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Thanks to the opportunity provided by Department of Anthropology CUHK, I got my first internship working in the Hong Kong Maritime Museum this summer. The Hong Kong Maritime Museum, located at Central Ferry Pier No.8, devotes to the maritime history, port development and navigation knowledge. I started my internship at May 26 and devoted to my work for 6 weeks. My duty was mainly divided into 3 parts:

(1) Assisting in organizing an International Symposium

On my first day of the internship, I had already been told that I was going to work with my colleagues to organize an international symposium called “Mapping Ming China’s Maritime World – The Selden Map and Treasures from the University of Oxford”, which would be held two weeks from then. I was so nervous because that would be my first time to assist in such a big event. I had to plan a detailed logistic rundown, with preparations of all materials needed for the symposium, including picking up the speakers to the museum. The preparation was really an unforgettable experience, as I was taught and required to think of every single detail and any possible challenges we might encounter. It definitely enhanced my understanding and ability of organizing an event.

(2) Conducting research for the upcoming exhibition in 2015

My second task was to help curators to conduct research for the upcoming exhibition. As a bunch of items are going to be displayed in the exhibition, I was also assigned to gather information and write descriptions for several items. It was not an easy task as I had to analyze information gathered from different resources. Moreover, there was word limit for descriptions, which made the task more difficult. Facing the great amount of information, one of my colleagues told me to try to focus on the most significant and special part of an object. It inspired me a lot because it was impossible to include all the information in descriptions. What curators do is to show the significance of an object related to the main theme of an exhibition to the public. Besides, I was also glad to have a chance to have a meeting with Sales and Marketing Director of Peak Tramways Company Limited & The Peak Tower Limited. It was really a fruitful experience to know more about the Peak Tram history.

(3) Helping for Education and Public Programmes

My last task during my internship was to provide help for the Education and Public Programmes. The aim of the team is to promote and interest students and the public in maritime

history and current issues. I had assisted the team in running school tours and Saturday talks. Besides, with the aim to promote maritime history and related issues to the public, I had also been asked to build a list of community and charity groups and check the school mailing list to see whether more groups will be able to access to the museum.

Apart from the tasks aforementioned, I also assisted in removing objects for an exhibition, conducting an opening ceremony for a special exhibition, establishing a sponsorship database, distributing leaflets for events and so on. All in all, this internship experience was very fruitful that it enhanced my understanding of what a museum is doing behind exhibitions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my professors and colleagues at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum for giving me such an amazing internship experience this summer.