ESP Alumni Tan Wenyou delivered a spirited talk on becoming the ultimate banker on the 24 Jan 2014. Wenyou was from the pioneering batch of Engineering Science students. He was formerly with the Spring Singapore and was managing government funds amounting to $200 million dollars for investing in start-ups, small and medium enterprises.

The talk is based on a book that is authored by his mentor; Mr Edwin Lim. Mr. Lim was an ex-banker in OCBC who had made it to the position of Chief Operating Officer from that of a Management Associate in just six years.

Wenyou shared on how to secure a good job in a reputed organization. The main reason why students should always aspire to go into a well-established organization is the learning opportunities. In big corporations, substantial amounts of resources are spent to groom new officers. This includes robust training programs, often including the cross-departmental exchanges and also mentorship from experienced staff within the organization. This may also include overseas stints in other branches. Such resources are something that most companies cannot simply afford.

He also shared with students on how they can get a good internship, which is often a precursor to that prestigious job with the multinational corporation. The value of a good internship can never be underestimated because it allows the intern a good chance on impressing his/her potential hirer on the perks of hiring them.

Finally, he highlighted the importance of getting a good mentor. It is important to get someone who is accomplished and experienced to guide the student while they are taking their baby steps in the organization. He also used his own personal example of being guided by Professor Wang while he was in the Engineering Science Programme.