Being an international student at CUHK has given me quite a number of privileges in academics and social life. I have many friends now in and out of class who are always, yes seriously always, willing to help. Having an opportunity to learn more about Hong Kong culture is an honor for me since I have heard about this place since my childhood. Yes, many people from my country know how special Hong Kong is, and now I am lucky to let the local people know about Kyrgyzstan!

Since childhood I have been interested in mathematics, which has later opened a wide door for me into the immense world of engineering and technology. I am always excited when I see some new cool things. It makes me wonder ‘wow, how is that even possible!’ My inner desire to combine my interests in one academic program has been fulfilled when I heard about the Information Engineering department of CUHK. It indeed has something I ever wanted in engineering: Big Data, Software Engineering, Cyber Security, a plenty of amazing hardware courses, you name it!

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**Jovanus ARLO**

**Systems Engineering and Engineering Management**

**From Indonesia**

Time flies much faster than I thought, and now I am almost half way through my university life. During the earlier days, I felt insecure, maybe because of studying abroad or maybe because of the competition that occurred. On the other hand, I’m pretty glad to realize that I’m studying in a good university, which provides me a good level of competition, wish that after graduated I’m not stunned with the real “nasty” world (more competitive). After one semester, I’m so grateful that those insecure feelings were gone. Adaptation and communication are so important in that transition, from being afraid and lonely, to enjoy my daily life in HK as a student. I also learned how to make a decision (such as: setting my own priorities, declaring major, etc.), no matter good or bad ones, as long as we keep learning from mistakes that we made. That’s what I’ve experienced as an international student in Hong Kong.

**SEEM**

**Systems Engineering and Engineering Management**

**Year 2**

**From Korea**

My years of study in SEEM have provided me opportunities to take a broad perspective looking at various technologies, from software engineering to project management and state-of-the-art technologies, the curriculum of SEEM has a wide spectrum of topics that would expand one’s realm of knowledge.

The approach of SEEM to engineering is closest to real-world settings, this is why I appreciate the case studies of several courses that covered critical revelations that any practitioners must be aware of. Guest lectures of practitioners not only furnish us with invaluable insight of the industry, but also provide chances for social networking.

Meanwhile, the Department promotes an open environment for any foreign student to passionately engage in lectures, projects, research, and even part-time positions. I have always been enjoying opportunities and supports from the department. The achievement I made in the SEEM-880 course could be impossible without the generous support from SEEM and teamwork of my local friends.

Hardware needed for research has been funded with no hesitation and my SEEM teammates assisted me with localised market research, pushing the project forward. I genuinely thanks for such trust and partnership I had.

**SONG Young Jae**

**Systems Engineering and Engineering Management**

**Year 4**

**From Korea**

I am Evelyn Julipalas, a final-year undergraduate student from the MAE Department. CUHK has first caught my attention for not only being one of the top universities in Hong Kong, but also of its academic contribution in engineering. I have always had interests towards the automotive industry and machineries since I was young. This is the reason why I chose MAE as my major. On top of that, the MAE Department in CUHK allows me to step out of my comfort zone and learn as many things as possible with the help of a group of highly qualified professors. Not to mention the teaching assistants and the lab technicians that are always there to give us a helping hand.

Studying in CUHK has opened a new window in my life. Students in CUHK are not only bound to books but we are also encouraged to take up extra-curricular activities to improve our interpersonal skills. During my years of studies in CUHK, I have joined activities that are both MAE and non-MAE related such as the GCD’s team, the 3D Printing Interest Group, the Dale Carnegie Training and the WS Choir.

Overall, the years that I have spent in CUHK is fruitful. With the support and the opportunities that the Department has given me, friends that I made throughout the years, as well as how CUHK provides the very best resources for our future careers, I would say that studying in the MAE Department is a blessing to me.

**YU Clara Aiting**

**Energy Engineering**

**Year 4**

**From Australia**

I am Clara Yu, a Year-4 student from Energy Engineering. CUHK acts as a great media between knowledge and myself, or between people and me. In university, there are more choices of programs. Some are specialized in one profession or particular field. I am interested in stepping into different fields, especially environmentally related ones. Therefore, I have chosen an uncommon major: Energy Engineering.

Programmes provided by the Department combine basic theories in mechanical, electrical and chemical industries. In other words, you may learn wide and multi-directional knowledge, which benefits you for pursuing careers as an engineering professional. Professors in classes not only provide theoretical explanations, but also encourage students to develop creativity through group projects. Cooperating in group projects, I have met students coming from different places such as the US and Germany. No matter we were discussing on academic ideas or daily matters, still it was a great experience.

Communication is essential in these decades. CUHK has provided lots of opportunities for me to meet people of different nationalities. Interacting with people from different places, we can know learn different perspectives for ourselves. Gradually, we will be well-equipped for entering society.

**Kairat ESHBOLOTOV**

**Mathematics and Information Engineering, Year 3**

**From Kyrgyzstan**

Being an international student at CUHK has given me plenty of opportunities beyond textbook studies. In my junior year, I was honored to participate in an exchange program to UIUC, America, where I had a precious experience to work with researchers in this top-5 university worldwide in information science. After that, I had another chance to work as a full-time developer in a local company in work study program. Now, gaining the rich experiences, I am confident to embrace the future after graduation and I will never regret my decision to choose IE in CUHK.

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**SONG Jianhan**

**Information Engineering, Year 4**

**From Heliogang, China**

I would strongly recommend students showing interests in mathematics and technology to consider CUHK’s IE department, where I have enjoyed an amazing journey that I might have little chance to experience in my home country. Here, I have improved my academic ability and technical skills through a series of content-rich courses on a wide range of topics, from very theoretical signal analysis to application-oriented software development. No matter you aspire to continue an academic career or to fulfill yourself in the industry after graduation, you will find a proper path of study to empower yourself with IE. Here we have a team of outstanding and talented professors who have gained their fame in corresponding fields and always provide assistance, which will give a strong boost for your career and future career.

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