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Norizuan (left) and Dzulfadhly agree that the course grooms you into becoming a first-class business professional.

A learning edge

THE Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) is a pioneer in the training of professional accountants in Malaysia as the Institute was the first local professional body in Malaysia to conduct professional examinations in accountancy.

Over the years, the qualification has evolved to become a premier business professional qualification where CPAs provide high quality business services to a wide range of clients in public practice and commerce and industry.

In 2009, the MICPA signed a MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA).

This collaborative agreement signalled an important stepping stone – enabling both Institutes to grow and support the profession across the Asian region – now and well into the future.

It also represented a valuable opportunity to take the highly regarded Chartered Accountants Programme offered in Australia locally but the programme was adapted to meet the local needs in Malaysia.

The programme is proving to be very attractive to top candidates in Malaysia with enrolment increasing significantly. The revised MICPA programme has attracted over 500 students, 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 – 93% for Financial Accounting and Reporting, 88% for Management Accounting and Analysis, 87% for Taxation and 71% for Audit and Assurance.

The first batch of students of the joint programme set the ultimate benchmark, completing the final module, Ethics and Business Application (EBA) with a 100% pass rate and received their examination certificates recently.

Indeed this is an impressive outcome, which clearly demonstrates the candidate's commitment and determination to excel.

According to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) senior associate and a member firm of the MICPA Mohd Dzulfadhly Rozelan, "As an auditor with PwC, an organisation which is well known for its high performance culture and high expectations on each and every staff, I find that the revised MICPA programme has provided me with the right skills to fulfil these expectations.

"I decided to undertake the revised MICPA programme because it will provide me with

a lot of advantages in terms of worldwide recognition and career development. One of the fine features about the programme is that it offers three terms per year, and a candidate only has to undertake five modules, which allows one to complete the programme within two years."

PricewaterhouseCoopers Middle Market and Growing Group (MMG) senior associate Norizuan Abu Zarim said the training contract with PwC provided him with both the exam support and the opportunity to build a career with the firm.

"On my part, it took a deep passion and commitment to complete the formula for success by passing the exams."

It is also part of MICPA's education and training commitment to help young talents go further by extending and improving the education support so as to increase the accessibility to the professional qualification. In this regard, the MICPA has launched the Students Sponsorship Programme (SSP) jointly with Approved Training Employers – both approved accounting firms and approved training organisations (ATOs).

The MICPA is currently working with various accredited public and private universities in Malaysia to identify suitable candidates who are interested to pursue the Advanced Stage Examination of the MICPA Programme, while pursuing their final year of an accredited four-year Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme.

Under the SSP, the approved accounting firms or approved training organisations will sponsor students who are interested to pursue two modules of the Advanced Stage Examination (ASE) – Taxation and Financial Reporting modules of the MICPA programme.

In return, the students will be required to work for the approved accounting firms or approved training organisations during their six-months internship as well as upon completion of their Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme for a period of not less than three years.

BDO Malaysia managing partner Datuk Gan Ah Tee advises students who are keen to pursue a career in accountancy to choose a professional body and training employer or organisation that will provide adequate support and mentoring. Administrative support, study leave, or even a dedicated learning department – all these will go a long way in facilitating the student's journey towards becoming qualified.

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