

## **BNY Mellon Expo organized by SENSational Consultancy Ltd. article**

9 July 2014 was a momentous occasion. This was the day on which a group of diFFabled, or differently abled, students would visit the Hong Kong branch of BNY Mellon, which is a global investments company dedicated to helping its clients manage and service their financial assets throughout the investment lifecycle. This expo event was the culmination of workshops organised by SENSational Consultancy Ltd. dedicated towards empowering students who are diFFabled and raising awareness about diFFabilities to the staff participating in the Expo Event.

For your information, the word diFFabled is a combination of the words “diFFerently abled”, which is a self-explanatory description of what the phrase entails. During the student workshop held prior to the Expo event, we learnt that to be diFFabled didn’t necessarily mean we had to be useless - just exceptional and unique.

On the second day of the expo, we listened to a variety of presentations given by employees at BNY Mellon, which gave us an interesting look at how their corporation functions. For example, did you know that BNY Mellon was formed by the merger of two companies, the Bank of New York and Mellon? Afterwards, in the job shadowing part, we got a guided tour of the premises of the headquarters, which included departments such as human resources and financial planning. For instance, we got a tour of various departments such as Publicity and Human Resources.

On a personal note, I would like to stress that all the staff I met at BNY Mellon were very outgoing and friendly. Ever since I had undergone a stroke several years ago, and hence needed to use a wheelchair resulting in very low self esteem. The consideration for diFFabled students shown by the BNY Mellon staff participating in the Expo Event has helped me to revive a portion of that. A heartfelt thank you to the expo.

In my mind, that is what truly makes the BNY Mellon expo so meaningful, special, and so suitable for diFFabled students. I sincerely hope that it will be held again in the future.