

Where did the 2001 Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Engineering) graduates go?

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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2001 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Engineering) graduates:-

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

II. Employment Situations in 2001

Of the 15 graduates from this programme, 14 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BEng(MEEP)				HKU Overall*			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	14	100%	16	100%	2356	100%	2575	100%
Employed	10	71%	15	94%	1775	75%	2030	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	7.1%	0	0%	83	3.5%	59	2.3%
Further Studies	3	21%	1	6.3%	473	20%	461	18%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	1	0.1%	2	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	24	1.0%	23	0.9%

* 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

3 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme		
	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Bachelor's Degree
Computer Science	-	-	1
Mechanical Engineering	1	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	2
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2001	2000
May or before	22%	0.0%
June	22%	11%
July	22%	44%
August	33%	56%
September	78%	89%
October	89%	100%
November	100%	100%

No Response = 1

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Engineering) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2001	2000
Commerce & Industry	89%	100%
Educational Institutions	11%	0%

No Response = 1

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Engineering) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BEng(MEEP)		HKU Average*		BEng(MEEP)		HKU Average*	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Mean	\$10,967	\$9,606	\$15,327	\$14,125	\$12,323	\$10,551	\$16,152	\$15,448
Median	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$12,200	\$12,000	\$12,833	\$10,417	\$13,217	\$13,000
Minimum	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$8,667	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$3,000
Maximum	\$16,000	\$13,000	\$45,000	\$58,000	\$17,333	\$16,250	\$49,000	\$74,967

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Engineering) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	2 (25%)
Two	5 (63%)
Five	1 (13%)

No Response = 2

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Engineering) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- BUDA Engineers & Consultants Ltd	- Assistant Engineer
- C.S. Cheung & Co Ltd	- Trainee Loss Adjustor
- Cosmos Machinery International Ltd	- Sales Engineer
- Getronics (HK) Ltd	- Helpdesk Analyst
- Hip Hing Construction Co Ltd	- Assistant Mechanical Engineer
- Kum Shing Engineering	- Resident Engineer (CLPP)
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- The Hong Kong and China Gas Co Ltd	- Graduate Trainee

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2001 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
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