

Succeed in Job Hunting and Career Development in UK CYPE Club Action One 29 Aug 2003

CYPE Club started its action by inviting Dr. Zhang Jinzhong to have a seminar on job hunting and career development in UK. Based on his personal experiences, Dr. Zhang gave many advices on the topic. Here are some key points summarised by Dr. Zhang.

"You are the leader of your own career. Like any other situation, a leader needs DIRECTION, SPACE, SUPPORT and knows where the BOUNDARIES are.



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"Job hunting towards the end of your study is the very beginning of your career. It requires planning. Ask yourself a simple question: 'What do I really want to do?' Think hard from your deep heart and analyse it with clear head. This will be the DIRECTION you will pursue in so many years to come.

"Take the ownership of your career. There is SPACE in the society for you to nurture your career. At the beginning, it can be hugely frustrating because of your SPACE is so small, or even minimal when you have not had a job. However, it likes a tree: the more it grows, the more SPACE it has. Shear hard work is what is needed to gain SPACE. Learn the industry you want to get in, improve

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closely after all the effort.

"Don't expect you can get everything done yourself. Seek for SUPPORT both formally and informally from places like career service and people such as your tutors and friends.

"There are some BOUNDRIES you can push or break, some you can't. Know your strength and weakness. Know the rules and play with them wisely.

"Securing a job is not the end, not even the beginning of the end. It is just the end of the beginning. Do remember you are the leader of your career. There are DIRECTION, SPACE, SUPPORT and BOUNDARIES everywhere."

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Dr. Zhang Jinzhong

Dr. Zhang Jinzhong got his Ph.D. in chemical engineering in UMIST last year. He did thoroughly research and careful preparation before submitting his job applications. After several rounds of interviews, he received offers from some leading British and European companies. He now works for BP (the largest British company) as a development engineer. Dr. Zhang believes his experience can be beneficial to people who are looking for job or just started their career in UK. You are welcome to talk to him about this topic in future CYPE events.