



The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China

ASEAN INTERNSHIP SCHEME FOR HONG KONG HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS



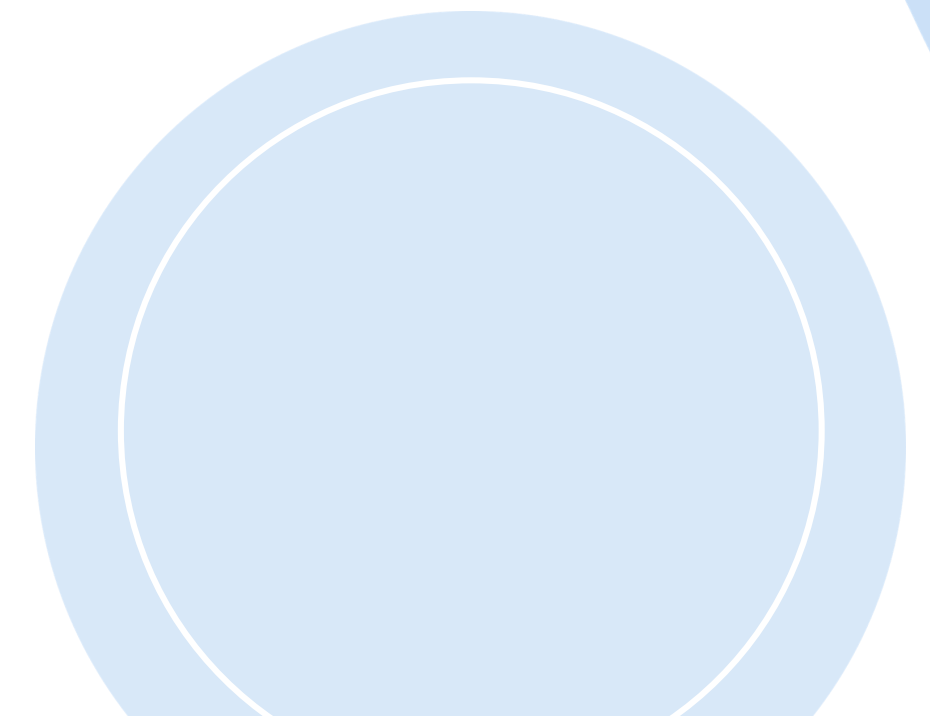
Welcome **Message**

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is committed to nurturing young people and better preparing them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global environment. In 2014, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Singapore launched the ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students with the aim of widening students' international perspectives and enhancing bilateral relations between Hong Kong and member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). With the subsequent establishment of HKETOs in Jakarta and Bangkok in 2017 and 2019 respectively, the three offices now jointly administer the scheme by identifying internship opportunities in the ASEAN countries under their respective purview.

Since its launch, the scheme has met with very positive response, drawing the participation of over 930 students from 11 Hong Kong higher education institutions. Our past host organisations include government/statutory bodies, international organisations, universities, cultural organisations and private companies in different industries.

We hope that the young generation will seize this valuable opportunity to gain a better understanding of the fast-growing ASEAN region with which Hong Kong is developing increasingly close ties on all fronts.

We look forward to the continued support from both the Hong Kong higher education institutions and the host organisations to make the scheme a success.



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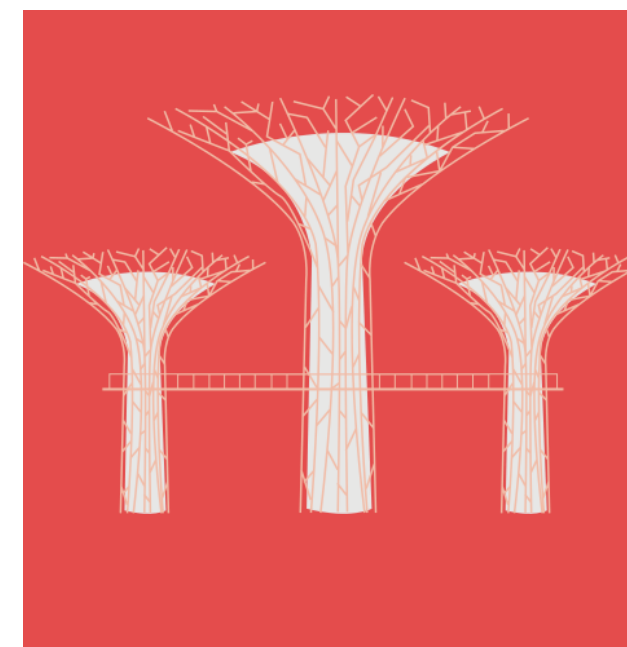
STRONG HKETO ALLIANCE

