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We are delighted to have Mr. Stephen Mok (2013 graduate) to be our first interviewee.

E: What do you do currently?

S: I currently work in the Sustainability Department in HSBC. My department is involved in sustainability affairs both internally and externally, which include promoting sustainability practices within the company, sustainable financing, climate business and community investment.

E: Could you tell us what sustainable financing and climate business mean?

S: Sustainable Finance is about anticipating opportunities and risks associated with changing climate, environment and economy. For climate business, HSBC looks into businesses that comprise goods and services that will thrive in the transition to a low-carbon economy, e.g. low-carbon energy, energy efficiency, pollution control and climate research for deals and products.

E: What are your job duties?

S: I am responsible for conducting environmental analysis for the Asia Pacific region, assisting the implementation of ISO14001, planning and designing initiatives to minimize environmental impacts of our operations. I also participate in stakeholder engagement and vendor management.

E: It is nice to hear you have great exposure to different types of projects. Could you tell us what do you like about your job?

S: Working in the commercial sector provides me the perfect networking platform, which exposes me to many other opportunities. In addition, working in a company with immense global presence gives me rich resources to nurture my personal development.

E: Could you share with us any special experience on your job?

S: One of the most remarkable moments was when I had to collaborate with Global Banking & Markets Department to decide on a sustainable investment. I helped to conduct Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) analysis and the workload was immense. We pitched multiple presentations and sales. This particular experience more or less molded what I wanted for my career path.

E: Wow, it sounds cool! As a final question, could you give advice to students or recent graduates who want to enter the environment related industry?

S: I would suggest them to be patient when entering this industry. It is still a niche market. However, from my point of view, it is indeed growing with high potential and opportunities. So don't hold back. Throw yourself out there into the market and demonstrate your values.

E: Thank you very much for your time.