interested in doing research and gaining knowledge. It may be what I want to do for the rest of my life. Last year, there was another lovely surprise: my professor asked me to assist in her research.

Last summer, I went to Peking University for

an exchange programme. I really enjoyed attending classes with students from the Law School and Guanghua School of Management.

Being a Hong Kong Chinese, I noticed that due to my education background, I had developed a different learning style to those of the mainland students. This had made teamwork a lot more interesting. I loved the discussions we had at night which helped me gain a better understanding of other cultures.

Towards the end of the term, Peking University held a big party for all the 250 exchange students from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. It was a great honour that I was chosen to make a thank-you speech on behalf of all the students from the three regions, making my stay in Beijing even more unforgettable.

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All of these learning opportunities have given me hints about my future direction. This year, I have a lot to look forward to. Thanks to my department, I was nominated as the student representative on the College Board.

I have been invited to attend a meeting of senior management and teaching staff to witness "management in action". After Christmas, I will go to the National University of Singapore for another exchange programme.

Self-discovery is like running a marathon. There is a lot to experience on the way to your destination. Enjoy and appreciate every moment, until you see the finishing line where your dream awaits.