

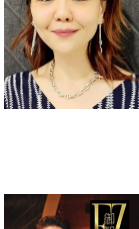


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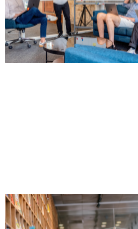
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Latest Happenings

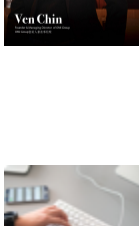
Find out what's been happening in our Southeast Asia Centre since our last issue!



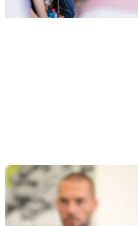
Director's Desk
Here from our Centre's Director on this season's latest updates and current state of affairs.



Latest Intake 2021
Welcome our MBA July 2021 and MSC FM September 2021 intake students to the Manchester Family.



Alumni Spotlight
Our alumni have made it in the news! See what impact they have made in the region and get inspired!



Upcoming Events
We've got exciting events lined up this quarter! Check out our calendar and mark those dates.



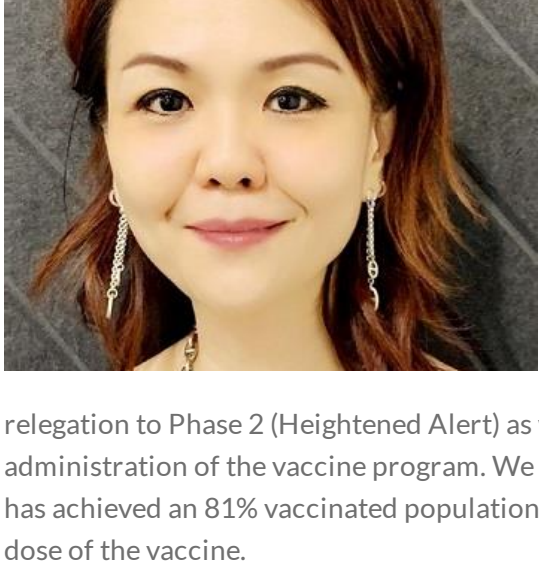
Introducing our new program
Get informed about our latest course 'MA Educational Leadership in Practice' and its course structure.



How are you handling online decorum?
Did you know that subtle nuances might be affecting your online presence? Read more about it!



Latest Covid updates and Travel Advisory
Singapore is carefully opening its borders. Read more on how this might affect your study plans.



Director's Desk
Lim Bee Ing, Centre Director, The University of Manchester Southeast Asia Centre

We began the second half of 2021 being on guard as an unprecedented spike in new Covid-19 cases threw a spanner in the works of the gradual reopening of Singapore's borders. Thankfully, this new wave of cases has been met by the government task force's quick response in mitigating the spread through a short reclassification to Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) as well as aggressive and expedited administration of the vaccine program. We were glad to announce that as of date, Singapore has achieved an 81% vaccinated population, with 83% already having received their first dose of the vaccine.

Given the high proportion of a vaccinated population, the Government has begun taking progressive steps in its next phase of reopening the Singapore economy. It's been recognized that Covid-19 will still likely continue to pervade society in the coming years despite best efforts to bring ourselves to Covid-0 (Covid-free country), and hence we begin to embark on the roadmap to re-classifying Covid-19 from a "Pandemic" to an "Endemic". While public opinion is still somewhat divided on the matter, it is a necessary step in order to reopen our doors to the world. With that, concrete measures are being introduced in order to build up our capabilities to contain the spread of the virus when the eventuality does take place. One measure that Singapore is actively pursuing is forming international travel arrangements with countries that have progressed well in their efforts to contain the virus, with the "Accredited Travel Lane" being progressively set up with countries such as Brunei Darussalam, Germany, and New Zealand.

On the ground, we are looking forward to hosting more events to get connected with our current students and alumni. We have lined up several exciting events for everyone this quarter. Do lookout for a special highlight event in October where you get to unleash your creativity in an art jamming session and get some useful tips on maintaining your mental wellness to cope with life in the new normal after Covid. This participation is all part of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme to do good for the community, so keep a lookout for our invites, and we look forward to everyone's participation in them.

