

Where did the 1998 Cert.Chin.Lang. 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 Certificate in Chinese Language 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 sector 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 23 Cert.Chin.Lang. graduates, 12 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 52%. Of these, 17% (or 2 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 25% (or 3 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 25% (or 3 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	Cert.Chin.Lang						HKU Overall									
	Total		Male		Female		(Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate)									
	'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
<i>No. of respondents</i>	12	100	20	100	1	100	2	100	11	100	18	100	357	100	327	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	2	16.7	5	25.0	0	0	1	50.0	2	18.2	4	22.2	242	67.8	250	76.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	3	15.0	0	0	1	50.0	0	0	2	11.1	12	3.4	13	4.0
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	3	25.0	1	5.0	1	100	0	0	2	18.2	1	5.6	25	7.0	9	2.8
<i>Further studies</i>	3	25.0	4	20.0	0	0	0	0	3	27.3	4	22.2	68	19.0	43	13.1
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	1	8.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9.1	0	0	2	0.6	2	0.6
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	3	25.0	7	35.0	0	0	0	0	3	27.3	7	38.9	8	2.2	10	3.1

Table 1. Employment situation

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III. Further Studies

Two graduates took up a postgraduate certificate programme in arts while one graduate studied education. Of these, two graduates were enrolled in local tertiary institutions and the other one went abroad to U.K.. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Fields of Study	Academic Programmes	
	Postgraduate Certificate	Others
Arts	2	
Education		1

Table 2. Academic programmes

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	3

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among the two graduates who were in full-time employment, one secured her first job offer before the end of May and the other one secured her employment by the end of October. (Figure 1)

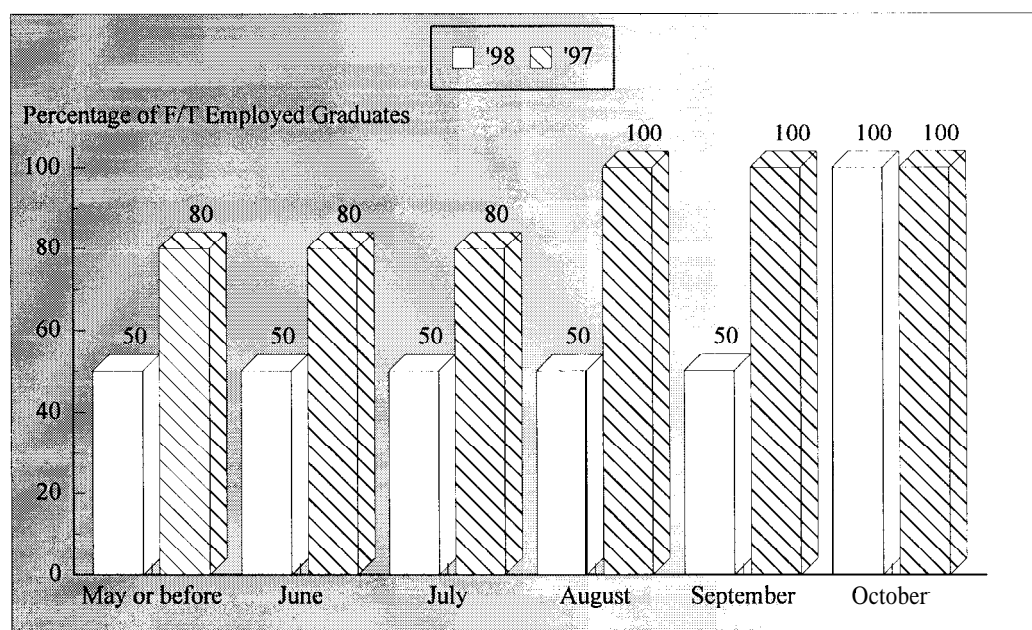


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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V. Employment Sectors

50% (or 1 graduate) each of the Cert.Chin.Lang. graduates was employed in commerce & industry and the education sector. (Figure 2)

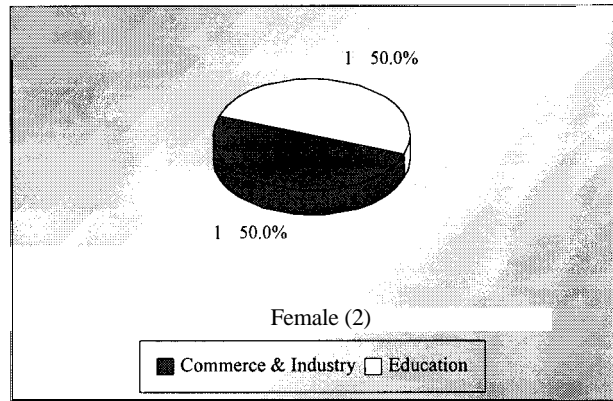


Figure 2. Employment sectors by sex

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the Cert.Chin.Lang. graduates is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	Cert.Chin.Lang.		HKU Average*		Cert.Chin.Lang.		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$13,500	\$23,063	\$20,628	\$19,306	\$13,500	\$25,323	\$21,336	\$20,326
<i>Median</i>	\$13,500	\$23,190	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$13,500	\$23,968	\$20,000	\$19,500
<i>Minimum</i>	\$12,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$21,667	\$0	\$0
<i>Maximum</i>	\$15,000	\$26,000	\$99,999	\$75,000	\$15,000	\$30,333	\$108,332	\$75,000

Table 4. Basic salary and gross income

* HKU average refers to the income received by postgraduate diploma/certificate graduates.

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, one graduate reported having received three job offers. (Figure 3)

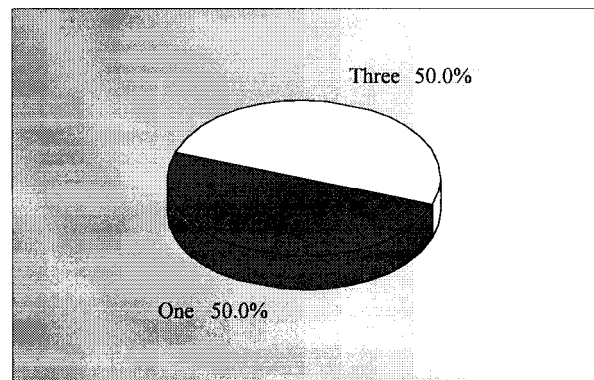


Figure 3. No. of full-time job offers

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the Cert.Chin.Lang. graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers :</u>	<u>Job Titles :</u>
EDUCATION -	
• Hong Kong International School	• Supplementary Teacher
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
• The Hase Manufacturing Co Ltd	• Manager

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.

IX. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines of study are available for reference in the Careers Library. Please enquire with the CEPC.

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