

Building Professional Value — Mak Chi Kong

Construction is a demanding industry, pushing all of its workers through long, irregular hours. Those who want to advance their careers are often unable to find enough time for classroom learning, which is why Mak Chi Kong chose HKCyberU to gain an MSc in Project Management. The flexibility of online study coupled with his own self discipline gave Mr Mak the benefit of a recognised degree and a distinct competitive edge.

With over 30 years of industry experience, Mr Mak comments that he needed to “add value” to himself in an effort to “keep up with the latest construction news and trends.” Studying for his MSc not only helped him to deal with the problems but also expanded his professional network.

Having committed himself to the programme, Mr Mak understood that he needed to devote a lot of efforts in order to obtain a Master's degree qualification.

He found that HKCyberU's online platform allowed him the flexibility of learning “whenever he had the time”. He also benefited from the connections he made with “people working in IT and accounting, and academics”, the types of professionals he would not have been able to meet in his daily work.

The opportunities for networking remain with him today – Mr Mak is now President of the HKCyberU Alumni Association. Describing the Association as “one of the most active” within PolyU, Mr Mak proudly points to the relations he has helped to establish with the alumni associations of other universities. These connections have allowed the joint organisation of “seminars, social gatherings and other networking activities,” all the while adding value to the careers and lives of HKCyberU alumni.

When asked what advice he would give someone thinking about applying to study



at his alma mater, Mr Mak circles back to the importance of self discipline, adding that good time management is also crucial to “working through the material” consistently. The reward, he says, will be “a new experience of learning.”

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建構專業價值 — 麥志江

建築業是一個分秒必爭的行業，工作時間既長又不穩定。對於有志繼續進修以提升事業的業內人士而言，繁重的工作令他們難以騰出時間上課，但網上學習正可讓他們按照自己的情況，靈活編配個人的進修時間。因此，麥志江選擇在香港網上學府修讀項目管理碩士課程。配合良好的自我管理能力的，麥志江獲得碩士學位之餘，亦建立了更多競爭優勢。

麥志江在建築行業擁有超過30年工作經驗，不過他堅持自己「需要不斷自我增值，以緊貼行業的最新資訊和發展」。修讀碩士課程不僅有助他更有效解決工作上的問題，更開拓了事業發展的人脈網絡。

當決定修讀課程時，麥志江明白他必須努力不懈，才可取得碩士學位。香港網上學府提供既靈活又極具彈性的學習模式，讓麥志江「在任何空閒的時間」，都可以使用電腦學習。此外，課程更讓他認識到一些從事資訊科技、會計和學術工作的同學，這些人脈都是他日常工作較少機會接觸得到的。

作為現任香港網上學府校友會會長，麥志江仍然把握機會建構他的人脈網絡。對於校友會，麥志江形容它是「理大眾多屬會其中最活躍的一個」。他表示，過往建立的網絡正好幫助他跟其他大學的校友會開展合作關係，例如舉辦不同的講座、聚會和聯繫活動，不但促進校友的事業發展，而且為他們的生活增添色彩。

當被問到對有意在香港網上學府就讀的人士有甚麼心得分享，麥志江認為自我管理能力非常重要，良好的時間管理對網上學習不可或缺。不過，所獲得的「學習新體驗」，卻是相當豐盛的回報。