

From Zero to CPA (Part 1)

3rd February 2007. The day I failed MICPA Module F. It was a devastating day for me. Reflecting 12 years ago I failed my accounting topics in Kemahiran Hidup. I only get 5 marks...I didn't study then, always played computer games and loitering. But this is different, this time I have studied hard everyday but still fail. I am speechless. But life must go on....

2 years earlier, 1 April 2005.

The 1st day I joined PwC. I was anxious, nervous and scared as I don't know what to expect. When I reached there, my ex-university mate and all local university students are discussing whether to take MICPA or ACCA. Most opt for ACCA and talk to the L&E Department but to no avail. As for me, I am fine and cool with it as I have secretly wanted to do MICPA ever since I participated in the MICPA Accounting Quiz when I was in form six.

For me, taking Module C is like going out on a date with a new gal. You don't know what to expect and yet feel excited and happy. Workshop. The dreadful word we heard of MICPA where we are required to study the list of topics for a particular workshop and discuss. The worst thing is we need to pass workshop before we can go for the exams. And even worse if you fail the paper, you need to resit for the workshop.

As a new associate in PwC then, I was adapting to the culture there (like any other associate) and juggling between the workload and MICPA Module C. I was worried I cannot handle it. We attended the pre-workshop in PAAC to get the feel of the workshop. PAAC pre-workshop is like a lecture to me as to get notes etc. After the 1st pre-workshop comes our actual workshop. I studied every topic diligently and go for the 1st workshop in anticipation. The 1st workshop was quite exciting to me as I will need to compete with others to answer the question posted so as to get more marks from participation which will help me pass the whole workshop on its own small way. Things went well for awhile.

Two workshops later, comes the test. I must say workload plus attending pre-workshop and having a workshop test that time was not easy. Perseverance, perseverance, I told myself.

To be continued.....

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