



Follow a Career Passion? Let IT follow YOU!

Do you want to know more about our principal Mr. Wan? This is your golden opportunity to gain an insight into his story! His personal experience may help you consider your own career path.

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Q What was your dream job when you were 18 years old?

A Well, when I was a senior student, I had three dream jobs and among these, being a teacher had the lowest priority. As I was a science student, my career preference was in scientific research. My second preference was agricultural technology development. Since I had grown up in a rural area in Hong Kong, I was passionate about animals and plant studies. I treated animals as my friends so I really wanted to improve their living conditions by inventing new technology. Teaching was my third option. As I've mentioned in the morning assembly, I have met some great teachers who have inspired me a lot, I wanted to bring change to people and lighten their lives. That's why I wanted to be a teacher. But when I was young, hobbies always had the first priority. Therefore, doing scientific research definitely was my dream job.

Q So finally you became a teacher and now you are even the principal of our school. What is the biggest difference between being a teacher and a principal?

A There are of course many differences that I need to get used to. I would say the biggest difference is the meaning of the ringing bell. When I was a teacher I would be very alert to the ringing of the school bell as it reminded me to dismiss the classes or start teaching. But when I am a principal sitting in the office, the meaning of the bell seems less important to me. Another significant change is that being a principal bears more pressure. Teachers need to face the pressure of marking homework and having enough time to teach the syllabus. But as a principal, I need to know all the affairs happening inside and outside school. Sometimes the stress comes from planning for the school's future. We are not talking about a few weeks, but a few months or even a whole year!

Q That's a great workload. What has been the greatest challenge in your teaching career?

A I would say using English to teach was really a big obstacle for me when I first started teaching. I was not used to giving speeches in English in front of people. To cope with this, I took English courses at Cambridge University in England to immerse myself in an English environment. I worked hard to prepare for the lessons. I even did all the exercises and practised it once before I had the lessons. Identifying and working upon your weaknesses is important if you want to succeed.

Q Thank you for sharing so many personal experiences with us. Lastly, do you have any advice for us on our career planning?

A Yes, of course. I think the most important thing is don't set too many limitations on yourselves. Willingness and readiness are crucial not only in studying but also in career planning. Always keep an open mind and accept different possibilities. Take myself as an example. I joined the Drama Society in university. This was a breakthrough for me because I overcame my fear. I became more confident when performing in front of the audience. If I can do it, then why can't you? Don't stay at the bottom of the well, jump out from it and explore more of the world.

'If I can do it, why can't you?'

Principal Wan succeeded. Now, it's time for you to explore yourselves and be fully prepared for the career paths that lead and guide your future.

Then surely, you will succeed too!

Odd



Many people assume that if you are lucky, going to work means sitting in an office in front of a computer from 9 to 5. But there are various alternatives out there, some of which are weird but interesting. Let's play a simple game to see which one of them you are suitable for.

PICK A NOUN THAT DESCRIBES YOU THE BEST



IMITATOR

**WATER SPORTS
ENTHUSIAST**

ANIMAL LOVER

SWEETAHOLIC

**JOB
A**

**JOB
B**

**JOB
C**

**JOB
D**

YOU CAN BE A

JOB A: Golf Ball Diver

A golf ball diver has to chase the golf balls which run into the pond and get them back. You need to have proof of an Open Water Certification and an active diver insurance in order to be one. You are also able to lift a 65-pound bag of golf balls and dive blindly without the use of a compass or lighting. The monthly salary ranges from HK\$20,000 to HK\$58,000.



JOB B: Duck Master

A duck master is responsible for handling and maintaining the health, diet, rotation and living environment for the ducks. He is also required to give presentations about wildlife. There are hotels in Europe where duck masters are hired as bell boys. The monthly salary of a duck master ranges from HK\$25,000 to HK\$30,000.



JOB C: Voice Dubber

A voice dubber provides the voice for animated films and television shows as well as narrates documentaries. While formal education isn't necessary, previous training in voice acting is preferred. The most common way to be a voice dubber is signing up for voice actor training classes organized by TV stations. The pay of this job varies with the number of projects received, and thus it is not very stable. The monthly salary with 5 years of experience or above usually exceeds HK\$15,000.



JOB D: Candy Taster

Not only does a candy taster taste and control the quality of candies, but he is also responsible for providing useful information, making recommendations to food scientists and managers based on his findings. Some companies provide 6 months of training in advance for learning to evaluate candies. The monthly salary is about HK\$30,000.



