

AHK GRADUATE PROGRAMME

CASE STUDY: HARRY BUSH

JOB TITLE: Regional Operations Manager - South East Asia

QUALIFICATION: BSc Clinical Sciences

Harry began his AHK journey in 2013 within the Graduate Programme. Soon after, he relocated to Southern Africa as a junior manager before moving into administration and operations Management in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2018, Harry took up the role of Regional Operations Manager - South East Asia in Singapore and this is where he is currently based.



HARRY'S AHK JOURNEY

I started off my AHK journey in the UK, spending time in the Laboratory and Operational Administration offices for just under a year. I was then part of the DRC team based in Southern Africa from 2014 in a training role before moving to Lubumbashi, DRC from 2015 - 2018. The main focus was to set up the DRC administration team (along with support from the UK Operations and IT teams) in order to send a large quantity of operational information on a daily basis to the UK office in order to update our client base.

The highlight during this period was working as part of a close-knit team in a challenging environment. Many of the people I worked with are now friends for life and that certainly helped make the day to day role really enjoyable. That's not to say that every day was straightforward, but being able to work out solutions with a supportive group of people definitely made it easier.

At the end of 2018 I moved to Singapore in a Regional Operations role, where I currently am based. Pre-Covid I was working with our local teams across the region and supporting the operational set up at new or existing sites. Covering multiple smaller locations with a variety of commodities, cultures and regulations has presented different challenges (particularly when it's not been possible to travel). However, given the circumstances, everyone throughout the region has done an amazing job and we are continuing to grow. I've certainly missed being able to interact with our teams in person and we're hoping that Asia can re-open soon.

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ADVICE TO GRADUATES

Work on building friendships within your career, just as much as progressing individually. Particularly at a company like AHK, collaborating with colleagues makes the process so much easier and is more enjoyable. And if you do end up travelling to a remote location, to quote Albus Dumbledore... "Happiness can be found in the darkest of places if you only remember to turn on the light." Sometimes the electricity might not be working... But you get the idea!