

Graduation and Welcoming Ceremony Held in Beijing for the MScAF Programme



A dual graduation and welcoming ceremony was held at the Beijing National Accounting Institute (BNAI) campus in April 2023 to celebrate the completion of studies for the first cohort, and to welcome the third cohort of the Master of Science in Accounting and Finance with AI and Fintech Applications (MScAF) programme.

All 49 students from the first cohort of the MScAF programme successfully completed the programme in June 2022. Despite the obstacles created by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past few years, CityU and BNAI have jointly adopted flexible teaching and learning arrangements to assist students with their studies, including offering online lectures and inviting industry veterans to deliver virtual keynote speeches.

“We are very excited to see our students embark on a new journey with their newly acquired knowledge in the accounting and finance area. As the demand for AI and fintech professionals continues to rise, the MScAF programme will build a strong knowledge foundation for our graduates to grow and evolve in their career path. We wish them all the success in the years to come,” said Prof. Chen Yangyang, Head of the Department of Accountancy and Co-programme Director of the MScAF programme.

Following the celebration for the first cohort’s graduation, a welcoming ceremony was held for the third cohort of the MScAF programme. Fifty students were admitted in September 2022, after undergoing a rigorous selection process that drew from a vast pool of candidates with varied work experiences and study backgrounds. Despite the delay of the welcoming ceremony from September 2022 to April 2023 due to the volatile circumstances of the pandemic, students were excited to be joining the programme and kickstarting a new chapter in their lives.

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“We are thrilled to welcome the new cohort to the MScAF programme. Throughout the 2-year study period, we hope students will not only gain valuable knowledge but also build meaningful and long-lasting relationships with their peers and our faculty members. We hope to deliver the best possible learning experience and enrichment activities to all of our newcomers,” said Prof. Yan Houmin, Co-programme Director of the MScAF programme.

After the ceremony’s conclusion, a discussion forum was held, in which industry professionals and faculty members delivered keynote sessions on topical issues, such as macro-economic trends and the development and future challenges of fintech. Dr. Song Linqi from the Department of Computer Science shared insights on the humanization of AI via ChatGPT, and how the last gap between humans and machines is being bridged.