Say 'Yes' to Working Holiday

Ever considered enriching your working experience or discovering other career options? Working holiday might be the choice for you! The Hong Kong Government has made arrangements with various countries including New Zealand, Austria, Ireland, Australia, Germany, France, the UK, Japan, Korea and Canada. Read along and find out how to apply and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience!



Requirements?

You need to be between 18 and 30, hold a valid HKSAR passport and have sufficient financial proof to show that you can fund your holiday.

Benefits?

Working holiday, obviously, means working abroad while travelling around. It is not just all play, you can also develop your career! Joining a working holiday is a great way to earn experience and broaden your horizons. Firstly, you get to try a wide range of jobs that you won't normally find in Hong Kong such as a cattle herder. Secondly, you have the opportunity to understand different cultures since you are staying for a long period of time. You can also earn money that will allow you to travel the entire country and go sightseeing!



Application?

To apply for a working holiday, you would need a visa, which allows you to work in that specific country for less than a year. You can visit the government official website at <http://whs.esdlife.com/eng/default.asp> to apply for a visa from the country you wish to go. Each country has different requirements. Read on to find out more!



You can borrow it from our school library.

	Australia	France	Britain
Duration	1 year		
Quota	5,000	400	1,000
Common jobs	Jackaroo (work on the farms, which includes taking care of livestock)	Fruit-picker	Nanny
Financial proof	HK\$20,000	HK\$25,000	HK\$22,000
	Japan	Korea	Austria
Duration	1 year		
Quota	250	500	100
Common jobs	English teacher		Ski instructor
Financial proof	HK\$20,000	HK\$20,000	HK\$20,000



Factory Tour in Foshan

Esquel Group / School Partnership Programme

Thanks to the invitation from the Esquel Group, 19 students together with 3 teachers were granted a great chance to join a factory tour in Foshan on 7 – 8 April 2015.

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When it comes to factories, I always think of places where thousands of machines are operating loudly and hundreds of workers are sitting in front of machines doing their work repetitively in a hot and noisy environment. However, an eye-opening 2-day trip to the Esquel changed my image of factories.

4 During the short 2-day period, we feasted our eyes on the complex and strict manufacturing process of clothing which is aided by the advanced facilities. We saw the whole procedure of making a piece of cloth, from sheaves of cotton to rolls of thread, from rolls of thread to spools of yarn, from spools of yarn to bolts of fabric, dyeing, fabric finishing, printing, cutting and packing products. All the procedures were stringent in order to ensure that the quality of the products which customers received was top-notch. With the aid of division of labour, the production process was sped up. To my surprise, the working conditions there were very good. The floors were clean and the machines were shiny. There were also some features like soundproof gates and earphones to protect the workers' hearing from the noisy environment. Esquel acknowledges that it has a corporate responsibility to protect the health of its employees. Its focus is not just on sales growth, but also on its workers' rights and health.

In this 2-day tour, we also had a precious opportunity at the sewing department to use sewing machines to stitch some fabric onto a piece of cloth to create a pocket. Although it seemed like a simple enough task, it was not a straightforward task for me. We also had a valuable chance to see the latest and innovative products in the laboratory with some cutting-edge machines, which, in my opinion, was the highlight of this tour. There, we saw the contribution that innovation can make to creativity. The staff member who demonstrated these fantastic experiments to us was a magician. It brought home to me that, the key to success is not just hard work, it also requires innovation. When there are many people with the same attributes, it is creativity which can make an individual outstanding.

In the evening, we had dinner with the interns. They talked about the reasons why they chose to work at Esquel. It was because they liked the atmosphere at Esquel, the good facilities and the staff welfare system. During the discussion, we discovered that there is a great difference between Hong Kong and Foshan. With a monthly rent payment of 200 yuan, staff could rent a flat in Esquel, which is larger than most flats in Hong Kong. Speaking of the dormitory, it is large, clean and well furnished. There is a large open area around the dormitory with facilities such as badminton courts and basketball courts. It was another piece of evidence which showed that Esquel showed concern for its employees.

On this 2-day trip to Esquel's factories in Foshan, I was glad to see that Esquel cared about its employees, protected them and gave them good welfare. It epitomises social corporate responsibility.



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