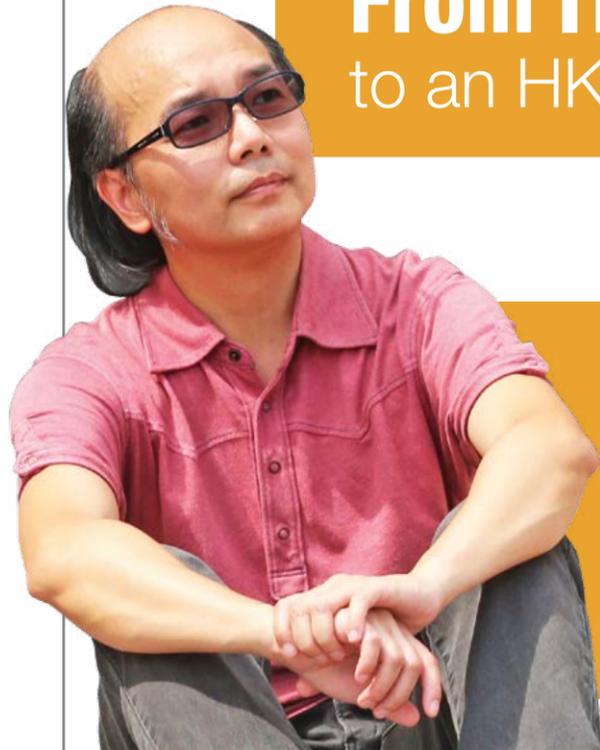


From IT senior management to an HKU PhD candidate



Fung Yat-lui

Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Studies

Fung Yat-lui, a 2013 graduate of the Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Studies programme at PolyU SPEED, gave up a well-paid and distinguished career in order to pursue a doctoral degree. His experience exemplifies that everything is possible – if only you try hard enough.

PolyU SPEED is the first step for academic pursuit of psychology

Yat-lui majored in Information Technology (IT) at university and worked in the IT field for over 20 years. He developed an intense interest in psychology after attending some relevant short courses after work during that period of time. In 2010, he made a bold move by giving up his career to devote himself wholeheartedly to the study of psychology. “Combining the know-how of science and sociology, Psychology is a very humanistic and practical discipline in the social sciences field,” he said.

Well begun is half done. Yat-lui chose PolyU SPEED’s Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Studies programme as the first step for his full-time academic pursuit of psychology. “The programme provided students with a solid academic

foundation of theoretical knowledge in psychology, which would be important for their further studies,” he said. After graduation from PolyU SPEED, Yat-lui continued to study for a Master of Applied Psychology at PolyU. At present, he is pursuing a full-time PhD programme offered by The University of Hong Kong, with a focus on the body-mind-spirit treatment effect on the biomarker of cancer patients and a study on psycho-social therapy for cancer patients from sociological and psychological perspectives.

Life experience helps put things in perspective

For those who are interested in studying psychology, Yat-lui shared his experience: “My strong passion and interest in psychology makes me persistent in pursuing a doctoral degree. Looking back, I had to understand the psychology of customers when handling daily customer

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service work in the IT field. My interest in psychology was thus triggered by my solid work experience, which also helped me understand the relevant theories related to psychology.”

When asked about the seemingly high price that he paid for changing his role from a member of senior management to a full-time student, particularly for a father of two like him, Yat-lui said: “Life is not a straightforward path. It is in fact filled with options and possibilities. Also, I would like to be a role model for my sons and tell them the importance of lifelong learning.”



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