Self-Introduction – Shelson Yau

1. Self-introduction

Hi! I'm Shelson Yau from Hong Kong. Right now, my most "unremarkable" identity is being a third-year student at City University of Hong Kong. As for my major? I'll leave that as a cliffhanger for now—maybe you can try guessing after reading this entire piece. Perhaps you'll figure out which academic discipline trained me to write articles like this ■

So, here's the story. I actually joined this community two or three months ago. But why am I only introducing myself now? Well, I'm someone who prefers to observe before taking action. I wanted to first get a feel for the environment, the people here, and the rules—whether the community is friendly—before deciding how much time, energy, and attention I should invest here ■.

Although it might sound a bit dramatic, I look at things from a semi-strategic point of view. Just like how interviews are mutual observation processes, I saw this as my own "interview" phase with the community.

Since there's no actual interview here, I decided to set myself a two-month "observation period." And so far, I've found the value of this community to be way beyond expectations—not only as a space for sharing knowledge, but also as a place full of potential opportunities, collaborations, and even incubator-level connections.

That's why I've decided to get more involved. I'm now hoping to become a co-builder of this community and contribute more actively.

1.1 Project Manager? As a Student?

You might be wondering—how can a student like me end up as a "project manager"? You guys may be curious about that. Well, it's really about choosing your starting path.

I chose to get involved with a small NGO, taking a volunteer-based role where I help with planning their events and pushing forward annual initiatives.

Start from "why": I come from a humble background and have been lucky to receive a lot of support and resources, especially in education. Now that I have a bit of time and capability, I want to give back to society in my own way.

By a twist of fate, I became the project manager of this NGO ■. It turned into a win-win situation: I get to give back to the community, and I also have something meaningful to add to my CV.

As for my boss (the NGO's chairman), their expectation is that I can use my own personal network to help connect with other organizations and partners. So yes—technically, they also gained a free worker ■

2. What do I hope to gain from this community?

2.1 Personal Branding & CV Development

After watching "Class Rep's" video (shoutout!), I really agree with the point that opportunities are for the prepared. As a pre-new grad myself, I hope to draw on some of the insights shared to enhance my LinkedIn profile and better present myself.

2.2 Knowledge Sharing

I want to collect inspiration and ideas here. Some organizations have also approached me to help draft suggestions for community-building strategies. I hope to take on the role of an active member—and maybe even an advisor—helping shape how communities are built using different models, while learning from successful examples here. Honestly, big respect—the way this community is built is impressive ■

2.3 Expand My Network

I want to see if I can connect with people—especially locally in Hong Kong—who are passionate about social good and community building. I'd love to explore ways to create win-win collaborations.

3. What can I offer?

3.1 Gen Z Perspective

As a Gen Z student in the 21st century, I can share insights on what challenges this generation face

s, what they expect, and how local businesses can better discover and attract technical talent ■
3.2 For "Class Rep"
If I ever reference your articles, I'll always give credit to the source. I might even use my person
al network to help bring more traffic or attention to "Class Rep" content ■. If needed, I can also h
elp with regional outreach in Hong Kong.
3.3 Startup Connections & Interview Ideas
Previously, we mentioned a potential interview opportunity—I can reach out to some startup CEOs I kn
ow and see if they'd be open to appearing on camera ■
I currently know:
- A startup CEO working in AI/machine learning-based asset management
- Another one running a fintech platform focused on SME financing
As a CityU student, I also have access to professors who might be willing to share insights on tech
and industry trends in Hong Kong (TBC). Of course, these are just potential ideas—for any actual col
laboration, we'd need to chat further and see if it's mutually beneficial ■
3.4 Offline Meetup in HK?
I saw that some members have hosted in-person meetups. I wonder if there'd be interest in hosting so
mething similar in Hong Kong? We could organize a small gathering (5-20 people) to share ideas and i
nsights.
I already have some collaboration experience with local restaurants and bars—so venues are sorted. O
f course, everyone would cover their own meals ■. If there's interest, feel free to let me know belo
w and I'll see how to organize it ■
4. To sum up
My key strengths lie in event planning, coordination, and bringing together different resources. I w
ear multiple hats, which means I can often act as a bridge or leverage point to connect people ■
I hope through these roles, I can create unique value for others—and ultimately, help build win-win
situations for all involved ■