

## OUR SUMMER STUDENT – OLIVIA YIU

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### Summer Internship at Allen & Overy Hong Kong

My summer internship at Allen & Overy was a challenging and rewarding experience. Every day of my internship was packed with learning opportunities, assessments, presentations, visits, luncheons and other activities. The hectic lifestyle and the busy schedule gave us a flavour of a lawyer's life and provided a challenging environment in which we could maximise our potential.

Although we were expected to think for ourselves and work very hard, we were not left to our own devices.

Throughout the internship, recruitment partners, trainers, mentors and the recruitment team gave us feedback, guidance and opportunities to enable us to get the most out of our internship. They showed a genuine concern for our development and took time off their tight schedules to meet and discuss with us. I found their advice and insights very helpful in understanding how my work would fit into the wider context of a transaction and in getting an idea of the nature of work in different practice groups.

I believe this nurturing and cordial culture in the firm is one reason why Allen & Overy is often regarded as an employer of choice by law graduates. Everyone I came across was professional yet approachable and I always felt comfortable to consult my trainers for advice. My experience bears testimony to Allen & Overy's reputation as a top firm that places great emphasis on team spirit, openness and friendliness in the workplace.

I believe the well-structured and comprehensive programme has given us a host of opportunities to understand the firm and the people who make it special. It is certainly exciting and demanding and interns can expect to experience a steep learning curve at all times. Personally, it is one of the most rewarding experiences I have had and I would like to thank Vicki, Julia and everyone who has mentored me for their guidance and for making this internship experience a truly memorable one.



Picture taken with June scheme students