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		<b>Live Chat with HKU Business School Admissions Manager, Mr. Bon Cheng!!   Ask your HKU MBA application related questions to Mr. Cheng</b>
		<b>Topic set by Narenn on Thu Dec 17 2015 06:20:52 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)</b>
07:00	Narenn	<b>Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club HKU Q&amp;A session today and a BIG welcome to HKU's Admissions Manager – Mr. Bon Cheng.</b>
07:01	ManuAllaya	Hello
07:01	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Hi Manu
07:01	Narenn	<b>Today Mr. Cheng will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at The University of HongKong.</b>
07:01	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Hi everyone. I am Mr. Bon Cheng, the Admissions Manager of HKU MBA Programme, please feel free to ask me questions in this session. Thank you.
07:02	Narenn	<b>Welcome Mr.Cheng. Tell us more about you and HKU's MBA program.</b>
07:02	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>Our full-time MBA is a 14-month programme, which starts at late June 2016.....</b>
07:02	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>partnership with London Business School, Columbia Business School, and Shanghai Fudan University...</b>
07:03	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>first 1 month in Beijing for the China Immersion Programme, then 9 months study in Hong Kong, followed by last term, 3-4 months in LBS, CBS or Shanghai</b>
07:03	ManuAllaya	I have a question about your Chinese Language Training program, is this exclusive to students who choose to study in Shanghai? And do you offer any other language training programmes?

07:03	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>Manu: please note that the Chinese Immersion Programme applies to all tracks</b>
07:04	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>not only Shanghai/China track</b>
07:04	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>apart from this 1 month, though there's no language study within our course structure...</b>
07:04	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>but there are many language courses in HKU from our lanugauge department</b>
07:05	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>for sure as a student, they could find relevant language learning channels...</b>
07:05	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>everyone, kindly leave questions....</b>
07:06	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>most welcome</b>
07:07	Narenn	<b>Hello Mr.Cheng, How do you distinguish your program from other programs in Hong Kong?</b>
07:08	Anmol	How much weight is given to GMAT score during evaluation? Also Do you focus more on a particular section of the GMAT over the other? Meaning, is the Quant score more important than Verbal, etc.?
07:08	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>Anmol, both Quan and Verbal are considered same importance...</b>
07:08	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>however...</b>
07:09	Narenn	<b>Following on anmol's question, do you also accept GRE scores?</b>
07:09	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>if you have 8-9 work experience, we might require less GMAT, say 600-610; if you have only 2-3 years work experience, we might require higher GMAT score, say 670 above</b>
07:09	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>our minimum GMAT score requirement is 600</b>
07:09	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>we DO NOT accept GRE score</b>
07:09	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>only GMAT</b>
07:10	HKU_Bon_Cheng	<b>for sure, during the application/interview-selecting stage, we put more emphasis on your working/professional profile</b>

07:10	Anmol	Thanks Sir! What was the median GMAT score of recent batch
07:10	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Anmol: around 650
07:10	HKU_Bon_Cheng	also average
07:10	HKU_Bon_Cheng	average year of work experience is 5.5-6 years
07:11	HKU_Bon_Cheng	that means 28-29 years old
07:11	HKU_Bon_Cheng	these are GMAT and age average
07:11	HKU_Bon_Cheng	of our full-time MBA batch...
07:11	HKU_Bon_Cheng	our 1st round application deadline is 31 Dec 2015
07:12	HKU_Bon_Cheng	2nd round application deadline is on 29 Feb 2016
07:12	HKU_Bon_Cheng	we admit 55-60 students each year/intake
07:12	HKU_Bon_Cheng	even without GMAT, you could still apply, in order to queue up from the application pool
07:13	HKU_Bon_Cheng	as I explained, during the application/interview-selecting stage, we put more emphasis on your working/professional profile
07:13	HKU_Bon_Cheng	rather than the essay...
07:13	HKU_Bon_Cheng	that means, all industries we consider relevant...
07:14	HKU_Bon_Cheng	our full-time MBA class profile is very diversified in term of nationality and industries
07:14	Anmol	Thank you very much Sir. I've one more question. Do you consider extracurricular activities and if so how would you assess these activities?
07:15	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Anmol: I believe extracurricular activities will be put on your CV, which might be used by the interviewers, e.g. to know about your personality
07:16	HKU_Bon_Cheng	when they ask the relevant questions during the interview...

