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Internship Report

It is glad to have an internship offer provided by Department of Anthropology. I am thankful to have an opportunity to work in the Antiquities and Monument Office (AMO) this summer. During the 4 weeks internship at the archaeological unit of AMO in July, the working experience increased the understanding of duties and working flow of the archaeological unit.

My first duty of internship was learning how to do the accession for the artefacts which excavated in Hong Kong by licensed archaeologists or organizations. There is a standard process for the accession just like books in library in order to find the certain artefacts out later. First, we have to collect data, taking photos of each artefacts and well-packed them before putting them into storage. After that, we need to insert the data in the online system, which helped to sort out all the artefacts excavated record in Hong Kong. I was assigned to handle the projects of Yim Tin Tsai excavated in 2016, Tung Long Chau excavated in 2016 and 2018 and Kowloon Sacred Hill excavated in 2012. It is interesting that artefacts found in Hong Kong were similar and mostly belong to New Stone Age, Han Dynasty and Song Dynasty. It is a good opportunity for me to have a better understanding for it and applied my knowledge form the archaeology lessons.

Another duty during internship was classifying copper coins. There is around four thousand coins were found in a farmland which were included coins molded in different period and my job is to classify them. As those coins were oxidized, it is difficult to identify the words on it. After working on this for one week, we found that coins molded during Song Dynasty are the majority. It is excited to discovered that

there are coins molded in different dynasty and partners of internship were passionate to find the molding period of it which is an unforgettable experience.

All in all, I am thankful that colleagues were glad to teach me a lot of archaeological knowledge and the running of AMO which gave me more information for my career planning. It is also a great time for me to think about the archaeology in Hong Kong. We can see that the storage of artefacts needs a high standard on environment but how can we get enough spaces for them as we excavated more artefacts based on developing purpose in Hong Kong. It is hoped that the government would consider the issues and make a better planning on it.



Photo with colleagues in AMO