

# **Laidlaw Scholars Programme**

## **Leadership-in-Action Review**

### **Week 1**

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### **Progress and achievements:**

Read about the legal system in Lebanon and was briefed by the legal team at Frontiers Rights on the general situation and legal framework surrounding foreigners in Lebanon, including refugees, asylum seekers, stateless people, migrant workers, from Syria, Palestine, and other countries.

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### **Difficulties and challenges:**

The legal system in Lebanon is extremely complicated for a foreigner from a non-Arab country. In Hong Kong, where I come from, there is no system of personal status law. To navigate this system and carry out this study well, I will need to familiarize myself with this legal system.

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### **Room for Improvement:**

My supervisor had expected me to submit a project proposal for the study to be conducted before arriving, and immediately start working on the project after I arrive. Yet, I have not been able to do so due to the lack of knowledge on the framework and situation on the ground.

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### **Self-Reflection:**

I realized that I am a person who values the context of issues a lot. Whilst my supervisor initially expected me to start working on the project immediately, I believe that it is necessary to understand the general situation first, and to formulate a proper plan to move forward.

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### **Leadership:**

In the future, I hope to focus more on taking initiative – a necessary attribute for a leader – while balancing the importance of understanding the background context before taking action. Instead of waiting to be briefed by the team, I can read more first myself.

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