ASEAN INTERNSHIP SCHEME

For Hong Kong Higher Education Students

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China

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01 Overview

Mission

GIVE

students first-hand practical experience related to their career interest, with exposure to the socio-economic environment of the emerging ASEAN region.

CULTIVATE

students as the “ambassadors” of Hong Kong in the ASEAN region, and vice versa upon their return to Hong Kong, to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen ties.

FOSTER

exchanges at university and industry levels between Hong Kong and ASEAN member countries to unleash potential for future cross-sectoral collaborations.

GROOM

a generation of culturally savvy leaders of tomorrow to benefit both Hong Kong and ASEAN member countries.

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Achievements

The ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students (the Scheme) was initiated by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Singapore in 2014, and is now jointly coordinated by the HKETOs in Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur.

Since Inception in 2014, We have Onboarded

1046
Hong Kong students

from

13
Hong Kong institutions

In 2026

49
Hong Kong students

joined the Scheme, undertaking internships in

5
ASEAN countries

Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei

01 Overview

Participating Hong Kong Higher Education Institutions

City University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

Hong Kong Baptist University

Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Hong Kong Shue Yan University

Lingnan University

Saint Francis University

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Education University of Hong Kong

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The University of Hong Kong

01 Overview

Timeline - Indicative

	OCT 2026	NOV	DEC	JAN 2027	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Institution		PUBLICITY & NOMINATION Promote internship vacancies to students, collect and screen applications. Send nominated applications to respective Host Organisations directly.				PREPARATION Inform successful student interns of offers. Assist them in preparation before departure (visa, air tickets, accommodation, insurance etc.)		INTERNSHIP PERIOD Stay in touch with student interns overseas and provide support as necessary. Provide HKETO with data on recruitment, intern placements and student interns for emergency contact and record / analysis purpose.				EVALUATION Collate and submit Institution's and student interns' feedback to HKETO.
Student		APPLICATION Submit application(s) via respective Institution. Cooperate with Institution and Host Organisation throughout the selection process.				PREPARATION Arrange logistics (visa, air tickets, accommodation, insurance etc.) with assistance from Institution if an offer is received and accepted.		INTERNSHIP PERIOD Internship period is subject to agreement between Host Organisation and student intern.				EVALUATION Submit student intern's feedback via Institution.
Host Organisation	PROVIDE INTERN VACANCY Provide intern vacancies to respective HKETOs in Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok or Kuala Lumpur overseeing the country where the internship is located.			SELECTION, MAKE OFFER & PREPARATION Process applications received from Hong Kong Institutions. Screen CVs and conduct online / phone interviews where appropriate. Inform offer decisions / answer enquiries through respective Institutions. Support the preparation of successful student interns.				INTERNSHIP PERIOD Internship period is subject to agreement between Host Organisation and student intern.				EVALUATION Submit Host Organisation's feedback to HKETO.

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Key Features

Highlights of the Scheme

Eligibility to be an Intern

- Primarily open to full-time local undergraduate students from the 13 participating Hong Kong Institutions.
- Postgraduate and non-local undergraduate full-time students may also be considered at the discretion of the Institutions and Host Organisations, subject to any applicable visa/ entry requirements of the internship country concerned (e.g. Singapore has an upper age limit of 25 for Work Holiday Pass holders).
- Exchange students whose home institutions are not among the participating Hong Kong Institutions are not eligible for the Scheme.

Internship Period

- A minimum of 4-week physical internship outside Hong Kong during summer break of students (generally between May and August).
- Host Organisations may indicate the preferred period, while the actual internship period is subject to agreement with student interns.
- Remote or virtual internship entirely in Hong Kong is not accepted.

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Key Features

Highlights of the Scheme

Logistical Arrangements

- Air tickets, accommodation, visa, insurance etc. are to be arranged by student interns with the assistance from respective Hong Kong Institutions, as well as the facilitation from respective Host Organisations.

Internship Vacancies

- In previous years, the Scheme offered over 100 internship vacancies annually across a wide range of disciplines in various ASEAN countries, catering to the professional aspirations and academic interests of students. Vacancy information collected from Host Organisations, including job scope and specific requirements, is disseminated to students through respective Hong Kong Institutions.

Number of Vacancies of Each Host Organisation

- The more the better, subject to the capacity and need of individual Host Organisation.

Honorarium for Student Interns

- Optional and at the discretion of individual Host Organisation.

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For Students

Reasons to Join the Scheme

ASEAN is one of the most vibrant and fast-growing regions:

- world's 5th largest economy
- Hong Kong's 2nd largest trading partner

First-hand experience to hone professional skills and develop career interest, gain new insights and perspectives from others' practices, and learn to collaborate with people from a different culture.

Explore the scenery and rich cultural fabric of ASEAN countries. Embark on a transformative journey that combines work and travel with deep cultural exchanges.

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For Students

Roles of Student Interns

1. Cooperate closely with Institution and Host Organisation(s) on the application and selection process, and handle the logistical and administrative matters if an internship offer is received and accepted.

2. Diligently complete the assigned internship duties in a professional and responsible manner.

3. Act as an ambassador for Hong Kong, promoting a positive image of the city and sharing its good stories with others.

4. Submit student evaluation form and photos via Institution after internship. Give prior consent for Institution and HKETOs to use the materials for publicity purposes.

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For Institutions

Roles of Hong Kong Institutions

1

Publicise internship opportunities to students, collect and screen applications, nominate candidates with CVs to Host Organisations. Be the contact point between students and Host Organisations before offers are made.

2

Provide information to student interns on available financial support (e.g. scholarships and subsidy schemes) to facilitate their participation in the Scheme.

