

## Where did the 2003 Master of Arts graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Master of Arts 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 2003

Of the 23 graduates from this programme, 16 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MA				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	16	100%	14	100%	690	100%	505	100%
<b>Employed</b>	16	100%	10	71%	605	88%	455	90%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	2	14%	9	1.3%	9	1.8%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0%	2	14%	51	7.4%	29	5.7%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	8	1.2%	6	1.2%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	17	2.5%	6	1.2%

\* 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 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	
	2003	2002
May or before	27%	13%
June	40%	75%
July	73%	75%
August	87%	75%
September	100%	75%
October	100%	75%
November	100%	88%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

### IV Employment Sectors

The majority of MA graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Commerce & Industry	80%	22%
Educational Institutions	13%	56%
Civil Service	6.7%	11%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	11%

No Response = 1

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by MA graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MA		HKU Average*		MA		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Mean</b>	\$12,478	\$13,000	\$16,502	\$18,081	\$13,073	\$13,188	\$16,825	\$18,265
<b>Median</b>	\$10,080	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$10,920	\$13,250	\$16,000	\$17,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$3,900	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$3,900	\$7,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$85,000	\$80,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$92,083	\$100,000

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### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (40%)
Two	3 (20%)
Three	3 (20%)
Four	2 (13%)
Five	1 (6.7%)

No Response = 1

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

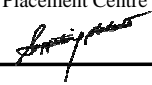
The job titles of MA graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Civil Service -</b>	
- HKSARG - Labour Department	- Programme Officer
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Po Leung Kuk Chao Keng Lin Sixth Form College	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. - Horizon Suite Hotel	- Occupation's name not reported
- CWCC	- Company Secretary
- Debevoise & Plimpton	- Legal Assistant
- EastPoint Property Management Services Ltd	- Clerk
- Golden Prada Creation Co. Ltd.	- Merchandiser
- HSBC	- Customer Service Officer
- HSBC Life International (Asia) Ltd	- Client Services Officer
- Jing Kung Educational Press	- Editor
- Joseph Wong & Co. (HK) Ltd	- Trading Officer
- Manhattan Press (HK) Ltd	- Editorial Assistant
- Regal Hong Kong Hotel	- Sales & Marketing Trainee
- Organization's name not reported	- Marketing Management

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2003 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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