07:17	HKU_Bon_Cheng	1 more important thing: we are not targeting the candidates only from a particular set of industry...
07:17	HKU_Bon_Cheng	instead...
07:17	HKU_Bon_Cheng	we are looking for those candidates how much they know about their industry currently working in, their future career objectives etc...
07:18	Narenn	<b>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.</b>
07:19	HKU_Bon_Cheng	coming back to the partnership part, kindly note that if you are admitted, it is guaranteed to be allocated to London Business School track or Columbia Business School track when you receive the admission offer...
07:19	HKU_Bon_Cheng	that means, you do not need to compete with your classmates during the study in Hong Kong
07:20	HKU_Bon_Cheng	before you make decision to join our programme, you will know which school track you are allocated...
07:20	Narenn	<b>Thanks Mr.Cheng!! What is one thing about HKU's MBA that prospective students will NOT get to know from online resources like the college website or chat rooms?</b>
07:21	HKU_Bon_Cheng	1 part in details is our Career Development Office (CDO)
07:21	HKU_Bon_Cheng	our CDO provides tailor made career service to our full-time MBA students...
07:21	HKU_Bon_Cheng	e.g. mentorship programme.....
07:22	HKU_Bon_Cheng	we find a senior person from the industry you want to go after MBA as your mentor...
07:22	HKU_Bon_Cheng	e.g. we did find a mentor from senior position in Alibaba group as a student's mentor who wants to know more about e-commerce...
07:23	HKU_Bon_Cheng	also CDO works with many MNCs, Hong Kong Government etc, offers live project opportunities to our full-time students...

07:23	HKU_Bon_Cheng	as the students will join one of your clubs (finance, consulting, entrepreneur, other industries etc)
07:24	HKU_Bon_Cheng	those companies will offer live projects chance to the students under a particular student club...
07:25	HKU_Bon_Cheng	our CDO network covers different industries, it depends on which one the students need...
07:28	HKU_Bon_Cheng	coming back to the career part....
07:29	HKU_Bon_Cheng	for the past 2-3 years, around 80% of students already got placed on the day of graduations...
07:29	HKU_Bon_Cheng	80% of them stay in Asia...
07:29	HKU_Bon_Cheng	and most of them working in Hong Kong...
07:29	HKU_Bon_Cheng	followed by China and Singapore...
07:29	Sssup	Thanks for stopping by for the chat, Bon. Can you shed any light on those who would be using the MBA to change industries and what sort of things to highlight in order to stand out for admission?
07:30	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks sssup...
07:30	HKU_Bon_Cheng	for those who want to make career change, during the admission/interview, I think you need to get prepared the industry you plan to go after MBA...
07:31	HKU_Bon_Cheng	e.g. if you plan to work in finance, the interviewers will ask lots of questions related to finance...
07:31	mib_2be4s1	Sorry if this was already answered, for American citizens, how easy/hard is it to get a work permit in Hong Kong? Do companies have a preference for locals who speak Cantonese and have a work permit?
07:31	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks mib....
07:31	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Hong Kong is a very international city...

07:32	HKU_Bon_Cheng	language is not a barrier...
07:32	HKU_Bon_Cheng	at least to most of company/industries, it should be fine as long as you could speak fluent English
07:32	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Cantonese is not a must
07:33	HKU_Bon_Cheng	also, even when you still could not find the job in Hong kong on the day of graduation, you could still apply for extentsion of visa for 1 more year
07:33	HKU_Bon_Cheng	stay in Hong Kong and look for the job...
07:34	mib_2be4s1	Great. Thank you.
07:34	HKU_Bon_Cheng	we have so many non-local candidates working in Hong Kong...
07:34	HKU_Bon_Cheng	American, Canadian, Indian....
07:35	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?
07:35	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks Narenn...
07:36	HKU_Bon_Cheng	HKU MBA always observe the business environment and modify the course curriculum...
07:36	HKU_Bon_Cheng	e.g. starting from 2-3 years ago, we add more workshop/electives like big data, business labs...
07:37	HKU_Bon_Cheng	and we invite lots of industry leaders as the lecturers, guest speakers etc...
07:37	Anmol	Can you tell us what Interview options are there for international applicants? and are the on-campus and off-campus interviews treated equally or there is any preference to one over other?
07:37	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks anmol....
07:37	HKU_Bon_Cheng	for the overseas candidates, we will arrange the video interview; local candidates:

