



HKU Admission Essay Sample

“Everybody has his own sword and we can describe it as ‘a hidden card’ then what is your hidden card?”

“I believe my hidden card is still not disclosed”

“How can you utilize its maximum?”

“That is why I am aiming at the entry of the University and I will be utilizing my capability by accumulating cognitive and sophisticated knowledge of a specific academic field for the practical utilization in the real world and even in the places that has a culturally ambiguous setting”

“You must have ultimate goals before studying in the tertiary institutions”

<This dialogue is between my teacher and myself in the business class>

As addressed in the dialogue, the intrinsic value of international politics and social studies that I am targeting to study is inextricably linked to the nature of multicultural and diversified academic perspectives. I have a deep interest in studying international relations and politics as the modern world is turning into a small global village— understanding of wide range of knowledge of international relations has become a mandatory pre requisite to be a global leader these days.

Hong Kong is an ideal location for studying international relations, as there is a diversity of cultures including eastern and western harmonizing together. Moreover, Hong Kong is also a country which embeds a great influence of the former British colony on its history. In this regard, the University of Hong Kong is the ideal place for studying this course, as it possesses the world's longest international history of the global learning, and is highly renowned for quality education. I hope that by studying at HKU, my thirst for acquiring knowledge will be satisfied and my passion for learning, based on a healthy challenging spirit of Social Sciences at the University of Hong Kong (Social Science), will further grow and bring me towards the fulfillment of my dreams. I also hope that by utilizing the excellent learning facilities at HKU, I will be in a better position to contribute to the international community in a positive way by moving one step further than the other individuals.

A part of my childhood experience includes witnessing several of the world's crises. For instance, the South Korea's IMF economic downfall occurred during the late 1990's towards early 2000's. It was also a moment of seeing the sudden economic depression in 2008 along with the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy concerning their investment bank. It wasn't also an exception for me to witness an adventitious crisis as nature took its part for its self-destruction, thereby contributing to the trade and industry's collapse in various countries. Because of these myriad of international crises, it is undeniable that the world has been in both economic and political tumult. There is, therefore, no doubt that the exposure to these societal events has brought me to various views including the contribution and perspective outlook of the mass media. Now it has become a firm dream for me to contribute to the world by searching for the effective solutions and leading nations to come together for further development.

Globalization, as a common phenomenon in any industry is accelerated around the world today, but despite the desperate efforts, sometimes the problems still remain unresolved. Thus, the influence of the reciprocal political and economic relationship has increased among the countries of the world. The courses offered by Department of Political Science, especially "Political Economy", can give me better learning in such perspective. The international cooperation system, usually a mixed political economy in modern times, has no scheme to respond aggressively and adopt diplomatic strategies. Therefore, more research is needed in this area which can be only achieved by studying international diplomacy and acquiring a broader perspective about the culture of each country. Achieving an education pertaining to political economy and international relations will allow me to attain my superior goal of carrying essential contributions towards the development of globalization, and my association with HKU will allow me to take part of this huge global organization.

On the other hand, I firmly believe that my advocacies remain a huge contribution towards attaining something for the society. I have been actively participating in a variety of extracurricular activities to enhance my experience and knowledge. For one, I have a deep involvement in Hong Kong Model United Nations (HKMUN) with diversified activities. This activity was meant to address the world issues through the eyes of each country. Every country has discussed about the current global issues together in order to find the effective solutions and presented by a leading delegate. It was a very valuable opportunity for me as I became aware of the most pressing issues, and it broadened my horizon about international diplomacy and politics.

Moreover, my participation in various leadership workshops gave me an opportunity to learn effective communication skills as to how I can persuade others in an effective manner. I am also passionate about moving people with my environmental advocacy. One outlet of showing such is to convert it into a writing skill and this ability allowed me to achieve an award by participating in an Environmental Essay Competition in

Korea in 2010. I am also very much interested in music since childhood. In fact, I participated in various school musical activities, including scholarship concert, choir and orchestra, and these taught me the lesson of harmonization and cooperation as a group rather than an individual.

In my personal view, sharing one's skills and techniques with other people is also one of the most valuable services. In 2010, I had a perfect chance of having a service trip in Laos for one week. Furthermore, I had interest in learning different languages since childhood. My passion in learning such made me strive harder to learn what I want. Since I have shown significant interests in learning various languages, it enabled and encouraged me to learn three more languages aside from my native tongue. Therefore, I realized that having multilingual skills could give me an ability to provide an opportunity for the wide range of other communities to learn languages as well. One good experience linked to this was when I emerged myself in a Korean night school program during summer break where I got the role of teaching verbal communications and languages especially intended for the less literate people such as the elderly and disabled children. This experience alone has uncovered my passion for teaching using my multilingual talent as it allowed me to witness their willingness to learn despite their existing difficulties.

From that moment on, I realized that opportunities like these must further be spread and advocated towards a wide range of other diverse communities. Being blessed with the ability to speak more than one language is natural equipment for me to extend my sincere service to those who need it. Moreover, my talent and passion for music became another channel for me to share a valuable service for the less fortunate. I have worked in Hong Kong where I rendered my voluntary services to children who belong to low-income families by providing them free piano lessons. It is an undeniable fact that these children, due to their economic situation, are denied this benefit. However, with my little effort of extending and sharing, my piano skills gave them genuine happiness and sheer contentment. It was an opportunity that provided them a platform to showcase their talents, and I believe that such little things can bring about change to the society.

These events in my life have also been brought about confluences for molding particular beliefs. For instance, I am highly inspired by one of the most respected mentors in my life, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Being associated with UN (United Nation), he has done tremendous works for the betterment of people. His foremost goals have been to mobilize world leaders around a set of new global challenges, from climate change and economic upheaval to pandemics, and increasing pressures involving food, energy and water. He has been a bridge-builder who gave voice to the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, thereby strengthening the Organization itself. Moreover, he has made several thought-provoking speeches at international conferences and forums around the world that contributed to global peace and stability.

Like my ideal leader, I see my future in such a world-class international organization where I can contribute with greater influences. To fulfill my dreams, I would like to join United Nations of Economic and Social Council that handles the various international political and economic situations by identifying solutions to international economic, social and health problems, so that I can expose myself into a diversified field of

studies and contribute to the world's development by promoting higher standards of living, and general economic and social progress. For my career goals, I believe that I have to embed the diversified-perspective and multi-cultural mindset, not only in the academic activities but also in social advocacies— hence, I consider HKU the best fit to develop my cultural intelligence with improving the sophisticated knowledge in the social science.