

## Successful graduate

# Diversify your skill sets with QP

The recent economic recovery is the silver lining of the severely dampened banking industry. Banking continues to be a highly magnetic industry for different walks of talents. The featured QP graduate this month, Mr. Tse Chi Hang, has always aspired to develop a career in banking. He realized his dream step-by-step after attaining his QP qualification.

### Banking talent with accounting expertise

As a financial analyst at Standard Chartered Bank, Tse works in the business finance stream and is mainly responsible for management reporting. He handles MIS reporting, budget forecasting and other tasks in relation to commercial side of the bank.

“As one of the gatekeepers in loan business, I do find my knowledge learned from QP essential and very practical,” Tse explains. At every loan booking made, customers are charged miscellaneous fees. Accounting for such fees and related interest and expenses are all governed by the accounting rules he learned from QP. In addition, he also learned from the auditing module the way to facilitate internal control assessment in a highly supervised organization such as a bank.

“QP training is not only practical, but also enjoyable,” says Tse. He adds that the process of applying textbook knowledge to solve work problems brings him a great deal of satisfaction. Tse strongly advocates the QP open-book examination style which allows students to think freely and solve problems in real life scenario. “After all, problem solving is an indispensable skill for accountants and auditors alike,” Tse remarks.

### A perfect mix of qualities

Attaining QP qualification helps Tse meet the multifaceted knowledge demands of his position and the long-term career development. Tse finds QP very effective for training one’s ability to extract useful information from complicated data – a skill set highly required from an accountant. With the QP extensive training, Tse says he could see himself leaping forward significantly.

Comparing with non-QP qualified colleagues, Tse finds himself a better researcher and analyst.



#### Graduate profile

Name	: Tse Chi Hang
QP graduation	: December 2005
Education	: Bachelor of business administration in accounting and finance, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Job title	: Financial analyst, WB business finance
Company	: Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong)
Past experience	: - Senior accountant, Ernst & Young - Financial analyst, Bank of America
Hobbies	: Rowing, marathon and hiking
Role model	: His parents

Researching may sound like a basic skill required even for completing a college assignment, yet, according to Tse, when it comes to a sophisticated profession such as accounting, how well you can manage your information makes a big difference. With regular QP workshops, Tse learned to communicate and present with confidence. "I now feel more confident on sharing my views at meetings," Tse says everyone was encouraged to speak up at QP workshops. This provides a platform for everyone to develop the communication and presentation skills.

In general, Tse believes that QP has opened up numerous opportunities. "Such opportunities come in handy for career advancement," says Tse. Without QP, Tse reckons his career track would not have been so smooth.

## Continuous improvement

With the qualification and job experience in his pocket, Tse is keen to develop more skills to make him a more competent financial analyst. Very often in a bank he works with teams from various departments. As such, he spends time polishing his communications skills. In future, Tse plans to explore more in the banking industry through practising and leveraging on his knowledge gained through QP.

### Advice for QP students:

- Focus on knowledge application and you will find the examination questions much easier to handle.
- Be sure you understand the underlying accounting concepts and their applications in real life scenarios.
- Form small study groups and benefit from the mutual support and group sharing.



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