



CLP Power Workshop 2007

“Prepare for your first job/college interview”

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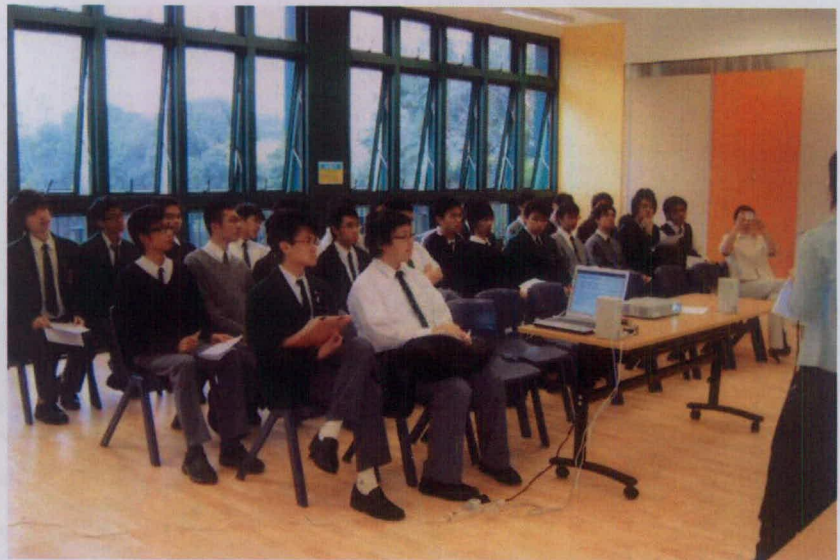


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On the 12th of February, we were very thrilled to have top personnels from the CLP Power to teach us how to prepare for interviews.

Everybody was engaged in the presentation.



3 Steps to prepare

The trainers introduced us 3 steps to prepare for an interview:

1. Mental Preparation

An Interview is a platform for job-seekers and employers to learn about each other: what the other has to offer; whether the job (the candidate) suits themselves (the company).

It is also the best opportunity for interviewees to understand the company and the job. They could also understand more about their own strengths and weaknesses.



• *We were watching a video, showing us how different interviews made different results.*

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2. Practice makes perfect

Practice always makes perfect! Think of several questions which you may have to answer in an interview. Do not learn the answers by heart, but be true to yourself.

Another tip, is to prepare a closing question. A sensible question will definitely impress your interviewer.



3. Physical Preparation

Remember the proper dress code. As one's appearance is crucial to his first impression to others. Be polite and confident.

Reflections

I am very honored to have such a valuable experience meeting top executives from the CLP Power, who are all experts in interviewing techniques. They are very kind and inspiring. They have enlightened us on how to become a strong interviewee and leave the interviewers a good impression.

The first point Steven (our trainer) has stressed, is to make a firm hand shake. This is an act to show our confidence. I think confidence is particularly important when we meet somebody for the first time, for example, our prospective employers. I have found some of my group mates quite shy, especially when they are speaking in English. More practice could definitely help.

What I would like to mention as well is the idea of interview. What I used to think about interview was simply a strategy to get into the company. It could be done by hook or by crook. But what Steven told us, was that the interviewer and the interviewee should be on an equal footing. "All we have to do is to introduce our true selves and show them the abilities we have."

Reflections

This occasion was very useful and helped me a lot to learn about the essential process which we all have to come across in the near future. I also, through this workshop, get to know more about my weaknesses and strengths.

Jerome Au (6SS)



•Steven, our trainer.

Reflections

What I have learnt from the CLP workshop is the importance of doing research about the company before going to the interview. In the interview, your “prospective employer” will always ask you questions related to the development of the company. For example, the interviewers may ask for comments on the company’s past projects, or what you can contribute to the development of the company. From your answer, you can prove to the interviewer that you are the suitable candidate for the job and their best choice. Therefore, you can show them you are the best fit.

Also, being confident is important in an interview. It is what the interviewer want most in their staff. In addition, you should also let the interviewer know that you are ambitious and devoted. If you are shy, you will only tell the interviewer that you are no more than a weak candidate and you may even show your failings once difficulties arise. However, you should not be over-confident and go beyond the line. Let your interviewer know that you respect the interview all the time.

Kelvin Wong (6SS)
