

Accountancy – a multi-disciplinary profession

The accountancy profession offers a plethora of employment opportunities. Of the three young and passionate accounting technicians interviewed for this article, two are working in commercial sector and one in a CPA firm. Their stories illustrate the kind of choices open to accounting technicians and offer insights into how each of their careers has taken shape and progressed. Expert opinions on career trends in accounting field and the demand for AAT qualification are also examined in this issue.



Eunice Yeung, Tax Consultant at KPMG

A profession for the pragmatic

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for the former as the accounting industry is more resilient to economic downturns. Accounting talent is always in demand,” says Eunice Yeung, who has recently been promoted to the position of Tax Consultant from Tax Clerk at KPMG.

Yeung received her higher diploma in accounting at the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education and obtained the AAT qualification afterwards. She then decided to join a CPA firm, which she felt offered her a structured learning environment. “I have had good exposure to various industries and opportunities to develop my skills and work with different clients. I am

also learning about tax regulations and the systems that operate in different countries.”

An accountancy career can be daunting to some, as the profession is often associated with long working hours. “It’s true that those working as auditors may have irregular and long working hours; that’s why I prefer working in taxation, where the hours are more regular, except mainly for the peak season towards end of April and May when we have to file employers’ returns. So you need to know yourself and decide what interests you instead of merely following the footsteps of your friends or the general pack.”