Wide geographical coverage in 10 ASEAN countries

BANGKOK ETO SINGAPORE ETO JAKARTA ETO



THAILAND
CAMBODIA
MYANMAR



SINGAPORE
VIETNAM
LAOS

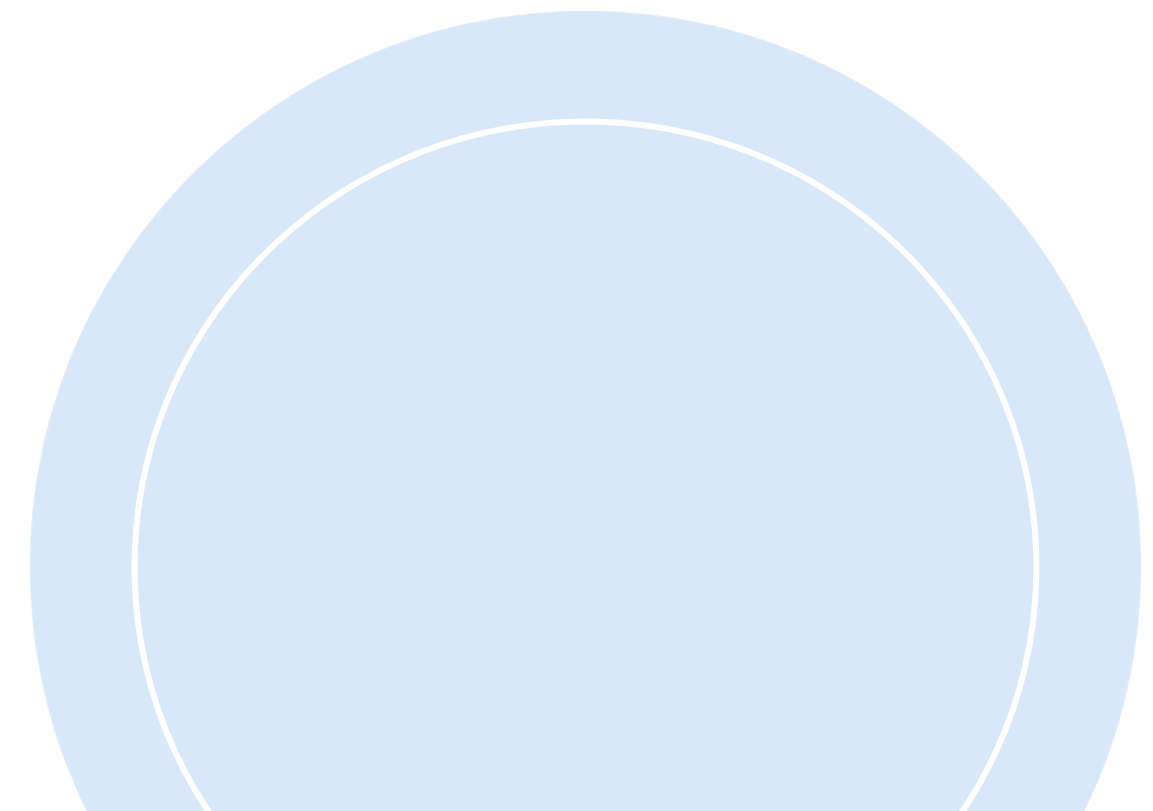


INDONESIA
MALAYSIA
BRUNEI
THE PHILIPPINES

Vision & mission

The internship scheme aims to:

- give students first-hand practical experience in a field related to their career interest, with exposure to the socio-economic environment of the ASEAN region;
- cultivate students as the “ambassadors” of Hong Kong in the ASEAN region, and vice versa upon their return to Hong Kong, to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen the ties between Hong Kong and the ASEAN member countries;
- foster exchanges at university and industry levels between Hong Kong and ASEAN member countries to unleash potential for future cross-sectoral collaborations;
- groom a generation of culturally savvy leaders of tomorrow to benefit both Hong Kong and ASEAN member countries.



