

**Henry Mok,  
Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary  
Sparkle Roll Group Limited**



### **Excelling from an Already Successful Career**

Prior to his MBA degree, Henry Mok's career as a qualified accountant was considered very successful. Starting as an audit trainee at Price Waterhouse (now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers) in 1985, Henry worked his way up the corporate ladder, and by 1992, he was already a financial controller of a publicly listed group.

Despite holding a senior management position at a young age, Henry realized that the only way to progress further in his career was to better equip himself in anticipation of the changes China would bring to the global economy. As he was involved in corporate finance, merger and acquisition activities, he knew a general MBA degree from local universities was not something that could help him propel his career to the next level, but instead, an MBA degree from Manchester Business School specialized in banking and finance was exactly what he needed as a global perspective was important not only to him personally, but also to the line of work he was involved in.

### **300% Return on Investment**

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### **MBA Completing the Tai Chi Union**

Henry said, “Our fellow alumni are all senior if not top executives in major corporations. As chairman of the MBS Alumni Association China, I have benefited from this network very much as many of the alumni I interact with have become not only life-long friends, but also my business partners.” As the CFO of Sparkle Roll, he has plenty of opportunities to travel around the world as the projects he has been involved in were not limited to Hong Kong. Henry relates the MBA degree to the traditional Tai Chi theory which expresses the union relationship between Yin and Yang, “I think MBA title can be defined as Yang, where it can attract a knock on the door for business; the technical business knowledge and mind-set we learned can be labeled as Yin. The MBA degree and the on-the-job application really make the Tai Chi union complete.”