

Where did the 1998 B.Sc. graduates go ?

I. Introduction

The information contained in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 1998 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science graduates : -

- . How were they employed six months after graduation ?
- . Of those who pursued further studies, what programmes did they follow ?
- Of those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to secure their first job offer ?
- . In which sectors were they employed ?
- . How much did they receive in salary ?
- . How many job offers did they receive ?
- . Who were their employers and what were their job titles ?

II. Employment Situation in 1998

Out of 502 B.Sc. graduates, 433 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 86%. Of these, 59% (or 256 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 24% (or 103 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 16% (or 70 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	B.Sc.								HKU Overall*							
	Total				Male				Female							
	'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
No. of respondents	433	100	398	100	223	100	195	100	210	100	203	100	2383	100	2212	100
F/T employed	256	59.1	298	74.9	143	64.1	141	72.3	113	53.8	157	77.3	1701	71.4	1829	80.5
P/T employed seeking F/T job	22	5.1	8	2.0	10	4.5	4	2.1	12	5.7	4	2.0	94	3.9	37	1.6
Unemployed seeking F/T job	48	11.1	17	4.3	25	11.2	11	5.6	23	11.0	6	3.0	157	6.6	53	2.3
Further studies	153	23%	73	18.3	43	19.3	39	20.0	60	28.6	34	16.7	413	17.3	339	14.9
Emigration/home country	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1	4	0.2
Not seeking F/T job	4	0.9	2	0.5	2	0.9	0	0	2	1.0	2	1.0	15	0.6	10	0.4

Table 1. Employment situation

* HKU overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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III. Further Studies

Compared with 1997, there were more graduates going on for further studies (24% vs. 18%). Of the 103 graduates who pursued further studies, more than a half of the graduates took up postgraduate programmes in the same discipline as their first degree. Of these, most of them were enrolled in local tertiary institutions, three graduates went to U.K and one graduate each went to U.S.A. and Australia. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Fields of Study	<i>Academic programmes</i>					
	<i>Ph.D.</i>	<i>M.Phil.</i>	<i>Master (Coursework)</i>	<i>Postgraduate Certificate</i>	<i>Bachelor's Degree</i>	<i>Others</i>
<i>Science</i>	3	43	10			1
<i>Medical Science</i>		12	4			
<i>Medical Physics</i>		1				
<i>Pharmacology</i>		1				
<i>Urban Planning/Studies</i>			4			
<i>Computer Science</i>			2		1	
<i>Environmental Management</i>			1			
<i>Social Sciences</i>			1			
<i>Business Administration/Management</i>			1			
<i>Education</i>				16		
<i>Quantity Surveying/Surveying</i>				1		

No Response = 1

Table 2. Academic programmes

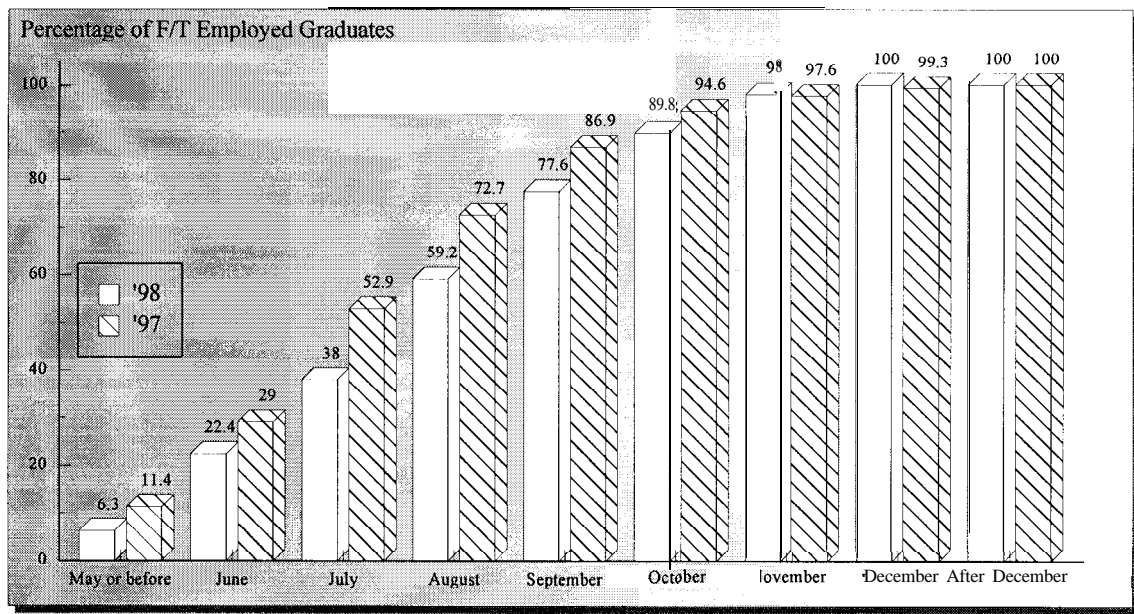
Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
<i>Own Funds</i>	25
<i>Teaching Assistantship/Studentship</i>	58
<i>Full Scholarship</i>	2
<i>Scholarship & Teaching Assistantship/Studentship</i>	7
<i>Government Grant & Loan</i>	11