Overview

Eligibility	Primarily full-time local undergraduate students at 11 higher education institutions in Hong Kong. Postgraduate and non-local undergraduate students can be included, if the institution/host organisation concerned consider it appropriate, subject to any applicable visa/entry requirements of the ASEAN country (eg. Singapore has an age limit of 25 for Work Holiday Pass holders.)
Internship Period	During the summer vacation of students, generally lasting from end of May to August. Host Organisations may state their preferred period in the provided Job Description form. Exact reporting period to be discussed between Host Organisation and student intern.
Duration	A minimum of six-week physical internship in the respective ASEAN country. Virtual/remote internship in which the student intern stays entirely in Hong Kong will not be accepted.
Logistical arrangements	Work visa, air tickets, accommodation, insurance, etc are to be arranged by the Hong Kong Institutions and/or the student interns concerned. Hong Kong Institutions shall ensure that students are appropriately and sufficiently insured for the entire internship period.
Job scope and screening	Host organisations can set out the job scope and specific requirements (eg. preferred academic faculty) in the provided Job Description Form. HK Institutions will nominate students for selection. Host organisations can conduct telephone or online interviews with the candidates before making offers.
Number of vacancies at each host organisation	The more the better, subject to provision of proper coaching and sufficient immersion in the industry environment provided by Host Organisation for the student interns.
Honorarium for interns	Optional

Participating Hong Kong Higher Education Institutions

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
<http://www.ust.hk>



Lingnan University
<http://www.ln.edu.hk>



Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
<https://www.hsu.edu.hk>



Chinese University of Hong Kong
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk>



University of Hong Kong
<http://www.hku.hk>



Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
<http://www.hkapa.edu/>



Education University of Hong Kong
<http://www.eduhk.hk>



City University of Hong Kong
<http://www.cityu.edu.hk>



Hong Kong Polytechnic University
<https://www.polyu.edu.hk>



Hong Kong Shue Yan University
<http://www.hksyu.edu>



Hong Kong Baptist University
<http://www.hkbu.edu.hk>



Implementation Timeline



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LATE FEB, 2025
ONWARDS



OFFER

- Host Organisations to make offers to successful student applicants via the respective Hong Kong Institutions, which will in turn inform the students accordingly.

EARLY MAR, 2025
ONWARDS



PREPARATION

- Student interns to arrange visa, air tickets, accommodation, insurance etc.

BETWEEN MAY
TO AUG, 2025



INTERNSHIP

- Student interns to begin internship.

MID SEPT, 2025



FEEDBACK

- Host Organisations, student interns and HK Institutions to submit feedback forms.

Reasons for companies to join the internship scheme



Meet our young talented minds from 11 institutions pursuing a wide range of studies to bring fresh perspectives and cross-cultural exchanges to your organisation.



Bring in cross-cultural experience to your workplace



Tap the creative minds and varied skills of Hong Kong's young generation



Identify potential talents to assist in your future expansion in ASEAN or Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA)



Build networks with some of the potential leaders of ASEAN tomorrow

Characteristics of student interns from Hong Kong

CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Hong Kong is one of the top education hubs with 5 universities ranking among the global's top 100.

WIDE SPECTRUM OF ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

Our energetic students from 11 institutions come with diverse expertise and fresh ideas that can provide value for Host Organisations



Translation/literature



Marketing/public relations/
advertising



Cultural management



Engineering



Architecture



Performing arts



Fashion design and textile



Law



Statistics



Computer science



Actuarial science



Surveying and property management



Hospitality



Biochemistry



Data science



Government and
public admin

Host Organisations should provide -

- Internship opportunities in a standard Job Description Form, followed by selection process upon receipt of information on nominated students from Hong Kong institutions, and announcement of successful candidates via HK institutions according to the implementation timeline
- Necessary support (e.g. providing a letter of offer) for student's visa application
- Proper coaching and sufficient immersion in industry environment by assigning an officer/manager to be the student's mentor
- A safe work environment
- Necessary support to the student intern in case of an emergency



Reasons for the Hong Kong students to join



ASEAN as a whole is the world's 5th largest economy. It is one of the most vibrant and fast-growing regions in the world. It is Hong Kong's 2nd largest trading partner.



Hone your skills in an industry of your career interest, gain new perspectives from others' practices, and learn to collaborate with people from a different culture.



