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I was very fortunate to be granted the internship opportunity by the Department of Anthropology and the Hong Kong Maritime Museum during the last summer. The Hong Kong Maritime, which locates at Pier No. 8, is dedicated to preserving and promoting maritime history in Hong Kong as well as in the Pearl River Delta. During my internship period from 3 August to 7 September 2015, I served the Education Team, Marketing Team and Curatorial Team of the museum, each of which had different tasks.

Education Team

The Education Team aims to raise the public's, especially primary and secondary students', awareness and interest in maritime history as well as current development by holding different activities. I assisted the team with the baseline assessment of the museum's current project to fund students who have financial difficulties to visit the museum, which includes researching on family income distribution of the 18 districts and compiling a school mailing list. Another task that I was assigned was to review and update the activity sheet that the museum distribute to students. I also helped the team to run workshops and prepare for future workshops. I was required to prepare the event materials, pick up the guests and deal with public enquiries. These experiences enhanced not only my ability to organize events, but also my understanding on how museums connect and interact with the community.

Marketing Team

As a non-profit registered charity, the Hong Kong Maritime museum has to raise fund sustain its operation. Therefore, it is very important for the Marketing Team to build and promote the museum's brand name. During the week with the marketing team, I main task was to compile a media clipping record for the museum, which includes information such as media coverage, estimated market value, etc. Also, I designed a flyer for the museum's member recruitment scheme. These tasks are new and interesting to me; it helps me to understand how a private museum operates in a business setting.

Curatorial Team

I assisted the Curatorial Team in the last 2 weeks of my internship. My tasks included researching

and writing captions or descriptions for future display items. I was required to obtain relevant information from the internet, books, old journals, etc., through which I was able to how to select useful information from a huge amount of materials. More importantly, I learnt a lot more about the recent history of Hong Kong through reading the books and journals that I could seldom access. Upon the end of my internship, I assisted the curators to remove items from the “Made in Hong Kong: Our City, Our Story” exhibition. It was really an invaluable experience for me as I could understand the work that a museum has to do behind an exhibition.

All in all, my internship experience had been very rewarding ad fruitful. I must take this opportunity to thank my supervisors and colleagues who had been helpful and encouraging. Without their help and guidance, I could never learn so much from this internship experience.