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

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IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates who were in full-time employment, 78% secured their first job offer before the end of September. The figure increased to 100% by the end of December. (Figure 1)

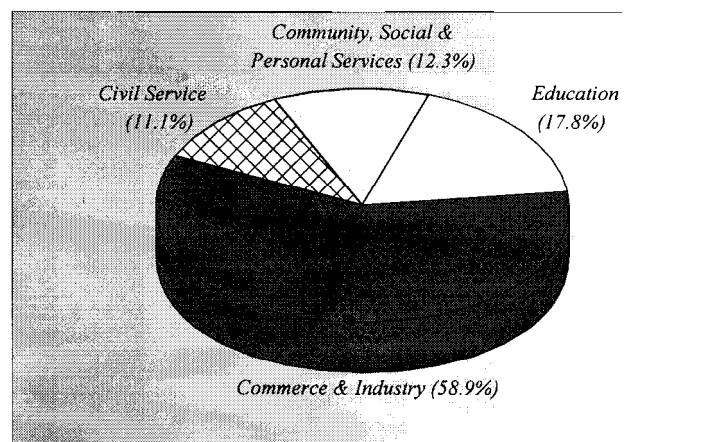


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Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

V. Employment Sectors

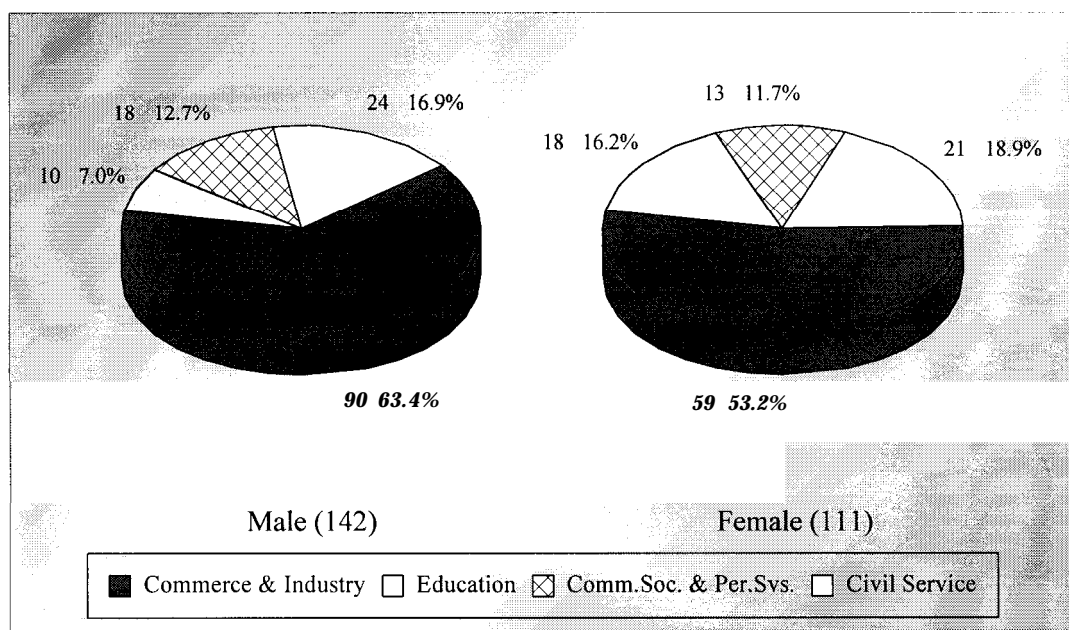
59% (or 149 graduates) of the B.Sc. graduates were employed in commerce & industry, followed by 18 (or 45 graduates) in the education sector and 12% (or 31 graduates) in the community, social & personal services. Another 11% (or 28 graduates) joined the civil service. (Figures 2 & 3)



