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Statement of intent

This statement is to express my intention of studying Graduate Diploma in Computer Science programme at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW). In the modern era, technology evolves day by day, as an IT consultant and a philomath, relentless learning is essential to my career and to me as a person. Studying at a famous university like VUW will be a great choice for me to equip myself and achieve my career goals. Studying abroad also is a great way for me to broaden my horizon, step out from my comfort zone and throw myself a challenge. To further elaborate my interest in this programme , I will answer the following question respectively in the rest of the statements:

* What do I hope to gain from undertaking this programme?
* Why do I think I should be accepted into this programme?

What do I hope to gain from undertaking this programme?

The cutting-edge knowledge in computer science definitely is the number one thing I hope to gain from undertaking this programme. In recent years, data mining and artificial intelligence (AI) are the hottest topics in IT industry, the demands of data Scientist and AI engineers have been rising continuously, digging deep into these areas is definitely beneficial to my career. As what I know, the graduate diploma in computer science programme from VUW does provide courses related to all these popular topics and allow students to choose what they are interested in, which really can cater my needs. Apart from achieving my career goals, the process of learning some cutting-edge knowledge also fascinates me. I have been interested in data mining and AI since I was getting my bachelor degree, even my final year project is related to data mining too. Diving into the principle of data mining and AI and learning from the experts around the world really excites me.

Learning the culture of New Zealand is another thing I would like to achieve from studying in VUW. New Zealand is one of my favorite country, I have been fascinated to New Zealand culture since a long time ago, studying in VUW is an opportunity for me to get in touch with New Zealand people and learn more about their lifestyle and culture. Furthermore, studying graduate diploma in VUW may provide me an opportunity to even work in New Zealand, which allow me to experience the working culture in New Zealand. Apart from that, studying aboard is also a great chance for me to pushes myself out of my comfort zone and learn how to live independently, which makes me to become a better person.

Why do I think I should be accepted into this programme?

I believe that my enthusiasm on data mining and AI will not lose to anybody. One of my dreams is to become a data scientist one day. I really want to develop my own strategy or even my own algorithm on data mining or AI. In order to do so, I have been searching and taking tutorials on the Internet, but I found that this kind of learning is not quite effective since sometimes I was not able to find the tutorial I need and the quality of the tutorials vary, therefore, I decided to go back to University again and want to learn from the best in this area. If I am accepted into this programme, I will definitely treasure this rare opportunity and give everything I have to learn as much as possible.

If I was fortunately accepted into this programme, I would try my best to use what I have learnt from this programme to contribute back to VUW and New Zealand. Furthermore, I believe my competences, skillsets and experiences are valuable to VUW and New Zealand. I graduated from Hong Kong Polytechnic University which is ranked No.91 in 2019 QS Global World Ranking with second class honor. After graduating, I have been working under my client, HSBC, which is one of the biggest bank around the world for three years as IT consultant. In these few years, I have also received quite a number of trainings on different aspects like Java programming, cloud computing, data visualization from my company and my client. Since my client is a multi-national company, I am used to work with people from different countries across Asia-Pacific, therefore, it’s not a problem for me to work with foreign people no matter in school or in company.

In summary, I am really interested in the Graduate Diploma in Computer Science programme at VUW because of my pursuit on my career goals and my admiration to New Zealand. I really hope VUW can consider my application to this programme because I am really enthusiastic to data mining and AI, and I am ready to contribute to VUW and New Zealand and make New Zealand to become an even better place to live, to study and to celebrate the joy of life.