March 28th, a team of 12 CEIBS MBA Investment Club members visited Prax Capital located in Shui On Plaza Huai Hai Zhong Road, Shanghai. Three of our alumni, Ellen Li, Tyrrell Levine and Victor Wu received us and had a very interactive dialogue about private equity industry and career development.

During the visit, Ellen Li firstly introduced the background, team and successful investment projects of the company. Prax Capital is an independent private equity firm dedicated to managing China-focused investments. Their Chinese and Western partners form a cohesive team with complementary backgrounds and experience in the entrepreneurial, industrial and financial fields in Asia, the Americas and Europe. We were informed that Prax Capital and its Managing Partner, Jeff Yao, have been recognized amongst the Top Private Equity firms and the Top Private Equity Investment Professionals in the PE industry in China. The key success factor they shared with us is to constantly create the new value for their portfolio companies to grow. With the sustainable development mindset, they also contribute a percentage of the profits to the Prax Capital Foundation, a charitable foundation dedicated to contribute to educational and environmental projects in Mainland China.

After the presentation, our club members raised a lot of questions covering investment philosophy, portfolio companies, industry development trend and competitive advantages as both company and individual professional. Ellen, Tyrrell and Victor provided very thorough analysis and insightful sharing to every question. The advice of career planning and development they granted, as predecessor, becomes the most valuable part of the talk to us. At the end of the event, we had a group picture with our alumni and express our great thanks to their time. The activity really bridged our student with the best practitioners and set the path forward for those who would like to pursue the opportunity in the industry in the future.



Investment Club Company Visit-Orient Securities

On Apr 23th, organized by Investment club, 12 students from MBA 2011 went to visit Orient Securities. The visit provided great opportunity for students to interact with HR and also meet three of our MBA alumni working in the company.

During the visit, Ms. Wu Yizhu, HR manager, introduced the research centre, spoke about the typical career path of an analyst and explained the hiring procedure of Oriental Securities. Ms. Yizhu also mentioned the company's appreciation of CEIBS students and emphasized that the company recruits talents from CEIBS each year.

Following her introduction, our three alumni, Dong Liang (MBA 2009), Jiang Biwu (MBA 2010) and Wu Min (MBA 2007) shared their experiences working at Orient Securities. Dong Liang, the senior analyst for the steel industry, gave visiting students recommendations on career planning. "It is crucial to acknowledge your personal interest and personality when you do your career planning" he stressed. Jiang Biwu, analyst for the aircraft industry, discussed his internship experience in the company and how he successfully received a return offer upon graduation. Wu Min discussed her experience in Private Wealth Management.

In the Q&A session, visiting students and alumni exchanged ideas on internship planning, overseas exchange, and also the current dynamics at CEIBS. The three alumni also provide useful advice regarding preparation for entering the finance industry and some valuable tips on career switching.

Overall, our student gained a broader view of finance industry in China and the securities sector, as well as what it takes to be an equity analyst.

Investment Club Company Visit - Rosefinch Investment

On 11 May, 14 CEIBS MBA Investment Club members visited Rosefinch Investment in their Shanghai Office. Students had a very interactive conversation with two of our alumni, Andy Wang and Mr. Yang Yuejun about private equity funds that specialized in secondary market investments as well as career path in this industry.

During the visit, Andy gave an overview of the private equity funds in China and Rosefish investment, one of the best and largest private equity funds that specialized in secondary market investments.

After his presentation, our members raised many questions regarding investment philosophy, macroeconomic, industry trend, valuation techniques, etc. Andy provided very thorough analysis and insightful sharing to every question. Both alumni also gave students a lot of valuable advices on developing a career as a fund manager.

The trip proved to be very informative and valuable to students who are interested in fund management.