		face-to-face interview.
07:38	HKU_Bon_Cheng	for sure they have equal opportunities...
07:38	HKU_Bon_Cheng	but if you are shortlisted, at the same time you will travel to Hong Kong, most welcome, we arrange face-to-face interview with you...
07:39	HKU_Bon_Cheng	usually, only 1 round interview, 2 interviewers will conduct interviews with you around 30 minutes (at the same time)
07:39	HKU_Bon_Cheng	in some special cases....
07:39	Anmol	Thanks!!Face to face interviewed are carried out by Adcom members or current students?
07:39	HKU_Bon_Cheng	2nd round interview might be required...
07:39	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks anmol....
07:39	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Adcom members or MBA programme director will be the interviewers....
07:40	HKU_Bon_Cheng	NOT the current students....
07:40	Anmol	Ok Thanks!!
07:40	HKU_Bon_Cheng	you are welcome
07:41	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Everyone, once again, feel free to ask questions in this sessions.....
07:41	Narenn	Anyone has any questions?
07:45	Narenn	Alright....I have a couple more questions in my bucket and then we can wrap up.
07:45	Narenn	What scholarships are usually offered to students? Any definite criteria which affects this?
07:45	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks narenn
07:46	HKU_Bon_Cheng	We have 1 type merit-based scholarship for the full-time MBA candidates...
07:46	HKU_Bon_Cheng	we will look at their interview performance, GMAT score, professional background and

		academic qualification, in order to make decision
07:47	HKU_Bon_Cheng	e.g. when they receive our admission offers, the Scholarship Committee will inform them the result few days later...
07:47	HKU_Bon_Cheng	that means, once they submitted the online application, it's automatically considered...
07:47	HKU_Bon_Cheng	they do not need to apply separately...
07:47	HKU_Bon_Cheng	also...
07:47	Narenn	yeah...so no separate application is required
07:47	Narenn	right?
07:48	HKU_Bon_Cheng	it's "merit-based", that means we do not fix a quota for a particular nationality
07:48	Narenn	aah..you answered that. THanks
07:48	HKU_Bon_Cheng	it all depends on your profile
07:48	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks
07:48	HKU_Bon_Cheng	for the best candidates.
07:48	HKU_Bon_Cheng	.....
07:48	HKU_Bon_Cheng	the maximum amount will covers around 30% of the whole tuition fee
07:51	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks Narenn
07:52	HKU_Bon_Cheng	alright, everyone, feel free to email me to <a href="mailto:bonhpc Cheng@hku.hk">bonhpc Cheng@hku.hk</a> or <a href="mailto:mbaadmissions@hku.hk">mbaadmissions@hku.hk</a> if you have any questions in the future
07:52	Narenn	Thank you. Here is my final question Mr.Cheng. What is that one unique thing about HKU Business School which you are very proud of?
07:52	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks narenn.....

07:53	HKU_Bon_Cheng	studying the MBA, students are looking for knowledge, network, exposure...
07:53	HKU_Bon_Cheng	I think I cover what HKU MBA provides from these...
07:53	HKU_Bon_Cheng	but most importantly....
07:54	HKU_Bon_Cheng	it's because of the BRAND of the university, HKU
07:54	HKU_Bon_Cheng	which can provide such things in MBA...
07:54	HKU_Bon_Cheng	e.g. the mentor I mentioned before...
07:54	HKU_Bon_Cheng	those mentors, most of them are not HKU alumni...
07:55	HKU_Bon_Cheng	but because of HKU's brand, we could easily find the resources/network for our students...
07:56	HKU_Bon_Cheng	same as live project opportunities, same as networking events, same as industry leaders as visiting teachers etc...
07:56	HKU_Bon_Cheng	we are proud of the brand of HKU
07:56	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thanks Narenn
07:56	Narenn	<b>Great!! Thanks very much, Mr.Cheng, for answering our queries in great detail. Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.</b>
07:56	HKU_Bon_Cheng	thank you everyone, thank you for your time today
07:57	Narenn	<b>This was the last chat session of this season with HKU Admissions Team. Apart from Mr.Cheng let me also thank HKU's Admissions Co-ordinator, Clara Chung, whose support and co-ordination was crucial in organizing these chats. Thanks very much Clara for all your support.</b>
07:57	Narenn	<b>We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in HKU forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-hku-mba-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200733.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-hku-mba-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200733.html</a></b>
07:57	Narenn	<b>Thanks again!!</b>

07:57	HKU_Bon_Cheng	once again, everyone, feel free to email me to <a href="mailto:bonhpcheng@hku.hk">bonhpcheng@hku.hk</a> or <a href="mailto:mbaadmissions@hku.hk">mbaadmissions@hku.hk</a> if you have any questions in the future
07:57	HKU_Bon_Cheng	Good day.
07:57	Narenn	Have a nice day, Mr.Cheng!!

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