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The Appointments Service of The Chinese University of Hong Kong has been established to help employers in various sectors to recruit new staff effectively, and to initiate the University's graduates into employment. In 1982, 722 organisations availed themselves of the services of the Appointments Service and offered a total of 1 840 career openings to the year's graduates. The Service is now pleased to announce that its 1983 Graduate Placement Programme has recently been launched, and employers may obtain various kinds of services related to their recruitment exercises through this Programme. Enquiries regarding the Programme may be directed to the Appointments Service at 0-633111, Ext. 206, 213 or 204.

As a civic university, the Chinese University sees it as one of its primary functions to provide Hong Kong with well-trained graduates who are endued with high ideals and a vision for the future. Through the years it has sought to meet the community's need for young intellectuals of ability and industry by placing its graduates in the major career fields in Hong Kong.

The high quality of employment that many graduates of the Chinese University have been able to enjoy is perhaps best illustrated by a recent study on the career development of 1979 graduates, which reveals that the career progress of most graduates of that year was very encouraging. By the third quarter of last year, the average salary of the graduates surveyed had appreciated by 104.1%. For those in the Commercial sector the appreciation was 144.7%.

According to the survey on the first employment of 1982 graduates, over 98% of the year's graduates who intended to enter the working life were able to secure satisfactory jobs within six months after graduation. The starting salary of 1982 graduates was also favourable: over 55% of

them received an initial pay above \$4 500 per month and, at the top of the scale, there were 2% who started on \$7 001 to \$8 500 per month. The average appreciation over the 1981 figure is 22% , a very significant increase in the light of a recent Government study, which suggested that the average salary increase in the private sector between 1982 and 1983 ranged only from 7 to 9%.

Chinese University graduates may nowadays be found in virtually every employment sector, but their performance is particularly prominent in certain fields. In China trade, many Chinese University graduates are now highly valued for their familiarity with the foreign trade legislation and practice of China. Recent years have seen many Chinese University graduates developing rewarding careers in the PRC-held banks in Hong Kong, which over the past three years have made no less than 80 job offers to graduates in Business Administration and Economics. Others have found their way into multinational business setups which trade with China on a long-term basis.

In the field of electronic data processing, graduates who took Computer Science as minor study had already been in great demand as system analysts, programmers and sales engineers before the University produced its first batch of Computer Science majors. The opportunities available to the first class of Computer Science majors in 1982 were particularly abundant, and some of them had as many as ten job offers shortly after graduation.

Many Chinese University graduates have embarked on careers in tertiary services such as banking, finance and accounting. In 1982 alone, no less than 97 graduates were absorbed into the banking and finance industry. Many who joined the industry several years ago are by now well known figures among their colleagues, and their performance in the areas of Foreign Exchange and Commodities Trading is particularly outstanding.

In the field of education, the contribution of Chinese University graduates has been of long standing. There is also a steady stream of Chinese University graduates who join the ranks of the Civil Service, serving in a very large variety of grades. It is noteworthy that every year a good number of them are awarded Government Scholarships for overseas training in public administration and other professional



disciplines. As a pioneer in offering a major programme in Social Work, the Chinese University has provided the profession with a substantial number of dedicated workers whose contribution is widely acknowledged by both the Government and voluntary social service agencies.

Many Chinese University graduates are now occupying very prestigious positions in the mass media. Their performance in the broadcasting profession is particularly outstanding, and some of them have recently been appointed to the directorate in the Government's broadcasting agency, and other positions of great responsibility in the commercial stations.

The training provided by the Chinese University's Electronics Department, long recognised by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, has also won high acclaim from employers in both the manufacturing and the public utilities sectors. Electronics majors in recent years have also diversified their career interests considerably and launched themselves into marketing services as well as telecommunication engineering.

These are just some of the major fields in which the contribution of Chinese University graduates is the most obvious and immediately noticeable. There are many others who are enriching life in Hong Kong in various ways: Chinese University graduates have firmly established themselves in the realm of serious music as teachers, performers and composers. Those who are engaged in research work in their respective disciplines probably contribute more to the world of learning, but they also influence and benefit the community indirectly. Recent years have also seen a growing number of graduates launching their careers abroad, working in America and Western Europe on international exchange programmes, and in developing countries as management staff in a variety of industries.

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