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- HKU Class of 2017 (Full Time MBA) Discussion: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-hku-mba-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200733.html>
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06:47		Live Chat with HKU Admissions Manager, Mr.Bon Cheng!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Tue Oct 20 2015 06:47:30 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
07:06	Narenn1	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club HKU Q&A session today and a BIG welcome to HKU's Admissions Manager – Mr. Bon Cheng.
07:06	Narenn1	Today Mr. Cheng will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at The University of HongKong.
07:06	Narenn1	Over to you Mr.Cheng. Tell us more about you, your roles and responsibilities at HKU, and HKU's MBA program.
07:07	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks Narenn!! Hello everyone, I am the Admissions Manager of HKU MBA, responsible for the admission/application for the potential candidates
07:07	HKUMBA_BonCheng	And I am the bridge between the candidates and the Admissions Committee
07:08	Narenn1	Thank you!! Guys, this chat is open for Q&A. Pls ask your questions to Mr. Cheng.
07:09	BeijingTimes	Could you please shed some light on life at HKU in terms of time spent in clubs, class and lecture related activities as well as the amount of time spent on networking. I am trying to get an idea of the life balance and a gauge on the lifestyle led by students at HKU. Thank you
07:09	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks Beijing Times...
07:10	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Regarding to the questions you mentioned, there's no fixed time, it all depends on the incentives of the students...
07:10	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Let me briefly explain...

07:11	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Certainly when you join HKU MBA, apart from attending the lectures, there are lots of opportunities for the networking events, in different types...
07:11	HKUMBA_BonCheng	e.g. alumni sharing events, company visit, seminar talks etc...from different industries...
07:12	HKUMBA_BonCheng	also, the students will join the student club organized by the career office
07:12	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we have finance, consulting, entrepreneur, luxury/industry, women in leadership club...
07:12	HKUMBA_BonCheng	it depends on which area you want to work after the MBA, and then you will join a particular club...
07:13	HKUMBA_BonCheng	under the student club, you will have mentorship programme, and live project opportunities...
07:14	HKUMBA_BonCheng	though it is a intensive journey, but definitely you will learn a lot from it, though the teaching and learning, networking with different people etc...
07:15	HKUMBA_BonCheng	hopefully it works for you Beijing Times.
07:16	BeijingTimes	Ofcourse! Thank you very much for the detailed answer
07:17	dushyantarya	Hi Mr. Bon Cheng, is language barrier a hindrance in getting a job in HK, after MBA??
07:17	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks Dushyantarya
07:17	HKUMBA_BonCheng	No. Language is definitely NOT a barrier in getting the job in Hong Kong
07:17	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Hong Kong is an international city...
07:17	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and the official language is English...
07:18	HKUMBA_BonCheng	as long as you could communicate in English, it is fine to work in Hong Kong without a problem, even you do not know the Cantonese and Mandarin...
07:19	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we have many non-local students, Indian, American, Canadian, European....they work in Hong Kong for so many years after MBA graudation, and nearly all of them

		do not speak Mandarin and Cantonese
07:19	Narenn	Can you throw some light on admission process at HKU Business School ? GPA, GMAT, Application Essays, Interview, Work Experience, and Extra Curricular. If you asked to arrange these parameters in the order of their importance at HKU – what would it be?
07:20	HKUMBA_BonCheng	From the admission perspective, we take holistic approach
07:20	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we will look at their academic qualification, work experience, GMAT, essay etc to make a deicsion...
07:20	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and 1 thing important...
07:21	HKUMBA_BonCheng	during the interview-selecting stage, we put more emphasis on your professional background/work experience
07:22	HKUMBA_BonCheng	so, even for those candidates without the GMAT during the application period, we still welcome them to apply...
07:22	HKUMBA_BonCheng	in some cases, we will call them for the interview, if they could show good interview performance, we will issue the conditional offer subject to GMAT...
07:22	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and for the final decision of admission offer, interview performance is the most important...
07:23	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and we will get the balance between GMAT score and no. of year of work experience...
07:23	HKUMBA_BonCheng	e.g. if you have only 2-3 years of work experience, we might require a higher GMAT score to compensate...
07:24	HKUMBA_BonCheng	on the other hand, if you have 8-9 years of work experience, even GMAT 600-610 is fine from our side...
07:24	HKUMBA_BonCheng	for the interview questions...
07:24	HKUMBA_BonCheng	though it might cover different aspects but to a large extent, the interviewers will put more emphasis on your work experience, professional background -- that mean, they are looking for how much you understand about your industry, your

