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My colleague hosting a game with the junior secondary students in the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Center

I am deeply thankful for the internship opportunity given by the department of anthropology and Antiquities and Monuments Office. During June and July, 2014, I was granted with the position curator assistant and worked in the archaeological repository in Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building. The colleagues there were helpful, friendly and more than willing to teach me more. My internship experience is fruitful and rewarding.

During my internship period, my major duty was to re-organize all Hong Kong archaeological reports from chronological to regional order, and edit the related computer data accordingly. Other than this task, my colleagues always welcomed me to accompany them to their workplaces so as to enable me to learn more about the nature of AMO, and had hand-on experiences whenever possible. For example, they brought me to Tai Po to visit the celebration of the birthday of Fan Sin Kung. Apart from appreciating the ceremony, my colleagues also explained to me in detail the role AMO played throughout the preservation of Wun Yiu culture and their routine check-ups with the heritages there. In addition, I also had the opportunity to meet up the indigenous people to learn about their comments on the government's work. Another team of colleagues brought me to an excavation site in So Kwun Wat and shared with

me their experiences in participating the famous rescue excavations there more than 10 years ago, when many precious cultural remains from Late Neolithic Period, Han Dynasty and Ming Dynasty were found. They also gave me a wonderful lecture on both the mental and practical assessment of a new field site, and taught me to use the measuring apparatus on-site. Besides field trips, my friendly boss, Ms Carmen Wong, brought me to the Maritime Museum, where I learnt about how this one-and-only private and mesmerizing museum in Hong Kong operated, and helped the AMO staff with the routine checking of the artifacts which were borrowed. I also went to the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre a several times, in order to help with the weekly maintenance of their exhibition sites, and to observe how my colleague prepared the archaeology talk, games and tours in attempt to arouse the interest of archaeology amongst junior secondary students. Other than paying visits, a colleague gave me a workshop on archaeological rubbing, which gave me the opportunity to touch the artefacts and transcribe their patterns onto paper. The process was of great fun and at the same time prompted me to re-assess the challenges behind every retrieved data in archaeology.



The excavation site in So Kwun Wat

Throughout the internship, not only did I understand the work of AMO more deeply, I was also given the opportunity to discuss Hong Kong archaeology and related issues with the professionals. I was grateful of how much I had gained from this internship experience.