

## Where did the 2008 BEng(MedE) graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about BEng(MedE) graduates :-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

### II. Employment Situations in 2008

Of the 27 graduates from this programme, 26 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

|   | BEng(MedE) |      |      |      | HKU Overall* |      |      |      |
|---|------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|
|   | 2008       |      | 2007 |      | 2008         |      | 2007 |      |
|   | No.        | %    | No.  | %    | No.          | %    | No.  | %    |
| <b>No. of respondents</b>                 | 26         | 100% | 24   | 100% | 2572         | 100% | 2450 | 100% |
| <b>Employed</b>                           | 20         | 77%  | 12   | 50%  | 2060         | 80%  | 1977 | 81%  |
| <b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>         | 1          | 3.8% | 0    | 0%   | 15           | 0.6% | 5    | 0%   |
| <b>Further Studies</b>                    | 4          | 15%  | 12   | 50%  | 462          | 18%  | 451  | 18%  |
| <b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b> | 0          | 0.0% | 0    | 0%   | 1            | 0.0% | 3    | 0%   |
| <b>Not seeking F/T job</b>                | 1          | 3.8% | 0    | 0%   | 34           | 1.3% | 14   | 1%   |

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

### III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

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### IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

| By the end of | % of new graduates who have secured employment |      |
|---------------|--|------|
|               | 2008   | 2007 |
| May or before | 29%  | 9.1% |
| June          | 29%  | 45%  |
| July          | 53%  | 55%  |
| August        | 71%  | 82%  |
| September     | 88%  | 91%  |
| October       | 88%  | 91%  |
| November      | 94%  | 91%  |
| December      | 100%   | 100% |
| January       | 100%   | 100% |
| February      | 100%   | 100% |

No Response = 3

### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of BEng(MedE) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Civil Service, Educational Institutions and Community, Social & Personal Services.

| Sector                                | % of graduates |      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------|
|                                       | 2008           | 2007 |
| Commerce & Industry                   | 41%            | 64%  |
| Civil Service                         | 29%            | 9.1% |
| Educational Institutions              | 24%            | 0.0% |
| Community, Social & Personal Services | 5.9%           | 27%  |

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by BEng(MedE) graduates is shown below.

|                | Basic Salary |          |              |          | Gross Income |          |              |           |
|----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                | BEng(MedE)   |          | HKU Average* |          | BEng(MedE)   |          | HKU Average* |           |
|                | 2008         | 2007     | 2008         | 2007     | 2008         | 2007     | 2008         | 2007      |
| <b>Mean</b>    | \$13,125     | \$10,235 | \$18,142     | \$16,146 | \$13,186     | \$11,524 | \$18,755     | \$17,021  |
| <b>Median</b>  | \$12,500     | \$10,000 | \$14,000     | \$12,000 | \$12,588     | \$10,517 | \$14,583     | \$13,000  |
| <b>Minimum</b> | \$11,000     | \$7,000  | \$3,000      | \$5,000  | \$11,000     | \$7,000  | \$6,450      | \$5,000   |
| <b>Maximum</b> | \$16,700     | \$13,852 | \$87,000     | \$78,500 | \$16,700     | \$18,000 | \$87,000     | \$102,000 |

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by BEng(MedE) graduates is shown in the following table.

| No. of job offers received | No. of graduates (% of graduates) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| One                        | 13 (76%)                          |
| Two                        | 3 (18%)                           |
| Three                      | 1 (5.9%)                          |

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of BEng(MedE) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

| <u>Employers</u>  | <u>Job Titles</u>                 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Civil Service -</b>  |                                   |
| - HKSAR - Electrical and Mechanical Services Department                 | - Biomedical Engineering Graduate |
| - HKSAR - Electrical and Mechanical Services Department                 | - Engineering Graduate            |
| - Hospital Authority  | - Clinical Service Assistant      |
| - Hospital Authority  | - Research Assistant              |
| - Hospital Authority  | - Technical Service Assistant     |
| <b>Educational Institutions -</b>                                       |                                   |
| - The University of Hong Kong   | - Research Assistant              |
| - The University of Hong Kong<br>- Department of Mechanical Engineering | - Research Assistant              |
| - The University of Hong Kong<br>- Department of Mechanical Engineering | - Research Assistant II           |
| - The University of Hong Kong<br>- Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine      | - Research Assistant              |
| <b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>                        |                                   |
| - Prince of Wales Hospital  | - Senior Research Assistant       |
| <b>Commerce and Industry -</b>  |                                   |
| - Automatic Manufacturing Limited                                       | - Marketing Engineer              |
| - Edu-Science (H.K.) Limited  | - Project Engineer                |
| - Goldman Sachs Hong Kong   | - Financial Planner               |
| - Grant Thornton  | - Accountant I                    |
| - KPMG  | - Accountant                      |
| - Singapore Airlines Limited  | - Pilot                           |
| - Organization's name not reported                                      | - Engineer                        |
| <b>Others -</b>   |                                   |
| - Organization's name not reported                                      | - Sales                           |

No Response = 2

Note: Some of the 2008 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.

## Where did the 2008 BEng(MedE) graduates go?

- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
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