

SOPHIA WONG

We are glad to have Ms. Sophia Wong (2013 graduate) to share her work experience with us in this edition.

EVMTAA (E): What do you do lately?

Sophia (S): I currently work in the Environmental and Venue Consulting team at Ove Arup & Partners HK Ltd.

E: Could you tell us more about your day-to-day duties?

S: My work is project based. I have participated in various consulting projects, e.g. environmental impact assessments, carbon audit and energy audit.

E: What is an energy audit?

S: Well, an energy audit examines the efficiency of 4 types of central building services installations namely air-conditioning installation, lighting installation, electrical installation and, lift and escalator installations. Through the audit, we would inform the building owner or operator how the building performs in energy efficiency and recommend energy management opportunities – how to improve the building's energy efficiency.

E: Sounds great! That would help your clients to save energy and cost at the same time.

S: Yes, and reduce carbon emissions as well.



E: Then, do you like your job?

S: Yes ... and no. I like being a consultant as I have chances to visit a lot of interesting places and understand how the organisation works. For example, when I conducted carbon audit for fire stations, I familiarized myself with the operation of Fire Services Department. Plus, I am grateful to work with people from different countries on different projects, which let me learn more about different cultures.

E: What is the “no” part?

S: When multiple project deadlines are tightly scheduled, my workload soars, but it is OK. I mean, the way I see it is that there is no better time to devote yourself into the work other than when you are young.

E: We see. The last question - could you share some special experience on your job?

S: I felt great when I helped to establish the rowing team in the company and joined corporate competition with colleagues. It was nice to know that the company is being supportive and I have made a lot of friends from different groups at Arup throughout the coordination process.

E: We appreciate for your time very much.