



**To equip yourself with cetacean knowledge and prepare for your future career  
Join Our Dolphin Conservation University Programme**

This training programme is co-organized by the Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society (HKDCS) and School of Life Sciences of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It aims to train local university students with basic knowledge on local dolphins and porpoises and their conservation issues; and to expose students with global issues such as captivity and whaling. The programme can better equip participants with knowledge on local Chinese white dolphins and finless porpoises, so that they can apply this knowledge in their future career in the environmental field. Upon the completion of training programme, interested candidates will have a chance to enroll the summer internship programme and participate in research works and public awareness campaign of HKDCS during the summer of 2012 and beyond.



**Entry Requirement**

All second-year students of The Chinese University of Hong Kong that major in biology, environmental science, geography or related fields are welcomed to apply. The programme will have a maximum quota of 30 students. Selection is competitive, and applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Training Programme Schedule**

January 11, 2012	Dolphin Conservation University Programme Briefing (Time: 1230-1330; Venue: Room 706, MMW Building)
January 30, 2012 February 6, 2012	Deadline for application (date of postmark) Notification sent to successful candidates
February 25, 2012 March 3 & 10, 2012	Classroom Training Sessions with Written Exam : three sessions (three hours each) (Time: 1030-1330; Venue: Cheng Yu Tung Building)
April 2012	Research Field Trip (half-day 4-hour trip)
Late April 2012 Summer of 2012 & beyond	Interview for internship programme Internship Programme for 4-5 candidates



### How to join the Dolphin Conservation University Programme?

- Interested students should join the briefing session to learn more about the programme, and should fill out the application form with attachment of a letter of interest to apply for the programme (max. 200 words in English or Chinese)
- Successful candidates will be invited to attend three classroom training sessions, after which a written examination will be held. Those who pass the exams, and join HKDCS as student members, will be admitted to the research field trip session to learn about research techniques on local cetaceans. Students will also learn some basic techniques of being a dolphin-watching tour guide.
- If the student completes all classroom and field training sessions as well as all assignments with satisfaction, they will be presented a certificate for the completion of the training programme.



### What would be gained as a Dolphin Conservation University Trainee?

- Through classroom and field training, candidates can learn more about Chinese white dolphins and finless porpoises and their conservation issues in Hong Kong, global issues on cetaceans, various research methods to study local dolphins and porpoises, and how to put the code of conduct for dolphin watching into practice to minimize disturbances to the dolphins.
- Outstanding candidates with strong interest in dolphin research and conservation works will have a chance to participate in the summer internship programme under the Environmental Science Programme or Biology Programme of CUHK.

### Application

Application form is available in the department office, or can be requested by writing email to: [info@hkdc.org](mailto:info@hkdc.org). Completed form with letter of interest must be submitted to HKDCS **on or before 30 January 2012** by email ([info@hkdc.org](mailto:info@hkdc.org)) or by post (Room 2004, 20/F, Tamson Plaza, 161 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong)

### Enquiries

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