

I am Patsy Wong from 6D. In this summer holiday, I was nominated by the school to participate in the Project M² leadership program organised by Solomon Learning Group, which is a Hong Kong-based social enterprise dedicated to the education of morals and money. The 3-day program aims not only at elevating the financial quotient of senior secondary school students but also instilling in us a global vision to understand the VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world we dwell in today. I was mesmerised by the sharing of eminent guests about business, technology and even life lessons, and I also cheerfully collaborated with students from other schools to finish a marketing project.

As a soldier gearing up for the looming HKDSE battle, I bury myself in past papers and textbooks daily, thinking that global trends are of no concern to me. However, not until I was introduced to the Metaverse and Cryptocurrency did I realise how short-sighted my thoughts were. Aspiring to be an entrepreneur in the future, I should have a great grasp of novel concepts that can possibly be utilised in my business plans, so that I can apply them and contribute back to the society. What impressed me the most was the speech by Mr Peter, Wong Tung-shun, the non-executive chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. "Your passion and attitude define you," he told us, emphasising that the importance of having a job we are passionate about is the key to both success and happiness. Contrary to my belief that salary is the only concern of a job, his sharing flung open the windows of inspiration and being his audience was truly a rewarding experience.

I self-nominated to be the leader in the group project since I wanted to face challenges. Given the tight schedule of the program, my group mates and I barely had enough time to work on our proposal. My team handled all the tasks well, but a huge problem emerged during our rehearsal - we overran the stipulated presentation time. I was caught in a dilemma, as I did not want to delete the content my teammates and I spent nights creating. I boldly took a risk - to put more information into the slides instead of presenting them verbally, hoping to cut time. Though I was afraid that the judges would be annoyed by the lengthy paragraphs, this was the best solution available given the limited time. We acted quickly, coordinated slide transition timings and rehearsed several more times before our show time. Eventually, our proposal was adored by the judges and we won the championship. I learnt that even in critical moments, do not panic, as you can always think of a way out when your mind is poised.

I was so honoured to have been elected as the Most Valuable Player in my group thanks to my tenacity and proactiveness demonstrated throughout the program, which offered me the once-in-a-blue-moon opportunity to dine with Mr Antony, Leung Kam-chung, Antony, the chairman of Solomon Learning. Here, in the Project M² program, I met like-minded participants who also endeavour to improve their capabilities and help create a better world in the future. I hope Solomon Learning can carry on creating these fulfilling experiences, enriching the lives of the brightest minds in Hong Kong.



Photo: I was awarded the Most Valuable Player certificate by Mr Antony, Leung Kam-chung.



Photo: My group mates and I were presenting our plan to the judges.



Photo: Our group (group 14) won the group project after days of hard work.



Photo: Most Valuable Players gathered and had nice chats about our dreams and passion.



Photo: Most Valuable Players were happy to have dined with Mr Leung.