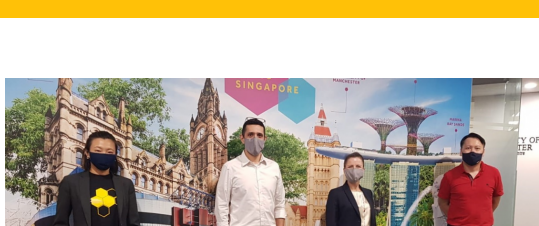
We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new course - MA Educational Leadership in Practice (ELIP). This program is especially beneficial for educators who are looking to move into leadership roles within their organisation as it equips them with higher-order thinking skills and best practices from around the globe. More information can be found on our website, so check it out if you are in the education field.

We are extremely hopeful that Singapore is on the right path to re-opening our borders and lifting our restrictions, and we can't wait to welcome everyone again. The Manchester team here is constantly monitoring the guidelines and will provide prompt updates where necessary. We hope to see you all again at the centre very soon and until then, keep safe, and we wish you the best of health.

New Intake, New Journey

Welcoming our July 2021 Global MBA students on 21st July 2021

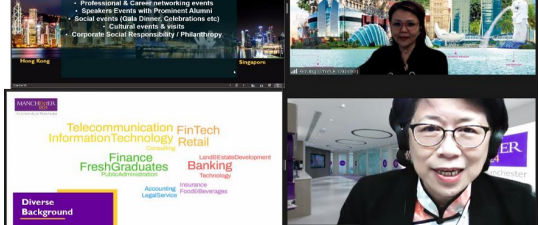
Manchester's Global MBA programme is flourishing despite the pandemic situation and heightened alert restrictions! Our July '21 intake was over-subscribed, and we were so excited to host the incoming MBA candidates online last month on 21st July 2021. During the induction, our students were hosted by Ms Christine Kartika, Team Lead of our Student Advisory and Support Team, via zoom. Students were given vital course information and what they could expect during the course.



3 of our esteemed MBA alumni, Mr Teo Teck Loon, Mr Xerxes Shroff and Ms Nicole Tretheway also shared invaluable tips and insights on their professional and personal journeys. They touched on productivity hacks, work-life balance, and the wealth of skills the global alumni network gained during their MBA journey.

They also hosted a casual Q&A session to answer some thoughtful questions about balancing their studies with their professional responsibilities. We were glad to hear that the students enjoyed themselves, and we look forward to supporting them through their first term and wish them lots of luck with their studies.

Once again, we would like to wish our July 2021 Global MBA cohort a warm welcome!



Welcoming our Inaugural September 2021 MSC Financial Management Students on 26th August 2021

A total of 22 students from Manchester Worldwide Institute of Higher Education, South East Asia and The University of Manchester - East Asia met virtually for the first time last week and had a wonderful time networking with each other.

Distance is not a barrier for these global students! Academics have carefully crafted the MSC Financial Management programme at Alliance Manchester Business School, led by course director Dr Amadeo De Cesari, Senior Lecturer in Finance.

It is intended to transform professionals into confident business leaders and help learners achieve further career progression by equipping them with the financial management knowledge and skills sought by organisations worldwide.

The students also took part in an online induction on 1st September, where they got to meet with Programme Director Dr Amadeo De Cesari and Student Support staff Nicola Kenny to learn more about their upcoming learning journey.

We wish the students all the best and hope they enjoy the learning journey!

Celebrating Manchester's Alumni



Alumni Spotlight - Ven Chin

Michelin Award-winning Founder of F&B Establishments - GD Group and OMI Group

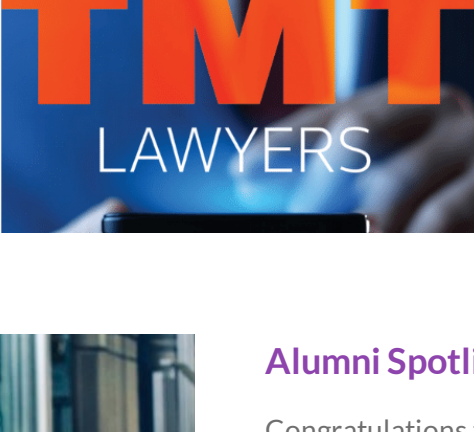
Ven Chin is a Serial Entrepreneur who has won multi awards in Singapore and Australia. Besides founding the Japanese concept restaurant OMI Group, Ven also founded GD Group, an award-winning restaurant chain in Singapore. Under Ven Chin's management, GD Group has grown to 7 restaurants with a turnover of SGD15 Million under the brand of Gurney Drive, Penang Culture, Penang St Buffet & Manak Culture in a span of 6 years.