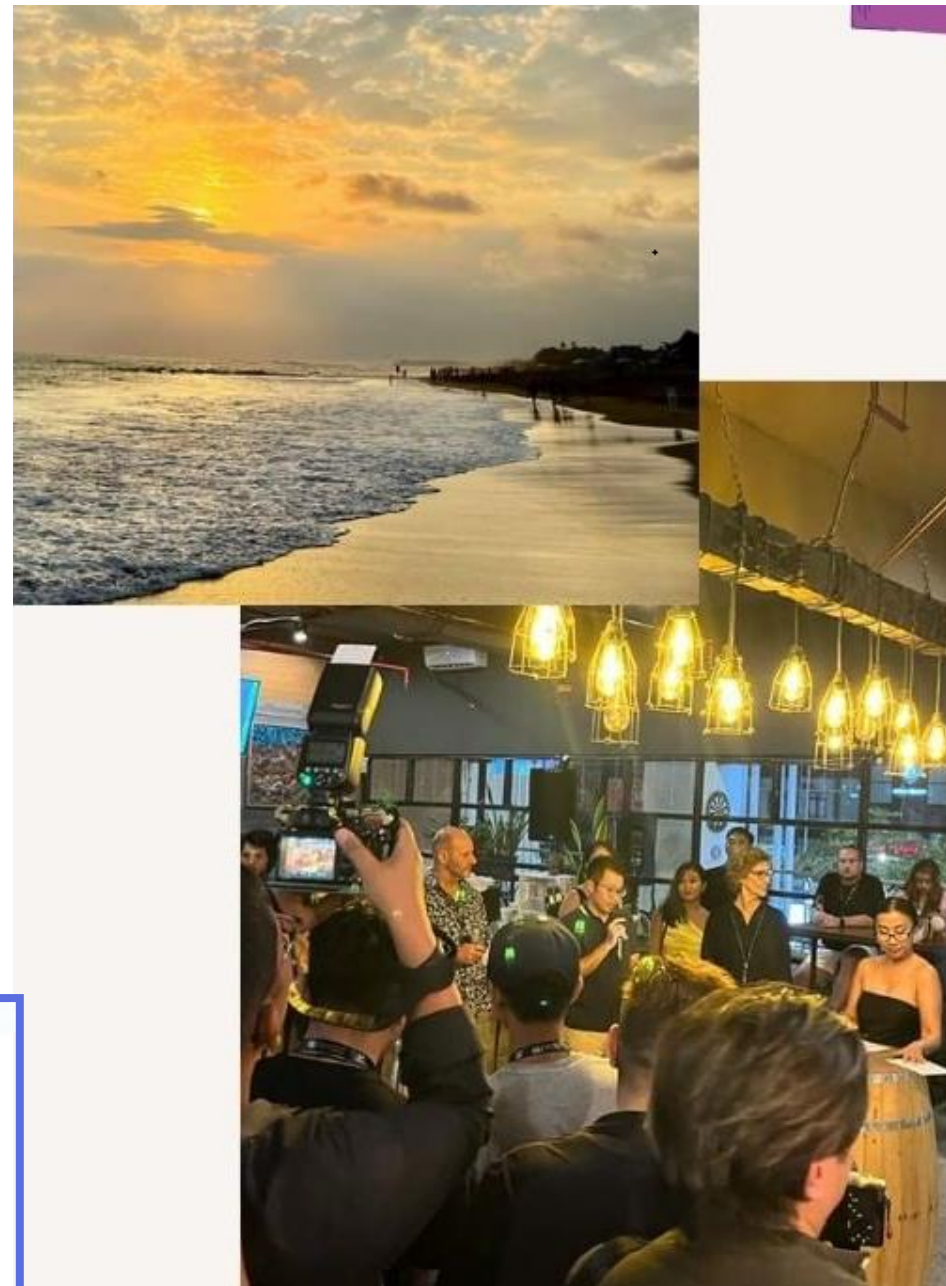
Explore the scenery and rich cultural fabric of ASEAN country during the leisure time, and embark on a transformative journey that combines work and travel with deep cultural exchanges.

Hear what the students say...



The internship provides me the opportunity to enhance professional skills and achieve self-exploration.

*Manki CUHK/Cultural Management
Host Organisation: Jakarta ETO*



At the Bali Film Festival, I had the valuable opportunity to meet Hong Kong filmmakers and be involved in cultural exchange in the film industry.



During the weekends, I visited the temples and parks in Yogyakarta in Indonesia. The mountain views are spectacular. I also learned tricks in the traditional puppet show.



My Singaporean colleagues have guided me on every step of sales and booking services and have confidence in letting me handle client liaison work independently.

Alex HKUST/Operations Management
Host Organisation: Cathay Pacific in Singapore



I had the chance to learn the intricate process of event management, starting from scratch and witnessing it evolve into a successful event.

Lok Yiu (first left, top photo)
Shue Yan University/Social Work
Host Organisation: Team Synergy in Singapore





From social media operation to offline film festival planning, I fully understood the overseas working environment and collaboration process, which laid the foundation for my future employment.

Rubing (second left)
CUHK/Global Communication
Host Organisation: Singapore Film Society



During my six-week internship, I rotated to six different sections under the operations department. This holistic experience enables me to understand the interconnection of the port operations in a multinational company.

Akio **HKUST/Chemical Engineering**
Host Organisation: Hutchison Ports Thailand

Other internship snapshots



Gatherings with other interns in the same country



Exchanges with visiting Hong Kong Government officials



Sharing with other young peers



Participation in large-scale trade fairs