

## Applied Learning – Taster programmes

The HKIAAT organized taster programmes for Secondary 4 students for the Applied Learning (ApL) course "Practical Accounting for SMEs", and these programmes ran from December 2009 to March 2010. The programmes aimed to give students an idea of what is involved in the ApL course to help them make an informed decision in their choice of study in the elective subjects for their Secondary 5 and 6 years.

The taster programmes consisted of two parts. Firstly, students attended a three-hour workshop at the campus of course deliverers, which were Caritas Community & Higher Education Service, Hong Kong College of Technology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College or the Vocational Training Council. At the workshop, students were given the opportunity to learn about basic accounting ideas and get hands-on experience of the MYOB accounting software which is used in the ApL course.



Students practising MYOB at the workshop.

Secondly, after the workshop, students visited the HKIAAT where they were given a talk on the accounting profession, the career pathways and an overview of the ApL course, its assessment and recognition.



Group photo at HKIAAT.

Many students were satisfied with the content and delivery of the taster programmes, which could help them in choosing their elective subjects for Secondary 5 and 6.