

## **Internship Report**

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I am so grateful for the internship opportunity given by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) and the Department of Anthropology. During the 4-week internship programme in August, I was assigned to work in the Archaeology Sub-unit, which is Hong Kong Archaeological Archive located in Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building. This internship experience, practical knowledge, and skills widened my horizon and provide me a deeper comprehension of the archaeology work in Hong Kong.

During my internship period, my jobs can be divided into two parts. The first two weeks are the first part, I was assigned to work in the Institute of Chinese Studies, CUHK. As Professor Tang Chung is going to retire, according to the law, the artefacts which obtained from his archaeological excavations in Hong Kong, need to be returned to AMO for preserve and keep the record. In this period, I saw many artefacts unearthed in different places, including Tai Wan, Tung Wan, and Pa Tau Kwu. Stones and ceramics are the main objects excavated in these places. My job is packing these artefacts into sealed bags and use different materials such as acid free tissue papers to protect them in the boxes. This can prevent them from being damaged during the delivery process. There, I can learn about how to the handling artefacts and artefacts' conservation which something is I didn't learn in the university classes.

Then, the next two weeks, we mainly worked in the Hong Kong Archaeological Archive. Our major task was to register the excavated artefacts. All the artefacts stored in AMO will be given an accession number which represent the unearthed year of the object and the excavation project it belongs to. Beside accession number, there is also an object number given by the archaeologist which mentioned the object unearthed location. We need to write these numbers on the specific card and a label stick onto the sealed bag. In addition, we need to measure the length, width, height and weight of the artefacts, so that it can reduced the preparations needed of the exhibition in the future. During the work, the colleagues introduced us the artefacts of different periods and their characteristics, such as the pattern on the ceramic. At the same time, they would ask some questions to help us have more reflections on museums and archaeological work.

The valuable experience gained in this internship has made me clearly know more about the direction and goals of my employment planning in the future, and I understand how to equip myself to prepare for my future career planning. This internship has improved my interest in archaeological work and has trained some of my skills in dealing with others, such as communication and cooperation. Finally, I am very thankful to the Department of Anthropology for giving me a rare internship opportunity and the patient teaching of the AMO staff.