No Response = 3

Figure 2. Employment sectors

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Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the B.Sc. graduates is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	B.Sc.		HKU Average*		B.Sc.		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
Mean	\$11,372	\$12,179	\$15,496	\$15,749	\$12,624	\$14,094	\$16,557	\$17,552
Median	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,300	\$12,500	\$10,833	\$13,000	\$13,325	\$14,521
Minimum	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$4,400	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Maximum	\$32,000	\$54,000	\$58,000	\$59,000	\$32,000	\$74,000	\$59,000	\$74,000

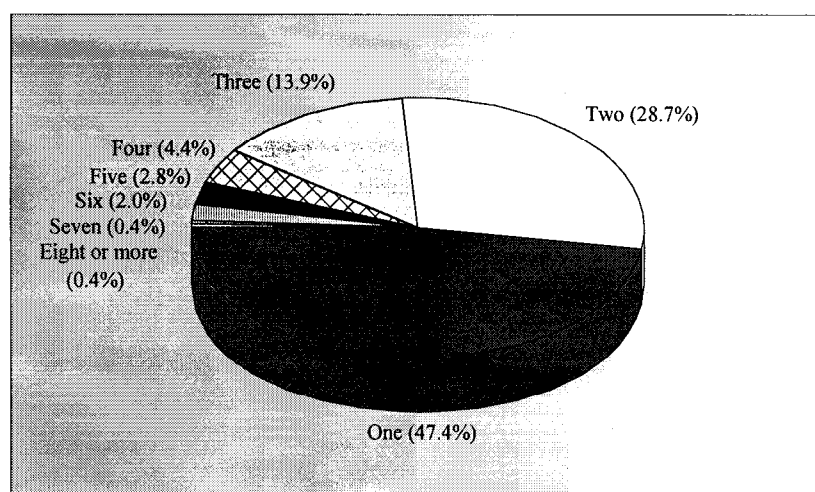
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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, 53% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 24% reported having received three to eight or more job offers. On average, each graduate received 2.0 job offers. (Figure 4)



No Response = 5

Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the B.Sc. graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers :</u>	<u>Job Titles :</u>
CIVIL SERVICE -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . HKSAR - Civil Aviation Department . HKSAR - Civil Aviation Department . HKSAR - Civil Aviation Department . HKSAR - Civil Engineering Department . HKSAR - Civil Engineering Department . HKSAR - Civil Engineering Department . HKSAR - Fire Services Department . HKSAR - Fire Services Department . HKSAR - Hong Kong Police Force . HKSAR - Lands Department . HKSAR - Post Office . HKSAR - Regional Services Department . HKSAR - Regional Services Department . HKSAR - Regional Services Department . HKSAR - The Provisional Regional Council . HKSAR - The Provisional Urban Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Traffic Flight Services Officer . Student Air Travel Control Officer . Student Flight Traffic Services Officer . Engineering Geology Graduate . Engineering Geology Graduate . Engineering Geology Graduate . Senior Fire Officer . Station Officer . Probationary Inspector . Executive Officer . Postal Officer . Health Inspector . Health Inspector . Health Inspector . Health Inspector

