

# A Different Kind of Graduate: Law Hok Yin 另類畢業生-羅學賢

Law Hok Yin, nicknamed Kaai (阿雞), is no ordinary graduate. Despite a good degree in Actuarial Science, he has decided not to enter a career in his specialty. Let us now meet this special person and see what makes him so different.

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Kaai is a person with diverse interests and boundless energy. He firmly believes in the value of trying new and different things. Thus, he participated in the school choir, bridge club and even athletics. He is obviously an advocate of life-long learning.

Kaai dislikes routine and has constantly modified his career goals, shifting his focus from one realm to another. But above all he has achieved remarkable success and acclaim in stage performance. He has won numerous awards, as an actor, but also as a director.

## Critical Thinking

When asked to comment on today's university students, Kaai has his own observation. He feels that today's students are slow to take initiative. "They are always intimidated by something not so intimidating," he said.

Comparing Hong Kong students with overseas and Mainland students, he thinks that Hong Kong students are too shy to ask questions. Lacking critical thinking, they are often

overwhelmed by tiny little things, to the extent that they overlook the "big picture". Kaai has his own views on those 'Marathon' meetings, for instance, the Annual General Meetings held by student societies or clubs. He believes the meetings would be more worthwhile if they ended with concrete suggestions for improvements rather than negative resolutions. He strongly recommends that we develop critical thinking, a transferable skill, so that we can use it everywhere, be it in school or in the workplace.

## Family Pressure

Born into a family of professionals, Kaai admits that his family freed him from financial worries. Kaai ascribes his accomplishments to his parents' strong emphasis on the significance of education. He believes that good education helps pave the way for further development in various fields, including his recent interest in theatre performance. However, he still struggles between personal pursuits and family expectations. He finds it difficult to choose between them.

To know more about Kaai, a "different" graduate, visit his personal homepage at [www.kaailaw.com](http://www.kaailaw.com) and enjoy some marvelous video clips on his past performances.



# CEPC

## Start preparing for employment interviews: now!

為面試籌謀：刻不容緩！ *A message from Louisa Li, Director, Careers Education & Placement Centre*

A warm welcome to all our new first year students. As you busy yourselves with orientation programmes and settle in, don't forget to read our notice boards across campus, check our website or, better still, visit us at the Careers Education and Placement Centre: CEPC for short. You will be most welcome.

Welcome back our new second and third year undergraduates. What are you doing this first semester? Whatever it is, I hope you will make time to prepare for selection interviews. Why do I advise this?

In my recent rounds of visits to employers, I have collected valuable feedback from recruiters: I have up to date information about the performance of job-seekers at interview. The importance of REALLY knowing what you are talking about is coming across loud and clear. Superficial technique is out: in depth exchange is in. For example, interviews often include general questions about current affairs. Too often, applicants showed only superficial knowledge, or were content to repeat the views of newspapers and their editors. Employers are far more impressed by independent views, and the ability to carry on the discussion in an informed manner.



Are employers expecting too much? How can new graduates, busy with papers and exams in their academic subjects, also develop independent views about complex current affairs. Don't worry, you are not expected to be a professional journalist. But employers do expect intelligent and reasoned discussions between interested and concerned adults.

### How can you achieve this? There are many ways.

When you take a break between your studies, refresh your mind with current affairs and what is going on in the wider world. When you meet with your friends, include current affairs in your conversation - reflect on what's happening, at home and abroad. This is not just for the benefit of interview skills - it is also important for your personal and intellectual development in general. How can you contribute to society if you don't understand it?

So then, take the initiative: expand your knowledge, improve your skills, enhance your potential for sharing and interacting with others. My message to you is simple: in the real world, and this includes the job market, this expectation is taken seriously.

Let's face another fact. The Hong Kong economy is under-going major restructuring. Our society faces unprecedented challenges. Graduates will be expected to play their part in building up the community. The expectations from you will be high: to create wealth for fellow citizens, to ensure fairness and justice in society, to heal the sick, and to develop our world for the good of all. The need for skilled graduates has never been greater than it is now.

So - new, second and third year undergraduates: welcome. Let's begin your preparation for the world of work now! To find out more about interviews and other aspects relating to a career and employment, check our website regularly.

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