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Daniel Chin-Chieh Chan graduated with an MBA in International Business from the University of Birmingham in 1995. Originally from Taiwan, he is currently employed as the Executive Director, Fund Manager of Emerald Orient Investment Advisor in Hong Kong.

### My career

Immediately after graduation, I was offered a job with Citibank Taiwan. Since then, I have worked for a number of major banks in Taiwan and subsequently, Hong Kong and in 2011, I set up a hedge fund with my partners in Emerald Orient Investment Advisor Ltd. As a result of my Birmingham MBA, I am now in a dynamic career with a changing environment and challenging business targets. I also have the opportunity to travel to a variety of different places for both research and pleasure.



### Why Birmingham Business School?

While in Taiwan, I learnt that the UoB was one of the best in the UK. The course itself was inspiring; in particular, I found the strategic management (with case studies) and international business finance modules most beneficial to my future in banking.

The MBA also provided me with great experiences outside of the classroom; I was given the opportunity to participate in business projects, business simulations and company visits, all of which gave me an insight into the working environment I would contribute to in the future.

### Making the most of the support available

At times, parts of the MBA were challenging but with support from professors, lecturers and all faculty members, I was able to overcome these.

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### The Birmingham experience

The Birmingham Business School arranged for us to visit the Lake District, the largest national park in England, for a weekend where we interacted with our peers through team building exercises and worked on coursework. Such experiences added to both my MBA education and broader skills set.

### Tips and advice

To anybody considering joining the MBA programme, my advice would be to make the most of case studies and ensure you immerse yourself in social networking events at the university as these are two extremely vital elements to your career.

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