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Summer Internship Report

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Workplace: Hong Kong Museum of History

Introduction

This July, I joined department summer internship program and worked in Extension Service Unit of Hong Kong Museum of History. Extension Service Unit is responsible for school education and public service, education corner in exhibitions, education booklet for exhibitions.

My workplace and major job

There are two other students from CUHK history major having the same internship. I was the last one starting my internship in this unit in this summer as they had started their work from June. Therefore, in the first day, I asked about what they have done and had a look about their work. Because of space limit in office, we worked in activity room in ground floor.

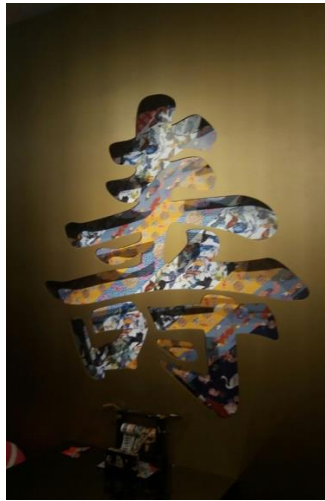
The first major job is to prepare PowerPoints that would be used in public talk about transports and heritages. However, my partners who started working from June had prepared much of them, so I only checked whether the PowerPoints have problems or not.

On the other hand, as Museum of History has a special exhibition which is The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series: Longevity and Virtues: Birthday Celebrations of the Qing Emperors and Empress Dowagers and our unit is responsible for the education corner of the exhibition, I took a look about the corner and reported what should be improved. In addition, I was allowed to have a look on the Hong Kong Story so as to know more about how the museum presents an exhibition.

Although I did not have much work on the current exhibition, I was ordered to think about the education pamphlet for the next exhibition about the Silk Road. I discussed with my partners and we designed the pamphlet. However, after we handed in our ideas, the supervisor told us to do research as the major work for pamphlet is to search the information about the exhibits so that even when the public has a question about the

pamphlet, they can tell where such information comes from. Therefore, we search about places that the Silk Road passes through, the history and traditional culture of the places, etc. Most of the working time, I did research on it.

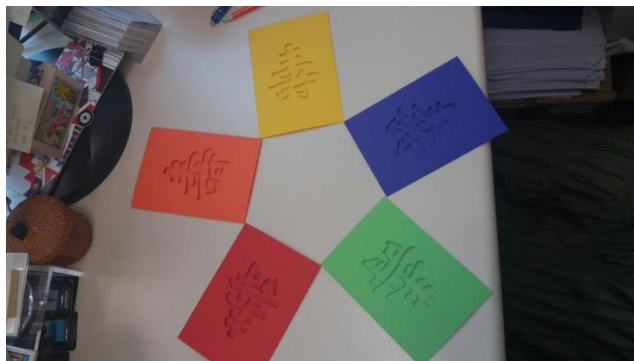
The last major work is about the big exhibition next year. Supervisor said our unit is responsible for the education corner of the big exhibition. Therefore, she asked us to think about the education corner and find information. However, with time limit, we did not research much on this exhibition.



There is a big word in the middle of the education corner



The materials used in the corner for the public



Different cards are prepared for the corner

Other work or activities

Rather than the major works, I also helped an activity which is teacher ceremony. It was divided into 2 parts. First part was held in the hall in ground floor. Mr. Wong would give a talk on the special exhibition. Teachers were welcomed only as the talk would talk about how the museum prepared the exhibition and why they prepared in that way. The second part is to visit the exhibition guided by Mr. Wong. I was responsible to help the check in process and take photos in the event. It was difficult to define teachers in the counter as some people might not be teachers but they tried to get into the ceremony. There was another competition held by our unit for the secondary students. However, because of enough human resources, we did not help or participate in the activity.

Feelings

I am glad to have an unforgettable internship in Extension Service Unit. I learnt how the museum separates work and experienced the behind screen of the exhibitions. I got to know more about multiple tasking and what should be prepared before holding an exhibition. This July, I felt very thankful for supervisors Priscilla and Ching for their help. They were welcome to share their experiences and problem- solving skills. This internship is special, memorable and valuable.



Pricilla (left) and other internship (right)



Ching (left) and other internship (right)