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- HKSAR - Urban Services Department . Health Inspector
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EDUCATION -

- Aberdeen Technical School . Graduate Master
- . Chan Shu Kui Memorial School . Graduate Master
- . De La Salle Secondary School . Certificate Master
- . Delia Memorial School . Certificate Master
- . Fukien Middle School . Certificate Master
- . Future College . Tutor
- . Gloria English School . Tutor
- . Helen Liang Memorial Secondary School . Laboratory Technician
- . HK Sze Yap Commercial & Industrial Association • Certificate Master
- Wong Tai Shan Memorial College
- . Ho Dao School • Graduate Master
- . Ho Lap College . Graduate Master
- . Hong Kong College of Management . Tutor
- . Hong Kong Institute of Education . Clerical Officer
- . Hong Kong School for the Deaf . Teaching Assistant
- . Lui Ming Choi Lutheran School . Certificate Master
- . Maria College . Graduate Master
- . Maria College . Certificate Master
- . Mong Kok Workers' Children School . Administrative Clerk
- . SKH All Saint's Middle School . Certificate Master
- . St Teresa's School . Certificate Master
- . STSA Leung Kit Wah Primary School . Certificate Master
- . The Chinese University of Hong Kong . Research Assistant
- . The Chinese University of Hong Kong . Research Assistant
- . The Chinese University of Hong Kong . Teaching Assistant
- . The University of Hong Kong . Research Assistant
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- . The University of Hong Kong . Research Assistant
- . The University of Hong Kong . Research Assistant
- . The University of Hong Kong . Teaching Assistant
- . The University of Hong Kong . Technical Assistant
- . TWGHs C Y Ma Charity Fund Practical School • Certificate Master
- . Wanchai Church Kei To School . Supply Teacher
- . YCH Lan Chi Pat Memorial Secondary School • Certificate Master
- . Organization's name not reported . Certificate Master
- . Organization's name not reported . Clerical Officer
- . Organization's name not reported . Executive Assistant
- . Organization's name not reported . Graduate Master
- . Organization's name not reported . Graduate Master
- . Organization's name not reported . Graduate Master
- . Organization's name not reported . Research Assistant

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COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & PERSONAL SERVICES -

• Airport Authority HK	. Airport Information Assistant
• Brilliant Learning Centre	. Tutor
• Caritas St Joseph's Institute for Further & Adult Education	• Program Officer
• Hong Kong Language Learning Centre	. Education Officer
• Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association	• Programme Officer
• Hong Kong Productivity Council	. Customer Services Assistant
• Hong Kong Society of Accountants	. Administrative Assistant
• Hong Kong Society of Accountants	. Clerk
• Hospital Authority	. Clerk
• Hospital Authority	. Student Nurse
. Kowloon Hospital	. Clerk
. Kwong Wah Hospital	. Human Resources Assistant
. Sai Kung District Community Centre	. Welfare Worker
. The Conservancy Association	. Education Officer
. The Conservancy Association	. Education Officer
. The Conservancy Association	. Program Officer
. The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital	. Clerk
. The Office of Legislative Councillor	. Legislative Councillor Assistant
. The Salvation Army Community & Study Centre	• Tutor
. United Christian Hospital	. Student Nurse
. Wisar Club Ltd	. Health Care Consultant
. Wisar Club Ltd	. Health Care Consultant
. Organization's name not reported	. Assistant
. Organization's name not reported	. Clerk
. Organization's name not reported	. Coordinator
. Organization's name not reported	. Tutor

