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By Han Hoang

Dear MBA friends,

Welcome to the June Issue of ECHOES Newsletter! We're delighted to bring you a collection of insightful articles that highlight the vibrant activities and experiences within our MBA community.

We feature highlights from Finance Connect 2024, where professionals and alumni discussed market trends and investment strategies. Our students then share their memorable moments from the second semester, including international study trips and end-of-semester celebrations. You'll also read about the diverse summer plans of our MBA cohort, balancing internships, exchange programs, and personal time. And lastly, our coverage of the UC Berkeley short exchange program showcases the entrepreneurial spirit and innovative learning opportunities within the MBA program.

We hope you enjoy these stories and feel inspired by the diverse experiences of our community.

Warm regards,
Han Hoang
Editor of the MBA Newsletter Team

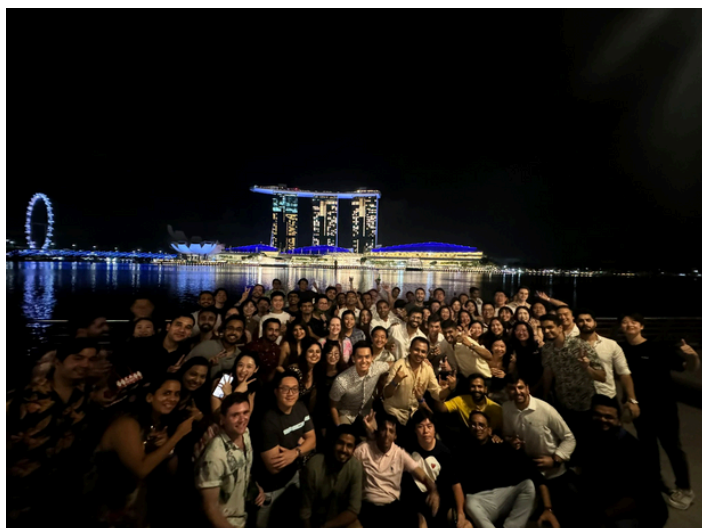
Semester 2's Recollection: MBA Favorites

by Winn Mar Saw

The sun-drenched days of the second semester has been over, and the hallowed classrooms of our MBA program buzzed with anticipation to the upcoming new Academic Year and our MBAs' third semester. For each of us, this has been more than a mere academic pursuit; it's a transformative voyage—a blend of case studies, late-night sessions, and the camaraderie that only sleep-deprived students can truly understand.

As my memories etched in the café, canteens, classrooms & corridors, the laughter shared during group projects, and the late-night brainstorming sessions that birthed brilliant ideas, join me when I delve into some cohorts' memorable or pivotal moments that defined their MBA 2nd semester journey too. Here are some of the MBA's favourite recollection of Semester 2!

Erin: 2nd Sem was tough but made much better with friends around!



Sameer: Had an amazing time during the Semester 2 End Party with the MBA cohort friends. It was fun and good memories were made, especially the after-party at Ce La Vi.



Jade: Great experience to have visited Beijing for the first time as a participant the GIP China. I got to visit Peking University and also other great companies and learn more about business in China and Chinese culture. Truly a learning experience like no other

Morris Zhu (Zhu Yuming) : The previous semester was a truly inspirational journey filled with rich learning experiences and an abundance of joyous moments. The vibrant academic culture fostered a sense of intrigue and enthusiasm which made this semester both enjoyable and motivating



Mak (Mak Heng Chwin): I enjoyed so much learning from this economist – Prof Jo! Super challenging exam questions but really practical in business! Feeling grateful!

Study, work or recharge?

Unpacking MBA Summer Plans

by Soumyadeep Sen

The NUS MBA is officially at its half-way point. From this point on students are able to truly enjoy the flexibility the program offers. The special terms are a unique aspect of the program which allows students to take course for a shorter duration. We caught up with a few batchmates to see how they plan to spend their summer.

Many of our batch mates have started interning on a full-time basis, and with it managing the challenges of managing classes and academics simultaneously.

I caught with Rana, who is interning with a leader in consumer electronics in SE Asia – Shark Ninja. He has chosen to prioritize both his MBA and academics and taken the intensive Financial Statement Analysis course.



We also spoke to Amanda who is steadfastly pursuing her goal of working in Venture Capital. She is currently interning with a consumer focussed VC, DSG Partners and has taken the class on Venture Capital taught by Douglas Abrams, founder of Expara Ventures.

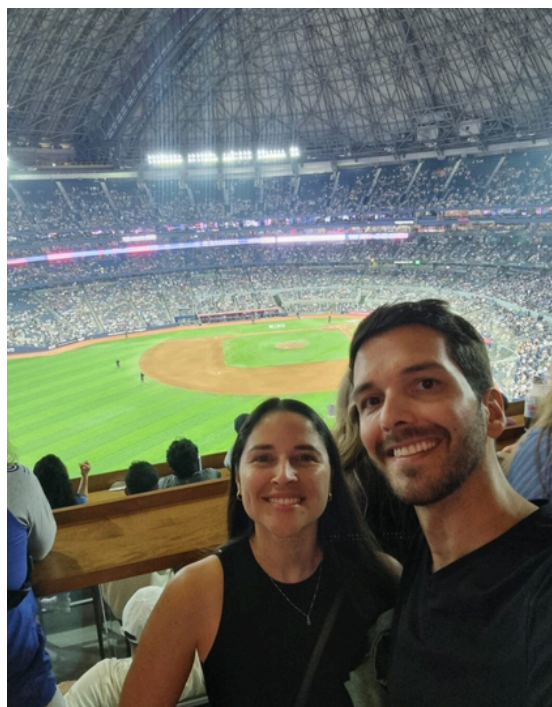
While some of our batchmates have decided to start working from special semester 1 itself many of our classmates have decided to take some time off to recharge and spend time with their family and friends at home.

