

Pursuing actuarial studies at a top Australian university

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Bachelor of Arts in Business (Finance)

PolyU SPEED is one of the leading self-financing tertiary education institutions in Hong Kong, with a mission to provide sub-degree graduates with quality top-up degree programmes, enrich students' learning experiences and provide flexible educational opportunities for lifelong learners. Take Nicholas Cheung Ho as an example. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business (Finance) in 2011. One year after completing the programme, he chose to study abroad in Australia.

Taking a break from work

After completing the top-up Bachelor's degree studies at PolyU SPEED, Nicholas joined the insurance arm of a major international financial services group with a history of over 150 years. After working there for about a year, he decided to pursue postgraduate studies overseas in order to broaden his horizons and gain a global perspective while still young. He completed a Master of Commerce, with a specialisation in Actuarial Studies, at Macquarie University in Sydney last year.

Looking back, Nicholas was glad that he accepted the advice of his lecturers at PolyU SPEED to set his sights high and aspire to a master's degree. "The learning

atmosphere at PolyU SPEED is strong. The lecturers are always keen to teach and discuss matters with students. I really appreciate their passion for imparting knowledge. I still keep in contact with my lecturers and we have become friends," he said.

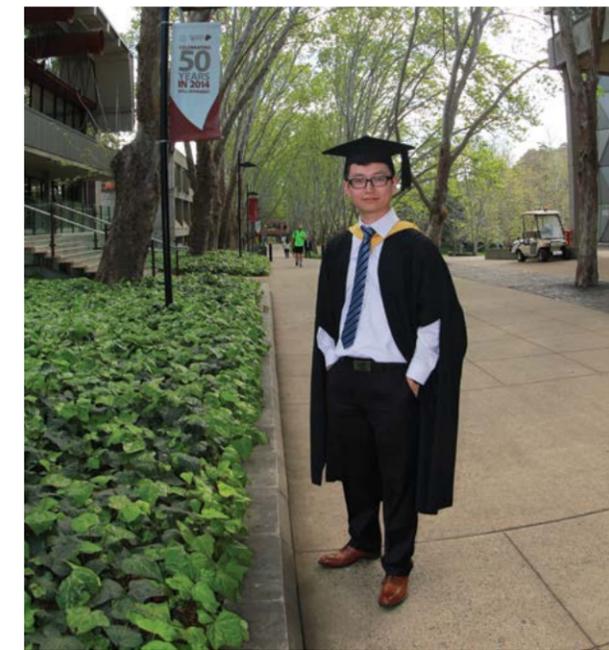
Enjoying life in Australia

Talking about his life in Australia, Nicholas found the country a picturesque and tranquil place. Unlike the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong, the shops in Australia usually close at 6pm. However, amazing attractions like sunbathing on the Gold Coast, skiing in the Australian Alps and diving on the Great Barrier Reef make Australia one of the most desirable countries in the world to live in.

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Therefore, it was no surprise that Nicholas planned to stay in Australia after finishing his postgraduate studies.

Lastly, Nicholas told current students of PolyU SPEED: "The road to success may have hardships and challenges, but there are always different paths to achieve the desired goals." He encouraged them to try their best and never give up; they will reach their goals one day. He also emphasised the importance of getting good academic results at Bachelor's degree level if they hope to go on to further studies. Nicholas said his outstanding academic achievements at PolyU SPEED helped him a great deal.



Achieving outstanding academic success at PolyU SPEED helped Nicholas a great deal in furthering his studies on a master's programme in Australia.