As an alumni of the Manchester Global MBA programme, what would you say is the most important thing you learnt from your journey with Manchester that has helped you grow your business immeasurably?

The most valuable skill that I took away from my Manchester Global MBA would be weighing up my options or ideas against the resources that I have at hand and making the best choice on the steps to take forward. Often, resources are limited, and we have to apply discretion in terms of how they are used and what they are used for to maximise the opportunities ahead.

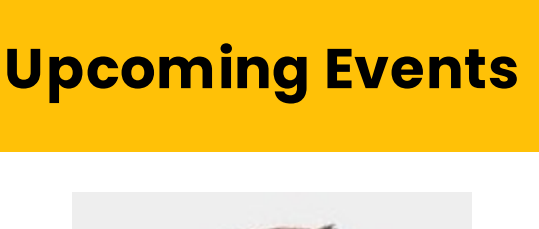
What is the best advice you can give to students planning to embark on their own entrepreneurial journey or expand their business?

Push forward, put yourself out there, and put your customers first.



Alumni Spotlight - Sunil Rai

Congratulations to our global MBA alumnus Sunil Rai who made the prestigious Asian Legal Business Super 50 TMT Lawyers list. Sunil Rai is a partner in Dentons' India's Corporate practice group. He is also Co-Head of the Investment Funds, Venture Tech & Emerging Growth Companies, White Collar Crime/Investigations practices and the India desk.



Upcoming Events

UoM Alumni Perspectives Webinar Series - 23rd September 2021

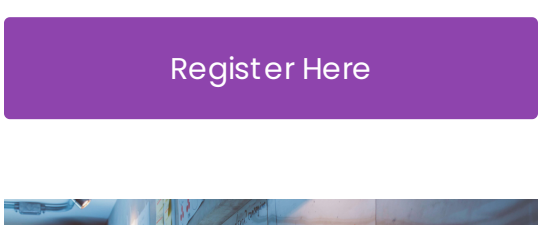
In our next Alumni Perspectives, join Alumnus Tim Stokes Senior Global Business Executive, Sony Interactive Entertainment) as he talks about trends in the gaming industry - covering the growth, impacts of the pandemic, new entrants and future growth as well as PlayStation's response to new entrants and changing landscape and predictions for the future.

Register Here

The Art of Networking & Cross Cultural Communication - 30th September 2021

Seize this opportunity to consider real-life challenges and learn more about the art of networking and cross-cultural communication to successfully navigate local and global situations in both offline and online settings.

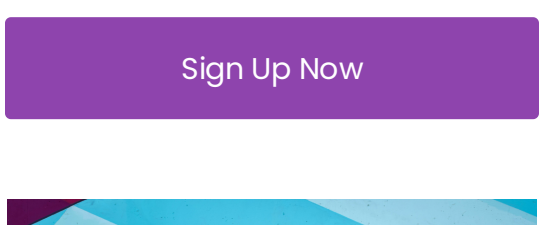
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Upcoming Annual General Meeting for MBSAAS - 14th October

The annual AGM for members and appointment holders of MBSAAS is a great networking and sharing opportunity for all registered alumni, and for the committee to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead.

Register your interest



Let's Paint and Give Art Therapy to Vulnerable Children - 30th October

In celebration of the World Mental Health Day on 10th October, join us for an art jamming session and a mental wellness talk to take your mind off the stress you are going through. Proceeds will go to the vulnerable children of the Rare Disease Society of Singapore for Art therapy sessions over the next few months.

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