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Dear Mr. Wang,

 I have recently been involved in a career project called the ‘Career Oscars’ and I am writing to give a brief introduction and feedback about this project. The information of our theme, the preparation process, the things learned from the project are intangible and precious knowledge to us, and I would like to share them with you.

 The topic chosen by our group was Pharmacy since most of our team mates were interested in this field and we would like to learn more about it. Many students were under the impression that pharmacists are just people prescribing medicines at Watson’s, thus we focused on the various types of pharmacists, such as those who work in the community, hospital and compounding pharmacy, together with the study and career pathway in the presentation.

 The preparation work of the career project was challenging yet mind-opening. Before we started the actual project, we drafted several pre and post questionnaires for the audience. When drafting and revising the questionnaire, we considered a preliminary plan of the content of the presentation and it helped us in the pre-planning before the start of our project. After finishing the questionnaire, we developed more contents from our original plan, and each of our team members was assigned with different tasks. Some were responsible for script writing, some were for PowerPoint making, while I was responsible for information research. I prepared the information mostly by searching about pharmacy of different countries for the duties of pharmacists. However, the massive information about pharmacy of different countries was confusing. Some of them were not applicable in Hong Kong, thus I had to filter the necessary ones and sort them accordingly. Furthermore, we had practice with our scripts before our oral presentation several times in order to give a smooth and satisfying performance.

 By doing the Career Oscars, I have learned a number of things both from the preparation process and the research work. First and foremost, I understood the importance of teamwork and cooperation. In this project, our group tried using division of labour to divide the project into different parts. At first, we had an intense argument until we finally compromised with a new work allocation. From this experience, I knew that although division of labour was very efficient, it was not the ideal way of cooperation and may even lead to divergence of opinion due to the difficulties in even distribution of work and the undesired parts would be left unchosen. Therefore, on top of even distribution of labour, communication and concession in certain situations are significant in collaboration. Apart from that, time-management was another thing I have learned through this project. Despite our hectic daily schedule, we were able to finish the project step by step, starting from setting up the questionnaire to the final presentation with the help of a well-organized plan provided by our teachers. This inspired me to make a timetable and set specific targets when doing similar tasks in the future. Moreover, my knowledge about the career Pharmacy was greatly enhanced during the project, as well as my data analyzing skills through constant research of information.

 In addition to the above-mentioned personal benefits, we students also acquired other knowledge from this project. Not only have the involvement in the project granted us a chance to search for further information in a certain profession, but also gave us chance to share our results with our fellow schoolmates. Undoubtedly, students would be motivated to find out more about the job they were interested in, thus helping them determine whether the job suits them or have optimistic career prospects. This is especially beneficial to us in terms of career and life planning. Besides, we can listen to other students’ presentations, and hence widens our horizons about various careers. We can compare and contrast the information found by others to figure out the future career pathway. With the extra information provided, students are less likely to make regretful decisions when making life planning decision.

 In conclusion, the Career Oscars is an enriching project that I enjoy very much and benefit a lot. I am very grateful to have a chance to engage in this meaningful and valuable program.

Yours sincerely,

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