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Che Shiao Wen (third from left) is the top scorer in the world for the MAA module.

High-achiever finds niche in accountancy

A forward-looking young lady, Che Shiao Wen, Assurance Associate in the Financial Services Department, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), aspires to be in a high-level management position which would pave the way for a successful career.

After completing her South Australian Matriculation at HELP University College Kuala Lumpur, Shiao Wen headed off to Australia and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne in December 2009.

Upon returning home, she joined PwC and decided to undertake the revised MICPA programme, a logical move since the programme is offered by MICPA and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA).

The revised MICPA programme is proving to be very attractive to top candidates in Malaysia with enrolments increasing significantly and has attracted more than 500 enrolments, with local candidates performing above the national pass rate across the majority of modules.

The results of the revised MICPA programme are no less impressive with consistent high pass rates in the four Technical Modules being offered in the three terms since the programme was launched.

Shiao Wen scored a total module mark of 81.5 per cent for the Management Accounting & Analysis (MAA) — Term 1, 2011 Examination, which is also above the Australian national top mark. Indeed this is a commendable effort, which clearly demonstrates her commitment to quality, hardwork and determination to excel.

How does it feel to be the top scorer in the world for the MAA Module and what is the secret of your success?

I like challenging myself and take pride to achieve the best that I can be. I didn't really expect to do so well. Of course, I was over-whelmed and it was a memorable moment for me when I first heard the good news and to know that my efforts had paid off.

My only principle of studying is — 'Never assume you know everything until you have no doubt of what you have learnt. You will just have to keep questioning yourself to fill every knowledge gap you have identified'.

I am also thankful to MICPA, my employer PwC and my Principal for their unfailing support and encouragement during the course of my studying — it is important to have supportive superiors during this period who lead you to the path of success.

Do you think holding the CPA (M) and CA (Aust) designation will give one an edge in a highly competitive environment?

Gaining the CPA (M) and CA (Aust) designation is guaranteed to shape your future and be an important part of your career long success. Certified Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants are widely regarded as being at the top of their game and are renowned for their capacity to bring higher-order thinking to their career, employers and the organisations they serve.

This dual membership will be your passport to success — opening doors to a world of new opportunities — both within Malaysia and offshore. When you have the designation it will give you the edge in the employment market. You'll enjoy more choice — in finding your niche role, travel, job security and financial rewards.

What advice would you like to give?

It is not always easy to strike a balance between studies, work and personal time, but I believe this is all part and parcel of being a MICPA student. Balancing all these expectations is a major challenge.

Therefore, it is important to keep your mind on the ultimate goal at all times. I urge you to always stay focused. Self improvement never stops, it only stops when you lose sight of your own determination.

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The first batch of students of the joint programme completed the final module – Ethics & Business Application (EBA) with a 100% pass rate.

Even more amazing is that one of the students, Ms Che Shiau Wen, currently attached to PricewaterhouseCoopers Kuala Lumpur, a member firm of the MICPA scored a total module mark of 81.5% for the Management Accounting & Analysis (Term 1, 2011 Examination), which is also above the Australian National top mark.



100%

Ethics & Business
Application

93%

Financial Accounting &
Reporting

88%

Management Accounting
& Analysis

71%

Audit & Assurance

87%

Taxation

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