Close to 100% employment

The latest batch of graduates from the Singapore Management University has again achieved close to 100 percent employment rate and are getting job offers earlier than their seniors.

In fact three quarters of them found jobs before graduation.

SMU's Graduate Employment Survey found that two-thirds received two to more than ten job offers.

The graduates are also drawing higher starting salaries.

Overall starting salaries for SMU graduates have risen by 6.7 percent.

SMU graduates in full-time permanent employment are receiving average gross monthly starting salaries of 3,040 dollars, higher than in 2006.

Those who graduated *Cum Laude* or better are getting better average monthly starting salaries of 3,540 dollars, 7 percent higher than in 2006.

One in eight landed jobs in the high pay brackets of between 4,000 and 10,000 dollars a month.

Slightly more than half found jobs in banking, finance, auditing and accounting.

About 2 percent have secured jobs abroad or overseas postings.

Close to a quarter of SMU graduates accepted job offers at the companies in which they did internships during their university vacations, reflecting the high regard employers have for SMU interns.

The annual Graduate Employment Survey surveyed 711 SMU alumni who graduated between May and September 2007.