

## Where did the 2002 Master of Economics graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2002 to answer the following questions about Master of Economics graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 2002

Of the 13 graduates from this programme, 9 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MEcon				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	9	100%	18	100%	505	100%	570	100%
<b>Employed</b>	9	100%	13	72%	455	90%	508	89%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	4	22%	9	1.8%	13	2.3%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0%	1	5.6%	29	5.7%	37	6.5%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	6	1.2%	5	0.9%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	6	1.2%	7	1.2%

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### III 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	
	2002	2001
May or before	22%	23%
June	44%	31%
July	44%	31%
August	78%	46%
September	78%	62%
October	78%	85%
November	89%	92%
December	100%	100%

### IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Economics graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2002	2001
Commerce & Industry	89%	46%
Community, Social & Personal Services	11%	15%
Educational Institutions	0%	38%

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Economics graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MEcon		HKU Average*		MEcon		HKU Average*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
<b>Mean</b>	\$10,089	\$15,930	\$18,081	\$20,283	\$10,944	\$17,079	\$18,265	\$20,663
<b>Median</b>	\$10,000	\$14,480	\$17,000	\$17,100	\$11,375	\$16,755	\$17,000	\$17,333
<b>Minimum</b>	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$15,000	\$28,000	\$80,000	\$77,500	\$15,000	\$34,133	\$100,000	\$97,500


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### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Economics graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	1 (11%)
Two	5 (56%)
Three	2 (22%)
Four	1 (11%)

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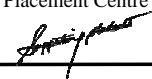
### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Chun Kit Learning Centre	- Partner and Director
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Dah Sing Bank, Ltd	- Treasury Marketing Officer
- Fook Lee Property Management Limited	- Personnel & Administration Officer
- HSBC	- Financial Planning Manager
- KPMG	- Staff Accountant
- Laycca Company Ltd.	- Auditor
- Shanghai Commercial Bank	- Marketing Officer Trainee
- Shun Woo	- Property Management Trainee
- AIG International Limited	- Administrative Assistant

Note: Some of the 2002 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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**VIII.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
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