3

Provide support and guidance to student interns on logistical preparation (e.g. air tickets, accommodation, visa application, etc.) and throughout the internship.

4

Ensure students are appropriately and sufficiently insured before embarking on the overseas internship.

5

Inform HKETO in Singapore of successful placements and provide relevant information and statistics, for the purposes of emergency contact, record-keeping and data analysis.

05 For Host Organisations

Reasons to Join the Scheme

Tap the creative minds and varied skills of Hong Kong's young generation.

Bring in cross-cultural experience to your workplace.

Identify potential talents to assist in your future expansion in ASEAN or Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Build networks with some of the potential future leaders of ASEAN.

05 For Host Organisations

Reasons to Join the Scheme

Celebration of Academic Excellence

Hong Kong is one of the top education hubs with 5 universities ranking among the global's top 100.

Arts

Business

Engineering

Healthcare

Wide Spectrum of Academic Disciplines

Our energetic students from 13 institutions come with diverse expertise and fresh ideas that can provide value for Host Organisations.

Hospitality

Law

Science

Social Science

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For Host Organisations

Roles of Host Organisations

1. Offer internship opportunit(ies) with clearly defined job scope and requirements, and a safe and compliant work environment.

2. Timely process applications received from Hong Kong Institutions, including screening CVs and conducting online/ phone interviews where appropriate, and notify offer decisions/ answer enquiries through respective Institutions.

3. Provide necessary mentorship and supervision to student intern(s) for immersion of industry environment.

4. Offer necessary advice and administrative facilitation (e.g. letter of offer) to support student interns before and during the internship, and in the event of any emergency.

06 Intern Stories

From Our 2026 Interns

SHI Choi Yan
The Education University of Hong Kong
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Integrated Environmental Management
Host Organisation: *UBD Botanical Research Centre, Institute for Biodiversity and Environmental Research*

Brunei

During these two memorable months, I participated in a range of research, conservation and educational activities. This internship sparked my determination to pursue a career as an ecologist.

Thailand, Bangkok

CHEN Kin Shing
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Scheme in Aviation Engineering
Host Organisation: *Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd*

Working closely with licensed aircraft engineers and senior mechanics, I gained first-hand exposure to a diverse fleet, including the A320, A330, A350, Boeing 777 and 747, effectively bridging classroom theory with real-world aircraft engineering practice.

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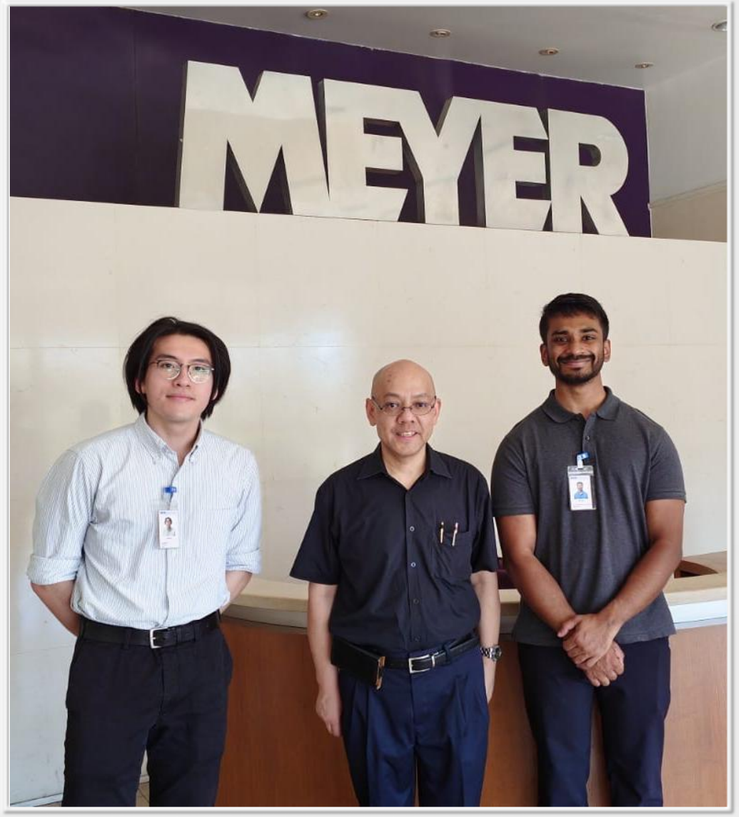
DENG Yiman
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Master of Arts in Japanese Studies
Host Organisation: *Singapore Film Society*

Singapore

"One of the most rewarding aspects was attending a variety of events, meetings, and film screenings, which broadened my understanding of film programming, audience engagement, and the cultural role of independent cinemas and film festivals."



Thailand, Si Racha, Chon Buri

BUI Man Chung
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
Host Organisation: *Meyer Industries Ltd*

"It was a demanding but rewarding introduction to applying mechanical engineering in a real manufacturing environment. Beyond work, I met great people and made friends during my short stay in Thailand. They were very friendly and welcomed me into their lives."

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"Living on my own in a new city, adapting to a different pace of work, and speaking up during meetings all pushed me to step outside my comfort zone and grow."

WANG Zhicheng
City University of Hong Kong
Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy
Host Organisation: *ICHAM Pte Ltd*

Singapore

RAHMAN Rifqi Aunur
The University of Hong Kong
Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resource Management
Host Organisation: *Hong Kong Trade Development Council (Jakarta)*

Indonesia, Jakarta

"This experience showed me how important it is to remain open-minded, proactive and willing to learn in a fast-changing professional environment."

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Snapshots of Activities Organised by HKETOs

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