

# EDITOR'S NOTE

## Four.

On the fourth month of 2009, Hong Kong seems lacking the joyous atmosphere which should come along with Easter. In the midst of the deteriorating business environment, Hong Kong is still finding her way out – how to survive in the global arena, or at least how to survive in the regional competition.

Tourism is a major player in this competition. As an international city, Hong Kong has been a popular place for business exhibition. However with the rapid development of exposition business in neighbouring places such as Macau and Singapore, it may be the time for our city to consider whether we can still be confident with our current competitive edge.

With the uprising popularity of individual travelling, tourists enjoy expanded freedom of choice.

More choices for consumers mean more difficulties for service providers to stand out among counterparts. Guesthouses are one of them which need to endure fierce competition.

But challenge brings changes. They try to provide tailor-made services to cater the need of different customers, though supporting resources may be limited.

## Four thousand.

It marks the so-called “minimum wage” for university graduates according to the Internship Programme proposed in the latest budget speech.

What a controversial issue. As a university student I sincerely think this cannot be taken as an insult as portrayed by some of my university fellows. The present economy looks dire. And we have to admit without working experience, certificates and qualifications cannot secure you a job, no matter how much the salary is.

That is the cruelty of reality. We have to face it, so do the tour guides. Facing more constraints in commission-earning and more complaints from the customers, the practitioners exhaust means to squeeze a living, with the approach of some of the ways are negotiable in terms of ethical standard.

*Varsity* hopes to bring our readers to the genuine reality – challenges bring opportunities or adversities bring dead-ends. It depends on your mentality.

Enjoy.



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## Correction:

In the previous issue of *Varsity* (Issue 109), the name of legislator Albert Chan Wai-yip was incorrectly identified in the caption of the story “An Inept Thank You Card To The Elderly” on page 10. We sincerely apologise for the mistake.