

Where did the 2008 BEng(ESomE) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about BEng(ESomE) 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 2008

Of the 32 graduates from this programme, 31 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	BEng(ESomE)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	31	100%	38	100%	2572	100%	2450	100%
Employed	23	74%	31	82%	2060	80%	1977	81%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	15	0.6%	5	0%
Further Studies	8	26%	6	16%	462	18%	451	18%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.0%	3	0%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	3%	34	1.3%	14	1%

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III. Further Studies

8 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			
	Ph.D.	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Others
Computer Science	1	-	-	-
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	-	4	-	-
Others	-	-	2	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	3
Own Funds	3
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1

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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	
	2008	2007
May or before	30%	48%
June	60%	67%
July	70%	78%
August	75%	89%
September	90%	93%
October	90%	100%
November	90%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 2

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of BEng(EComE) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	95%	90%
Civil Service	5.3%	0.0%
Educational Institutions	0.0%	3.4%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0.0%	6.9%

No Response = 3

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by BEng(EComE) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BEng(EComE)		HKU Average*		BEng(EComE)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$15,322	\$12,375	\$18,142	\$16,146	\$16,311	\$13,151	\$18,755	\$17,021
Median	\$13,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$14,083	\$13,000	\$14,583	\$13,000
Minimum	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$6,450	\$5,000
Maximum	\$30,280	\$16,000	\$87,000	\$78,500	\$30,280	\$18,333	\$87,000	\$102,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by BEng(EComE) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	9 (56%)
Two	4 (25%)
Three	2 (13%)
Eight or more	1 (6%)

No Response = 6

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Correctional Services Department	- Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- ASM Assembly Automation Limited	- Customer Service Engineer
- CITIC 1616 Holdings Limited	- Engineer
- CLP Holdings Limited	- Engineering Assistant
- Credit Suisse	- Occupation's name not reported
- Hewlett-Packard HK SAR Limited	- Graduate Trainee
- Hongkong International Terminals	- Engineer Trainee
- IBM China/Hong Kong Limited	- IT Sales Specialist
- IBM China/Hong Kong Limited	- IT Specialist
- IBM China/Hong Kong Limited	- Sales Specialist
- KPMG	- Accountant
- Oakwell Engineering Limited	- Application Engineer
- Pacific Century Cyberworks Limited (PCCW)	- Graduate Trainee
- Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Limited	- Assistant Engineer
- PCCS (Hong Kong) Ltd	- Graduate Trainee
- Perpetual Advanced Microelectronic Limited	- Electronic Engineer
- Worldex Logistics Limited	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- IT Specialist
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Analyst

No Response = 2

Note: Some of the 2008 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.

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