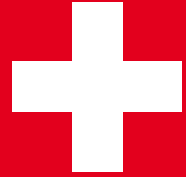
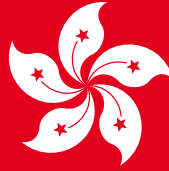


## Spot the difference? Shiny vs non-shiny is only a small part of the story!

There is so much more to watch case and bracelet polishing than meets the eye.

Take the WOSTEP Customer Service Polishing Technician program, and master the intricacies of the profession!

## Customer service polishing technician program for students from Hong Kong



## You could be the next student...

to be awarded the Albert Hausammann Hong Kong Trust scholarship and graduate from the WOSTEP polishing program in Neuchâtel, Switzerland.

### Are you ?

- passionate about the aesthetics of watches
- skilled with your hands
- highly attentive to detail
- eager to contribute to top-quality service

Ready to take on the challenge!

# The Albert Hausammann Hong Kong Trust scholarship

The AHHKT supports students from Hong Kong selected to attend the WOSTEP watchmaking and polishing programs in canton Neuchâtel, the heart of Swiss Haute Horlogerie. Selected students are given the opportunity to attend one of the programs on site and get to know Switzerland and its culture and traditions from within.

The sponsorship covers tuition fees, student accommodation, and basic living expenses for the length of the program. Candidates are selected on the basis of their application documents, as well as a 2-day entry test including an interview, held in Hong Kong.

## **WOSTEP** Watchmakers of Switzerland Training and Educational Program

Watchcase and bracelet designs have become increasingly complex, and meeting quality expectations when polishing today requires many skills.

## **Customer Service Polishing Technician program**

The WOSTEP polishing program includes formal instruction and extensive practical training in the following areas:

- Fundamentals of micromechanics and metallurgy
- Introduction to electronic and mechanical watches
- Polishing machinery and materials
- Safety in the workshop
- Disassembly and reassembly of watchcases and bracelets
- Inspection of components
- Case and bracelet refinishing according to manufacturer's design and technical requirements
- Variable-speed polishing machines and their uses
- Preparation and finishing techniques: sandblasting, lapping, grinding, felt polishing, satin finishing, polishing, buffing and final finishing
- Water resistance testing
- Quality control

### **Participants will achieve:**

- + Thorough knowledge and proficiency in polishing procedures
- + Preservation of original shape and design of timepieces
- + Increased efficiency and significantly reduced turnaround time
- + High-level service and customer satisfaction

### **Length of the program:**

4 months, full time

**Location:** Neuchâtel, Switzerland

### **Certificate:**

A diploma is delivered to those who have successfully completed the course and passed the final examinations.

# Eligibility

## Who can be sponsored?

- Hong Kong residents over 21 years old
- With a keen interest in watch servicing and refurbishing, and strong motivation
- Good eyesight and a high-level of manual dexterity
- Able to speak and write English fluently

Only a small number of candidates will be selected. Preference will be given to students of limited means.

No previous experience in watchmaking or polishing is required.



## How to apply?

**Applications should be submitted, by email and in English, to:**

**WOSTEP, Switzerland: [wostep@wostep.ch](mailto:wostep@wostep.ch)**  
Phone: +41 32 729 00 30

**or**  
**Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education**  
Lee Wai Lee, Department of Engineering,  
Att. Mr Yeung Shiu Hin Winston  
**[shyeung@vtc.edu.hk](mailto:shyeung@vtc.edu.hk)**  
Phone: +852 3928 2503

### All applications should include:

- Current CV
- Copy of passport
- Electronic copy of ID photo (passport standard)
- Copies of any previous certificates
- Two letters of recommendation from previous instructors or employers
- Cover letter explaining the candidate's motivation (why you are applying for the sponsorship and what you expect from the program)

**Dates of the next session,  
application closing date and  
further information:**

**[www.wostep.ch](http://www.wostep.ch)**

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## Albert Hausammann



After completing his initial education and training in Switzerland, Albert Hausammann further perfected his education and skills by travelling around the world. Leaving Switzerland still at a very young age, he first pursued his training in Paris and London before going to work with a leading trading house in the United States for several years at the age of 22. After a period of travelling in South America, he then returned to Europe, where he perfected his knowledge of Italian while working in Verona.

Mr Hausammann then flew to the Far East, and Hong Kong specifically, to work with an exclusive agent for high-class Swiss watches, subsequently laying the foundations of what was to become a true success story, now partly embodied in the creation of the Albert Hausammann Hong Kong Trust. Today, built on those achievements and a life-long commitment involving many travels, learning experiences and encounters, as well as continued close contact with the watchmaking manufacturers and production centers in Switzerland, the trust opens the way for the next generation to perpetuate the story.

As a token of gratitude towards Hong Kong and the watch industry, Mr Hausammann decided to dedicate a part of his wealth and engagement to the development of high-level watchmakers, therefore establishing the Albert Hausammann Hong Kong trust, together with his partner Brigitta Kammerlander, in support of talented watchmaking students.

### **Training and education, the essence of success**

### **A challenge-seeker and world traveller**

### **A man of values**

**While testifying to Mr. Hausammann's gratitude and commitment, the trust's major aim is to allow students from Hong Kong to perpetuate the watchmaking tradition and know-how that mean so much to him.**