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -

. 9 & Nine (HK) Trading Co Ltd	. Business Development Assistant
. Adams Securforce (International) Ltd	. Executive Secretary
. AIC Telecom Ltd	. Computer Operator
. Alpha Metals (HK) Ltd	. Production Manager
. America Advertising Ltd	. Copywriter
. American International Assurance Co Ltd	. Financial Planner
. Amoy Food Ltd	. Research Technician
. Apple Daily Ltd	. Cadet Reporter
. Artist Empire Jewellery Manufactory Co	. Assistant Export Executive
. Astra Pharmaceuticals (HK) Ltd	. Medical Representative
. ATI Technologies (HK) Inc	. Network Specialist
. Australian Medic-Care Co Ltd	. Sales Supervisor
. Autodesk (Far East) Ltd	. Technical Support Engineer
. Bah Mei Label Ltd	. Sales Representative
. Bio-Rad Pacific Ltd	. Project Coordinator
. Bumatech Co Ltd	. Marketing Officer
. Canadian Eastern Life Assurance Ltd	. Underwriter
. Cedar Base Electronic Ltd	. Marketing Executive
. Chartersince Realty	. Marketing Officer
. Chesterton Petty Ltd	. Field Assistant
. Chesterton Petty Ltd	. Field Assistant
. Chi Shing Drilling Engineering Co Ltd	. Assistant Geologist
. Chinese Television Network	. Assistant Librarian

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• Chinetek Scientific	• Product Specialist
• Chung Shun Boring Engineering Co Ltd	• Geologist
• Citicon Advertising & Direct Marketing	• Chinese Copywriter
• Citigate Dewe Rogerson (China) Ltd	• Receptionist/Clerk
• City Base Property Management Ltd	• Customer Services Assistant
• City Base Property Management Ltd	• Property Assistant
• City Telecom	• Customer Services Executive
• City Telecom	• Management Trainee
• Classroom Publication Ltd	• Editor
• CMA Testing & Certification Laboratories	• Laboratory Technician
• Cocanli Services Ltd	• Account Executive
• Crystal Group of Company	• Material Utilization Assistant
• Denetron International (HK) Ltd	• Sales Engineer
• Discovery Bay City Management Co Ltd	• Assistant Estate Officer
• Eagle Star	• Senior Consultant
• Elleton International (HK) Ltd	• Sales Engineer
• Empire International Exchange (HK) Co Ltd	• Account Manager
• ESA Consulting Engineers Co Ltd	• Assistant Engineering Geologist
• Excel Consultancy Ltd	• Programmer Trainee
• Excel Good Consultant Ltd	• Assistant
• First Mangement Co	• Coordinator
• Fisher Scientific (HK) Ltd	• Sales Representative
• Fisher Scientific Worldwide	• Sales Executive
• Fitness Concept Leisure Supplies Ltd	• Sales Executive
• Foundation Technical Ltd	• Technical Engineer
• Francise So & Co	• Clerk
• Gammon Construction Ltd	• Assistant Geologist
• Gilman Office Automation	• Sales Executive
• Giordano Ltd	• Trainee
• Global Finance & Banking Services	• Information Technology Consultant
• Gold Court Property Management Ltd	• Estate Assistant
• Golden Mart Industrial Ltd	• Sales Engineer
• Grand-Tech Industrial Ltd	• Product Design Assistant
• HAL Industry	• Sales Executive
• Hong Kong Sales (Knitwear) Ltd	• Merchandising Assistant
• Hong Kong Telecom	• Customer Service Representative
• Hong Kong Telecom	• Senior Sales Representative
• HongkongBank	• Customer Services Assistant
• IBS Systems Ltd	• Programmer
• Innovex Group	• Medical Representative
• Intex	• Management Trainee
• ITIS	• Software Engineer Trainee
• Iwasaki Electric HK	• Sales Executive
• Jade Dragon Trading Co Ltd	• Accountant
• Johnson & Johnson (HK) Ltd	• Account Specialist
• Kenki Architectural Products Ltd	• Marketing Executive
• Kenki Architectural Products Ltd	• Marketing Executive
• Kessel Electronic Ltd	• Assistant Engineer
• Kien Kuen Ltd	• Sales Assistant
• Kim Shing Construction Co Ltd	• Assistant Quantity Surveyor
• Kyohei Denki (HK) Ltd	• Marketing Executive
• L S Collection (HK) Ltd	• Executive Trainee
• Leo Chemical Industries Ltd	• Quality Control Officer
• Les Must De Cartier (Far East) Ltd	• Sales Associate
• Lindy Williams Ltd	• Library Assistant
• Love11 White Durrant	• Administrative Clerk

