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# Graduate Personal Statement

My passion for finance began when I first started working as an engineer at the Siam Ceramic Group (SCG). I soon realized that my aptitudes for mathematics and calculation are predominant, and I also spent a lot of time studying the stock exchange and economics. Finally, I invested half of my savings in some shares on the Thailand Stock Exchange, and I was a value investor. Consequently, I wanted to pursue further study in finance.

Many engineers change their careers and strive to be top executives in financial industries. I most admire Dr. XXX, recent governor of the Bank of Thailand and also a senior alumnus of the Engineering Faculty at Chulalongkorn University. I have a strong ambition to be a top executive like him in a financial institution.

I have always been successful academically, scoring in the top 5% in mathematics courses. My passion for mathematics led me to choose engineering as my major. I obtained a GPA of 3.18 on a scale of 4. As an engineering undergraduate, I concentrated on getting a firm background in mathematics. I did very well in my courses in linear algebra, calculus, differential equations, and statistics. All of these subjects provided me with the problem-solving skills required to excel in the profession of finance. I have also been also fascinated by spreadsheet software like MS Excel, analytical software like MATLAB, and programming languages such as Java and Visual Basic.

I was fortunate to engage in an internship project that used Visual Basic to create a program that calculated plant shutdown costs for the Thai Oil Co., Ltd. Moreover, throughout my engineering career, I have done calculations and worked in MS Excel. I have always enjoyed problem-solving with my analytical and mathematical skills. I hope that by combining these skills and my interest in finance, I will be able to perform proficiently in this career.

In addition, at SCG, I had to lead the project to increase productivity. In this cross-functional project, I learned that communication skills are no less important than academic knowledge. However, in the problem-solving process, a lot of experiments were challenging, and I had to encourage my teammates. I came to realize that the success of an organization relies on how well the leaders can motivate their subordinates.

My achievements led to impressive career advancement. I was awarded at the end of my first year with an evaluation grade of 2+ (the highest evaluation grade) and a 10% wage increase. In the following two years, I continued to receive a top evaluation grade, and by the end of the third year, I was promoted again.

After receiving the master's degree, I wish to join a world-class institution such as HSBC or Standard Chartered as an analyst. Equipped with the technical knowledge and expertise acquired at Cranfield University, I will be ready for the challenges ahead.

My personal goal is to apply current techniques in corporate finance in a professional position in this career field. Graduate study would enable me to analyze credit, manage funds, and give advice to companies about appropriate investments. Over the long term, this knowledge will support my efforts to help firms in Thailand design, implement and monitor financial policies. I would also like to study investment analysis, international finance and global financial markets.

The MSc Finance and Management program and the optional course will allow me to achieve a comprehensive understanding of finance.

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