

This summer, I have gotten an opportunity to join the Project M² leadership program organised by the Solomon Learning Group to enhance my financial intelligence through a wide range of activities including online learning, visiting different renowned places such as the Meta company, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Hong Kong Science Park and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, meeting many esteemed professionals in the realms of technology and business, as well as working on a presentation with my groupmates.

Joining this activity is definitely an eye opener for me. Before joining the program, I was once afraid that I would not be able to understand the content of the guests' speeches or I might drag my groupmates down in the presentation session due to my lack of prior knowledge in the aforementioned fields. Fortunately, all the people that I met in the program were friendly. Not only did the professional speakers use a host of layman examples to explain the complicated concepts to us, but they also encouraged us to be inquisitive and learn by actively asking questions.

Among all the sharing, I found the sharing about life and decision making by Mr. Ivan Wong, the CEO of the Ocean Park Corporation, most inspiring. What struck me the most was that even though he is elite in different realms, he stays humble and receptive unlike many other successful people. Besides, the opening speech by Mr. Anthony Leung, who is the founder of the Solomon Learning Group and the former financial secretary of the HKSAR, was also impressive. He said that confidence and ego have only a slight difference but their impacts are contrasting. This reminds me that I should be proud of what I have achieved but also be open-minded to accept others' opinions and try to learn from others' virtues.

In addition to the inspiring talks, working on a presentation with my groupmates was also an awesome experience for me. We stayed in Innocell, which is a smart co-living apartment designed for I&T talents to spark collaboration within Hong Kong Science Park, to prepare for our presentation concerning the promotion of the idea of the importance of developing morals and values for wise money usage in school. Being unfamiliar with each other before the program, all of us were nervous to put forward our viewpoints at first. Thanks to all the gaming facilities in the apartment, we have become closer with each other and everyone was more willing to voice out their opinions.

Integrating the suggestions of everyone, we finally built our promotion plan that all of us are satisfied with and successfully introduced our plan in front of a lot of professionals. I appreciate all of my groupmates. Although the progress of our plan didn't go smoothly at the beginning, none of us had ever thought of giving up. Such valuable experience taught me the importance of grit and resilience. Only by persevering can we eventually get to where we want. And the friendships formed between our group is also worthwhile for me.

All in all, I have taken away a lot from this three-day program. In the future, I will try my best to promote project M² in my school with the implementation of the know-how I acquired in this program to develop proper values and morals among teenagers and to raise their awareness of the importance of having good financial habits. To start off, I am planning to organise different activities at school related to the 4Ps principles (product, place, promotion and price). Your support will be much needed! Stay tuned.



Photo: I was raising my question regarding Mr Anthony Leung's sharing.



Photo: When my group was giving a presentation in the lecture hall in HKUST after a night of preparation.



Photo: Our group took a photo in the HKMA.



Photo: There are a total of 200 students from 90 schools, comprising 40 students in-person and 160 students online.