		contribution of your job, your future career objectives etc
07:24	Logon	Sir, Only GMAT score is required or do you also accept GRE?
07:25	HKUMBA_BonCheng	We accept the GMAT with minimum score 600. We do not accept GRE
07:25	Logon	Thank you sir. Is there any importance of IR and AWA section of the GMAT? Also what was median GMAT score of latest intake?
07:25	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks Logon...
07:26	HKUMBA_BonCheng	our median GMAT score of our current MBA batch is around 650
07:26	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we will take the IR and AWA part as reference, but you still need to take those parts during the test. For the reviewing and considering side, we will take the verbal and quantitative part as the indicator
07:26	Narenn	Newly Joined Members: We are chatting with HKU Business School's Admissions Manager – Mr. Bon Cheng. If you have any questions about HKU's MBA program, you are free to ask them to Mr.Cheng.
07:27	Logon	Thanks!!
07:28	HKUMBA_BonCheng	you are welcome Logon
07:28	HKUMBA_BonCheng	FYI, Our average age of full-time MBA batch is around 28-29 years old, 5-6 years work experience.
07:28	HKUMBA_BonCheng	We admit 55-60 students each year and the Admissions Committee will review your profile AFTER you submit the online application. Temporarily our early round deadline is on 26 November 2015.
07:31	HKUMBA_BonCheng	In terms of student profile, they come from different nationalities, apart from Hong Kong and China, we have students from India, Korea, Japan, Singapore, USA, Canada, Argentina, Italy, Switzerland, UK, South Africa etc.
07:32	HKUMBA_BonCheng	In terms of their professional background, it is very diversified, from finance, consulting, I.T., engineering, NGO, government, logistic, automotive, aviation, family business etc. That means, we welcome the applicants from different

		industries
07:33	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Our full-time MBA will start at late June 2016. You will first spend 1 month in Beijing, for the China Immersion Programme. Then you will come to Hong Kong to spend 9 months time for the study. Later students will go to either London Business School or Columbia Business School or Shanghai Fudan University of the 4-5 electives, or if they want to stay in Hong Kong for the whole 14-month study, it's welcome.
07:33	vin14	Hi Mr.Cheng, Is IELTS/TOEFL requirement waived if university transcript bears the statement that Language of instruction was English.
07:33	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks vin14
07:34	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Yes, if you could provide the statement that the language of instruction and examination was in English, you do not need to take the TOEFL/IELTS test for the admission of full-time HKU MBA
07:34	Logon	I've a few questions regarding post MBA employment. What is the employment scenario at HKU? Do most of the recruitments come from companies based in HK and China only? Which companies, and from which industries, typically recruit at HKU?
07:35	Logon	Also what support do students get from career services dept in post MBA job hunt?
07:35	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thank Logon...
07:36	HKUMBA_BonCheng	For the employment of HKU MBA, for the past 3 graduated batch, around 85% of them got the job within 3 months of graduation...
07:36	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and 80% of them work in Asia...
07:37	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Our career network is Asia focused, not only Hong Kong, we cover China, Singapore, Dubai etc...
07:37	HKUMBA_BonCheng	from different industries and company, not only finance and consulting...
07:37	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and 1 important thing Logon...
07:38	HKUMBA_BonCheng	you will get the career service training and support on DAY 1 you join our