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• Manhattan Press (HK) Ltd	. Assistant Editor
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. Merck Sharp & Dohme (Asia) Ltd	. Medical Information Associate
. Midas Printing Ltd	. Production Management Trainee
. MMBPI	. Engineering Geologist
. Montgomery Watson (HK) Ltd	. Assistant Resident Engineer
. Multiable Company	. Programmer
. MVA (HK) Ltd	. Graduate Transport Planner
• MVA (HK) Ltd	. Graduate Transport Planner
. Namco Enterprise (Asia) Ltd	. Supervisor
. Namco Enterprise (Asia) Ltd	. Supervisor Trainee
. New World Telephone	. Programmer
. New York Life Insurance Ltd	. Underwriter
. Next Media	. Copywriter
. Nicko International Ltd	. Application Engineer Trainee
. Oasis Consultant Co Ltd	. Account Executive
. Oasis Consultant Co Ltd	. Account Executive
. Ocean Park Corporation	. Assistant Education Coordinator
. Ocean Park Corporation	. Marine Mammal Handler
. Oriental Daily Press Group	. Programmer
. Oriental Press Group	. Reporter
. Pacific Satellite International Ltd	. Technical Sales Executive
. Paper Communication Publications Ltd	. Editor
. Pedorthic Technology Ltd	. Assistant Pedorthist
. Peninsula Clubs & Consultancy Services Ltd	. Supplies Clerk
. Pfizer Corporation	. Sales Representative
. Poppy & Michael Co Ltd	. Assistant Marketing Sales Executive
. Prudential Assurance Co Ltd	. Insurance Consultant
. Rhodia HK Ltd	. Medical Representative
. Service Group Ltd	. Executive Officer
. Servier (HK) Ltd	. Medical Representative
. Shiu Wing Steel Ltd	. Material Supplies Clerk
. Shui On Construction Co Ltd	. Project Assistant
. Shun Cheong Shoulder Pad Factory Ltd	. Sales Executive
. Shun Hing Paper Company	. Account Executive
. Sin Hua Bank	. Junior programmer
. Smartone Mobile communication Ltd	. China Operation Trainee
. SNK Asia Ltd	. Promotion Assistant
. Staff Services (HK) Ltd	. Tele-marketer
. Success Piano Co	. Program Officer
. Swindon Book Co Ltd	. Sales Executive
. Swing Industrial Limited	. Computer Operator
. Sybase (HK) Ltd	. Associate I. T. Specialist
. Sze Chung Computer Co	. Computer Tutor
. Tai Mei Metal Co Ltd	. Administrative Officer
. Tai Nam Co Ltd	. Senior Clerk
. Tak Kai Construction & Transporatation Co	. Assistant Safety Officer
. Terraform-FGS Ltd	. Assistant Geologist
. The Connection	. Programmer
. Thomas Cook Currency Exchange Ltd	• Customer Service Representative
. Tseyu International Trading Co Ltd	. Sales Executive
. Universal Pharmaceutical Lab Ltd	. Sales Representative
. Vanda Group	• Associate System Engineer
. Wah Ming Hong	• Quality Control Supervisor
. Wing On Travel	. Counter Services Officer
. Wong's Circuits (PTH) Ltd	. Assistant Engineer

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• Wong's Circuits (PTH) Ltd	. Assistant Engineer
. World Tracer Ltd	. Senior Marketing Assistant
. Wyeth (HK) Ltd	. Sales Representative
. WYS System Ltd	. Sales Executive
. Yeebo LCD Ltd	. Customer Service Office
. YMCAHK International House	. Receptionist
. Zida Technologies Ltd	. Junior Administrator
. Organization's name not reported	. Account Executive
. Organization's name not reported	. Applications Engineer
. Organization's name not reported	. Marketing Officer
. Organization's name not reported	. Merchandiser
. Organization's name not reported	. Production Assistant
. Organization's name not reported	. Surveying Technician

No Response = 14

Table 5. List of employers and job titles

Note: Some alumni have indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Their contact telephone number can be obtained from counsellors at CEPC.

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