IMBA PROGRAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY (SME Management) Fall 2015

A. Class meetings: 19:10 – 22:00 Fridays; Company visits: daytime on Fridays

B. Instructor:

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Prof. Carol Lin – two hours before class; Prof. Chang: by appointment

C. Books

- 1. Textbook: not required. Students need to purchase two management cases
- 2. Recommended Books: any SME management textbook, Harvard Business Review

C. Course Objectives

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- 1. understand the definitions and features of small and medium enterprise (SME)
- 2. understand the key success factors of running SMEs
- 3. learn various SME issues through case studies and company visits

D. Grading Policy

1.	Case preparation, class presentation & participation	30% (Lin)
2.	Term Project (Team business plan)	20%(Lin)
3.	Company presentation (Group score)	10%(Chang)
4.	One-page feedback report for each company visit (total 6)	30%(Chang)
5.	Company visit attendance and participation	10%(Chang)

E. Important Notes and Policies

- 1. Professor Carol Lin will assign 4-5 persons as a team for case preparation, class discussion and term project.
- 2. Read the assigned cases carefully (unlike reading a story) and think about the message the case expects to convey.
- 3. Notebook computer is not allowed in the class.
- 4. One week before company visits, assigned teams need to present company background to the whole class in preparation for the following week company

visits.

- 5. For company visits, students need to pay the transportation fee and lunch.
- 6. After each company visit, each student needs to send one-page feedback report for each company to Prof. Chang.
- 7. Every team needs to present a business plan as a term project.
- 8. More than three absences (including the first class) will fail this course.
- 9. At NCCU, 85 up is equivalent to "A." Please note that only very outstanding students will get 90+ (around 5 for a class of 40).

CLASS SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Content	Remark
1	9/18	Course introduction	Prof. Lin & Chang
2	9/25	SME general management & features of Taiwanese SME	Prof. Lin
3	10/2	Taiwan SME award winners	Prof. Chang
4	10/16	Ivey case: Non-traditional female entrepreneur	Prof. Lin
5&6	10/23	Company visit (Taichung)	Prof. Chang
		均豪精密-Gallant Precision Machining Co., Ltd.	
		橙的電子-Orange Electronic	
7	10/30	Entrepreneurship, young start-ups	Prof. Lin
		(IMBA Alumni)	
8	11/6	Asia case: New life: scaling up social enterprise start-ups	Prof. Lin
9&10	11/13	Company visit (Taipei)	Prof. Chang
		綠藤生機-Greenvines Biotech Co., Ltd.	
		大愛感恩- Da.Ai Technology Co., Ltd.	
11	11/20	Business plan	Invited professor
12	11/27	SMEs in your country	All students
13	12/4	Ivey case: Alfred Brooks menswear limited	Prof. Lin
14&15	12/11	Company visit (Taipei & Taoyuan)	Prof. Chang
		中華徵信所-China Credit Information Service, Ltd	
		勤美集團- CMP Group	
16	12/18	Student business plan presentation & course conclusion	Prof. Lin & Chang

The sequence of the company tour might be changed, it depends on the subject company's availability.