		programme...
07:38	HKUMBA_BonCheng	they will give a tailor-made career plan to each full-time MBA student, depends on what job function or industry they want to enter after MBA...
07:39	HKUMBA_BonCheng	e.g. CV workshop, personal coaching, case cracking, mentorship programme, live project opportunities, ...
07:40	HKUMBA_BonCheng	they will certainly help the student to polish their skill set
07:40	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and give a good people connection to you
07:40	HKUMBA_BonCheng	especially for those students who want to make a big career change
07:41	HKUMBA_BonCheng	e.g. mentorship programme...
07:41	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we did find a senior person from Alibaba group as a mentor for a student who wants to know more about e-commerce...
07:41	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we did find a senior person from Finance Times as a mentor for a student wants to enter media industry..etc..
07:42	HKUMBA_BonCheng	for the live project...
07:43	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Our career office with many big companies from different industries, even Hong Kong government, assigns live projects to our students under different student clubs...
07:43	HKUMBA_BonCheng	hopefully it works for you Logon..
07:44	Logon	Great Thanks!!! I want to switch to Investment banking after MBA. Hopefully top IB names like Credit Suisse, JP Morgan are on your employer list
07:44	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks Logon...
07:44	Logon	indeed. that answers my question. thank you for the detailed reply
07:45	HKUMBA_BonCheng	you could go to our MBA website, the career development service section, you will see the list of company we work with

07:45	vin14	What scholarships are usually offered to students? Any definite criteria which affects this?
07:45	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks vin14...
07:45	HKUMBA_BonCheng	for the scholarship, it is 100% merit-based...
07:46	HKUMBA_BonCheng	it depends on your interview performance (most importantly), high GMAT and professional background (2nd and 3rd), academic qualification (minor) in order to make decision...
07:46	HKUMBA_BonCheng	That means, we do not restrict to any nationality. But for sure, there will NOT be a situation that all students are granted scholarships. In general, I will say around 15% of the students get scholarships. If you apply earlier, it will be better for you.
07:46	mib_xpvj9n	Can you describe what experience range is more suitable for current scenario in HKU MBA
07:48	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Though our average age of full-time MBA students is around 28-29 years old, we will not say what is the right age entering the MBA.
07:49	HKUMBA_BonCheng	it depends on you, whether it's the right time to further enhance your knowledge, open your network etc...
07:49	mib_ifx485	What options are available for international students for admissions interviews? Do you connect applicants with local alumni?
07:50	HKUMBA_BonCheng	thx mib_ifx485...
07:50	HKUMBA_BonCheng	For international students, if they are shortlisted, we will conduct the video interview with them..
07:51	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and we will connect the selected candidates who receive the admission offer to our current students and alumni...
07:52	mib_ifx485	thx
07:52	HKUMBA_BonCheng	you are welcome

07:53	Narenn	Mr Cheng, How is HKU adapting or changing its curriculum to suit the change in the job market in the recent years? What changes are on the horizon? How have employers reacted to these changes in HKU's curriculum or program?
07:53	HKUMBA_BonCheng	thanks Narenn...
07:54	HKUMBA_BonCheng	we review the curriculum from time to time...
07:55	HKUMBA_BonCheng	and we have committee members who are industry guru to share the thoughts...
07:55	HKUMBA_BonCheng	so, we keep modify the course in order to fit the job market..
07:56	HKUMBA_BonCheng	e.g. big data is our recent elective...
07:56	HKUMBA_BonCheng	few years ago, we had business lab, to teach students about entrepreneurship...
07:56	HKUMBA_BonCheng	most importantly, they are very practical...
07:57	HKUMBA_BonCheng	e.g. business lab, we work with a global sourcing giant in Hong Kong called Li&Fung group
07:57	HKUMBA_BonCheng	they assign many senior persons as the lecturers and speaker as well as coacher...
07:58	Narenn	Alright!!... Should we wrap up here, Mr.Cheng?
07:59	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Sure
07:59	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks everyone!!!
07:59	HKUMBA_BonCheng	for joining the HKU MBA GMAT club chat today. Please feel free to email me if you have additional questions in the future. My email is bonhpcheng@hku.hk
07:59	Narenn	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Mr Bon Cheng for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed chatting with our community members.
07:59	dushyantarya	Thank You Mr. Cheng

07:59	Narenn	The next chat session with HKU is on 5th January (January 04 for those in US). To view complete Live Q&A schedule visit this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html
07:59	Narenn	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in HKU forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-hku-mba-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200733.html
07:59	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Thanks Narenn
08:00	BeijingTimes	Thanks Bon!!
08:00	HKUMBA_BonCheng	My pleasure...
08:00	HKUMBA_BonCheng	Good bye, and good day everyone!
08:00	Narenn1	Good Bye!! Have a great day!

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