

Local Degrees VS Overseas Degrees

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I want to share my opinion on whether a degree from a university in Hong Kong is better than one from overseas. Currently, employers in growing numbers are more willing to employ people who graduate from universities in Hong Kong because of the better quality of those universities. Nevertheless, this belief finds no echo in my mind. I think that the universities in Hong Kong and those of overseas have their unique strengths. When the employers are deciding who they will employ, they should focus on which abilities they prefer their employees to have instead of merely where the employees graduated from.

Needless to explain, universities in both regions have different strengths.

In the first place, generally, students studying in local university cater for the jobs in Hong Kong better. In other words, they have a more profound understanding of Hong Kong and this understanding can help them perform better at work. Actually, universities in Hong Kong tend to teach students some skills at work. For example, if you study English, you learn education psychology because the professors presume you will likely to be an English teacher in Hong Kong. In this way, if you become an English teacher, you grasp some skills in teaching. For another example, if you study social work, you are required to be an intern of a social worker for 800 hours so as to help you learn the situation in Hong Kong. The experience procured will be extraordinarily useful when you are at work. Therefore, broadly speaking, students who graduate from universities in Hong Kong usually, if not always, have a deeper understanding of the job they apply for. Undoubtedly, this can help them deal with work more effectively.

However, on the globalization ground, people who graduate from

universities overseas are much more competent. It is well-known that the globe is ever-changing now. Everybody over the world pays attention to globalization. Myriad employers believe from the bottom of their hearts that if they desire to maximize profits, it is indispensable to hire employees who have a globalized vision instead of a myopic one. As students studying in universities overseas have more opportunities to come across people from different places, they are more likely to learn about different cultures and broaden their horizons. Without any doubt, some companies prefer these sorts of employees. For instance, some brands such as Coca-cola and G2000 need people who have a globalized vision to plan the strategy for promotion. As a matter of course, under the spell of globalization, globalized vision has become the strength of graduates from overseas.

Actually, the disciplines of study that universities in Hong Kong excel in are different from universities overseas. Take the University of Hong Kong as an example, the medical science of it plays a leading role in the world. Also, the BBA and MBA degrees of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology have a very satisfactory ranking in Asia. The Chinese University of Hong Kong is renowned for translation and Chinese. However, as excellent as some subjects of universities in Hong Kong are, there also exist some weaknesses. To illustrate, political science and pure science subjects get a lower score when compared to the universities overseas.

All in all, I believe that a degree from university in Hong Kong is not better or worse than that from a university overseas. They simply have distinct strengths. I suggest that when employers are making decisions about who to employ, they should first make clear which type of people suit the job more — people who have a better understanding of the job or people with a globalized vision. It goes without saying that if all employers can make good use of the strengths of different individuals, the profits of the entire society can be maximized.