

Where did the 2003 Master of Science in Urban Planning 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 Science in Urban Planning 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 15 graduates from this programme, 9 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSc(UrbanPlanning)				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	9	100%	15	100%	690	100%	505	100%
Employed	8	89%	14	93%	605	88%	455	90%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	6.7%	9	1.3%	9	1.8%
Further Studies	0	0%	0	0%	51	7.4%	29	5.7%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	11%	0	0%	8	1.2%	6	1.2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	17	2.5%	6	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	
	2003	2002
May or before	14%	0.0%
June	29%	15%
July	29%	31%
August	57%	31%
September	71%	69%
October	100%	85%
November	100%	92%
December	100%	100%

IV. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Commerce & Industry	57%	46%
Educational Institutions	43%	7.7%
Civil Service	0%	46%

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSc(UrbanPlanning)		HKU Average*		MSc(UrbanPlanning)		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Mean	\$11,889	\$13,210	\$16,502	\$18,081	\$12,184	\$13,582	\$16,825	\$18,265
Median	\$10,000	\$11,820	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$10,833	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$17,000
Minimum	\$9,500	\$8,000	\$3,900	\$7,000	\$9,900	\$8,000	\$3,900	\$7,000
Maximum	\$17,220	\$17,500	\$85,000	\$80,000	\$17,220	\$17,500	\$92,083	\$100,000

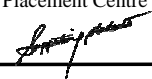
* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Taught Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (57%)
Two	2 (29%)
Four	1 (14%)

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VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- The Chinese Foundation Secondary School	- Graduate Master
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- 3D Global Transportation Equipment Management Ltd	- Project Administrator
- Llevelyn-Daries Hong Kong Ltd	- Assistant Town Planner
- PLT Planning And Architecture Ltd	- Assistant Town Planner
- YEL Electronics Ltd.	- Occupation's name not reported

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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