

人生導航儀

The Life Navigator

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人生總有迷惘的時候，如能在此刻得到適當指引，便能走出困局。Ron現在已是一位高級調酒師，也是HKUE的酒店款待業課程的畢業生。入讀HKUE前他對前途甚感困惑，然而在他迷失的日子裏，卻遇上了啟蒙老師，造就了他自信的人生。

There are times that we feel confused and wretched in our lives, but we can soon get out of a predicament, especially if someone senior can show us a direction. Ron is now a senior bartender. He is also a graduate of HKUE's Hospitality Programme. He had puzzled about his future before he met his enlightening teacher.



年紀輕輕的Ron對酒類十分熟悉，更向筆者介紹調酒用的六種基酒的特性及味道。Ron is well-versed with different kinds of wine although he is still young. He even introduced the 6 basic wines used for cocktail mixing to us during the interview.

「多謝Mountain Sir!」

「如果沒有Mountain Sir鼓勵我入行，我想到今天我仍在打散工。」Ron回想六年前的一個人生轉捩點，「讀HKUE之前我做『炒散』為生，只懂打機，完全沒有人生目標。現在真的要同Mountain Sir講一句『多謝!』」

「以前，我喜歡對電腦多過對人，沒有人生目標。讀酒店管理及旅遊課程後，Mountain Sir覺得我性格適合做調酒師，便鼓勵我去嘗試。人生中，從來沒有人像Mountain Sir，主動指引我可做甚麼工作。」畢業以後，他更特意報讀專業的調酒課程，裝備自己踏入調酒師的行列。

亦師亦友 主動關懷

老師們除了是Ron的啟蒙導師外，也是他的好朋友。「以前讀書，放學會跟老師一起去食宵夜。放假，會一起去踏單車。直到現在，老師都會來我的酒吧探我。」

「有次上堂阿Sir忽然煮了一個煙肉洋蔥酸甜忌廉醬，還讓同學沾薯條食。HKUE的老師像我的朋友多於老師，他們願意主動跟學生打成一片，分享他們的人生經驗。」當提及與老師昔日的片段，Ron便笑不攏咀。

「連校長也主動關心學生，會了解我們功課如何了，或跟我們討論有關前途的問題。記得有次我有問題找校長，他立刻放下工作，向我提供珍貴的指導，令我得益良多。」校長與老師們的主動關懷，讓學生明白自己很寶貴，自然會專心讀書，為前途打拼，Ron就是一個好例子。

盡責踏實的調酒師

入行後，Ron發現調酒師的工作絕對不簡單。「起初以為只需要整飲品，原來還要切生果、準備整個酒吧的用品、蒸酒再調味……返工時間又長，工時又不穩定。」

他曾因此打算辭職，可是為了責任，他選擇堅持。「我有下屬，如果我離開，就少一個教導他們的人。當他們遇到困難，我會跟Mountain Sir及校長一樣，主動鼓勵他們。」

最後，Ron決定留下作長線發展：「身邊的師兄都很有經驗，因此現階段我希望先了解公司不同的產品，增進傳統雞尾酒的知識，因為客戶很喜歡點餐牌以外的傳統雞尾酒。我想穩打穩紮。」

Ron跟昔日「見日過日」的他，活脫脫是兩個人。曾經迷失的小男孩，如今已蛻變為勇於承擔的真男人。

Thank you, My Teacher Mountain!

“Without Mountain’s encouragement, I could never have started pursuing my career as a bartender, and might still live aimlessly.” Ron was recalling the turning point of his life that happened six years ago. “I was a casual worker, who only liked to play computer games. Before entering HKUE, I didn’t have any goals. Today, I would like to show my highest appreciation to Mountain!”

“I preferred spending time alone on computer games, rather than interacting with people in the past. After entering HKUE, Mountain advised me to become a bartender, as he thought my character is suitable for this job. Nobody would give me advice like what Mountain did before.” After graduation, Ron enrolled in a professional bartender course, purposely equipping himself to be a professional bartender.

Not just a teacher, but also a friend

Teachers are friends to Ron too. “Back in school days, we used to dine together after class and went cycling during holidays. Until today, teachers will still come to visit me in my workplace.”

“One of my teachers even made us a dish of onion sour cream sauce with bacon, so that we could eat French fries with the sauce during lesson. Teachers are friends to me, without any generation gaps. They love to share their life experiences too.” Ron wears a big smile when mentioning about his teachers.

“The Principal concerns us a lot too. Whenever he saw us, he would ask if we had any questions on assignments and career developments. During my time in HKUE, I talked with him about my academic issues. He immediately put down his work and listened to me attentively. His professional and valuable advice has inspired me.” The caring of teachers and the Principal makes students feel they are valuable, which enables them to work and study hard for their future.

A Responsible and Diligent Bartender

The work of a bartender is not an easy task, which is far beyond Ron’s imagination.

“I thought I only need to mix and serve drinks as a bartender. As I started working in this industry, I have got to know the job well - I need to prepare glasses, utensils, and bar equipment at the bar section, slice and pit fruits, as well as boil wine for flavoring afterwards, etc. The working hours, however, are very long and unstable.”

When he found out more about the workload, the idea of resignation then popped up in his mind. But he has chosen to stay, face the challenge and deal with the pressure.

“I can’t leave my subordinates behind. They will lose a mentor if I resign. When they encounter difficulties, I would encourage and share my experiences with them, just like what Mountain and the Principal did.”

“All of my seniors are very experienced, so at this stage, I still want to familiarize myself with different company’s products and classic types of cocktail, because many customers like to order classic cocktail drinks that are not on our menu. I want to move up step by step.” Ron has chosen to develop his career in this company.

The little boy, who once lost his direction in life, has now transformed himself into a courageous man, and he is willing to take up responsibility.



就讀調酒課程時，Ron(右1)已代表學校參加業界舉辦的活動。直到今天，他仍樂於代表公司出席不同的試酒會，提升自己的實力。When Ron (Right 1) was a student, he represented the school to participate in different wine-related activities. Today, he is still representing his company to take part in different wine & spirit tasting events, in order to increase his knowledge about wine.