To: All Non-local Students of Postgraduate Programmes

Taking up of Part-time Employment/Summer Jobs/Internship

The Immigration Department of HKSAR (IMMD) has announced in May 2008 a relaxed policy on taking up part-time on-campus employment and summer jobs for non-local students. The terms and conditions are stated in the “No Objection Letter” issued by the IMMD to students when the student visa is issued.

Notwithstanding the “No Objection Letter”, students who are interested in taking up part-time employment/summer jobs/internship during the entire course of study are reminded to observe the following CUHK regulations, which are applicable to all local and non-local students:

1. Clause 3.5 of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies stipulates that “A student registered for a full-time programme of studies shall not take up any full-time employment, paid or unpaid, during term time except with prior permission of the Graduate Council. Recipient of a Postgraduate Studentship (PGS) shall not take up full-time or part-time employment, except with prior permission of the Graduate Council.”

2. Nevertheless, noting that certain part-time engagements may be helpful in enriching students' research experience and exposure, the Graduate Council has delegated authority to Graduate Division Heads to consider giving special permission to PGS recipients (applicable to full-time research students only) that they may take up part-time engagements up to 50 hours per academic year. If the engagement concerned is requested by the students' own Department, the ceiling is relaxed to a total of 100 hours per academic year.

3. All kinds of work placement (including internship) that carry a remuneration of a monetary value, regardless of the amount or form (e.g. salary, reimbursement of costs, provision of accommodation, travel insurance), are considered as remunerative engagements.

Students who plan to take up part-time employment/summer jobs/internship should submit an application to their Divisions well in advance. Each application will be considered on an individual basis. Students in breach of the above CUHK regulations may result in disciplinary actions or be required to discontinue their study. Besides, a breach of any condition of stay specified by the Immigration Department will render them liable to prosecution and removal from Hong Kong.

If you have any queries about the Immigration policies, please contact IMMD (tel.: 2824 6111; fax: 2877 7711; email: enquiry@immd.gov.hk).

Thank you.

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