Angel is going to be pursuing a short-term exchange at the Schulich School of Business and then a semester long exchange at NYU Stern. To unwind and relax before the grind of two exchange programs he returned home and is traveling South & Central America currently.

Mohit, who is going to LBS to pursue the intensive master's in finance in Semester 3 has also taken off special term 1 to spend time with his family before returning to Singapore for Special Term 2.

Others have taken a hybrid approach, of studying in one of the two special semesters. A number of students have taken off special semester 1 to experience short term exchange programs in Germany, Canada and China. Ken on the other hand is completing 3 courses in special term 1 so he can go back to Japan to intern during special term 2, before he flies off to Duke's Fuqua School to pursue a semester long exchange program.

Overall, the diverse summer plans of NUS MBA students highlight the program's unique flexibility and the varied paths students can take to achieve their personal and professional goals. Whether it's gaining hands-on experience through internships, taking intensive courses, or recharging with travel and family time, each student's journey reflects their individual aspirations and the dynamic opportunities offered by the NUS MBA program.



Short Exchange Programme at UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business

By Tibor Zoltan Pados

Close to 40 NUS MBA, EMBA and EMBA (Chinese) students embarked on the recent MBA short exchange programme, "Bay Area Innovation & Entrepreneurship." Led by Professors David Charron and Vivek Rao, the programme combined academic instruction, practical workshops, and insightful company visits. The programme provided an immersive experience for us as we had the opportunity to dive into the heart of Silicon Valley's vibrant startup ecosystem.



We engaged with a range of expert guest speakers, including Alejandra Vergara from Bee Partners, John Hughes from Swift Ventures, and David Bloom from The House Fund, who shared their expertise on early-stage investment strategies. The programme also featured successful entrepreneurs like Neha Mittal, Aditya Nambiar, and Deniz Dogruer, who provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities of launching and scaling innovative ventures.



Highlights included company visits to Block71 and MindsDB, where we gained firsthand insights into successful innovation ecosystems and cutting-edge technologies. The programme concluded with a celebratory closing ceremony at ATwater Tavern in downtown San Francisco, leaving us inspired and equipped with a deeper understanding of venture creation and the entrepreneurial landscape in the Bay Area.



Highlights from Finance Connect 2024:

By Amy Tran

On the evening of May 13, 2024, the Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library at NUS Business School buzzed with the energy and enthusiasm of financial professionals. The highly anticipated Finance Connect 2024, organized by BIZAlum and the MBA Finance Club, successfully continued its mission to foster a vibrant community of finance experts and enthusiasts.



Event Highlights:

The event kicked off with a captivating talk and panel discussion. Our distinguished speakers, Mr. Shiv Puri, Founder and Managing Director of TVF Capital Advisors, and Mr. Chander Agarwal, Managing Director of TCI Express, shared invaluable insights into the current investment landscape. Moderated by Mr. Jervis Yiteng Xu, President of the MBA Finance Club, the discussion covered a range of topics including market trends, emerging opportunities, and strategic investment approaches.

Mr. Puri shared anecdotes from his extensive experience, highlighting how adaptability and foresight are crucial for sustained success. Mr. Agarwal, on the other hand, delved into the logistics and transportation sector, offering a unique perspective on this segment.

The Q&A session that followed was equally engaging, with participants posing thought-provoking questions that spurred further discussion. The interactive format allowed for a deeper exploration of the themes introduced by the speakers, making for a truly enriching experience.



Networking Session

The second part of the event was the open networking session. Attendees had the opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and industry professionals over complimentary refreshments. Many attendees expressing appreciation for the chance to forge new connections and discuss ideas in a relaxed setting.



Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of Finance Connect 2024. We hope to see you at the future events!



Baby Romper Giveaway



In case you didn't know, there is a **MBA baby romper giveaway**! Perfect for our littlest MBA enthusiast aged 6 to 12 months! Redeem a baby romper for your little one via this link [here](#)

Already redeemed your romper? Submit photograph of your little one(s) in the baby romper by emailing the MBA Programmes Office (mba_programmes@nus.edu.sg), and be featured in the ECHOES Newsletter!

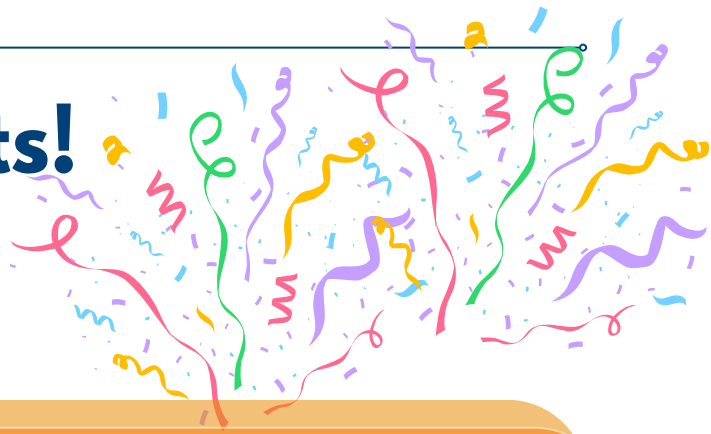
This giveaway is open to all MBAs and MBA Alumni.





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