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Cisco sparks off career for Hong Kong graduate

**Hong Kong
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"As a gateway into the networking profession, the Cisco Networking Academy Program equipped me with the essential networking knowledge and practical skills needed to succeed in the Internet age," said Ip Wing Kei, a first-year graduate of the Cisco Networking Academy Program, which Cisco Systems first introduced in Hong Kong in 1999.

Like many young professionals, Ip was fascinated with technology and eager to launch his own career in the exciting field of computer networking. He was admitted to the Cisco Networking Academy Program through Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (HKIVE - Chai Wan), where he was undertaking a full-time higher diploma course in Information Technology.

Embracing a comprehensive Web-based curriculum, the Cisco Networking Academy Program, structured as an optional subject in HKIVE, offered Ip a unique program of hands-on lab work and project-driven training designed to give participants mastery of both the principles and the practical skills required for the design, implementation and maintenance of computer networks. Ip graduated from the program in 2000, when he also received his higher diploma from HKIVE.

Right after his completion of the Cisco Networking Academy Program, Ip took the Cisco Certified Network Associate examination and successfully passed on his first attempt. Equipped with practical knowledge and on-the-job skills in networking, Ip quickly secured a job as an Internet support operator in an ISP company where he has already begun to apply what he learned from the program.

Ip is now a network engineer at Powernet Internet Group. "I can say I was really lucky. Not only has the Cisco Networking Academy Program given me a solid foundation in networking knowledge and skills - it has also opened new doors for my career in the networking industry," added Ip.

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