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CCOUNTANT: calculative, boring, unimaginative, stale, lacks personality. Most associate these words with the profession of an accountant. But are they really? An accountant is well-rounded professional, equipped with technical knowledge and possessing the right soft skills necessary to succeed in the profession.

Well informed

A professional accountant keeps up-to-date about the latest developments and news that affect the accounting and business world. They continually reflect on and update their knowledge and skills in the context of a changing business, social and political environment, and they identify ways for selfimprovement.

innovative problem-solver

A professional accountant has to be able to think out of the box and present solutions that are practical, effective and cost-efficient.

Forward-thinking change managers Change is inevitable in any organisation. A forward-thinking manager is able to operatc strategically and provide leadership in planning and responding to change. They should be able to participate in organisational change and design and apply strategic process improvement.

Technology-literate

A professional accountant should be able to

Traits of an accountant



The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants has been developing well-rounded accounting professionals in Malaysia since 1958.

utilise business software to gather, manipulate, analyse and communicate information for business decision-making.

A collaborative team worker

A professional accountant must possess the interpersonal, management and leadership skills necessary to achieve organisational objectives, resolve conflicts that may arise

and create a healthy working culture.

A capable communicator

A professional accountant must have highlevel oral, written and interpersonal skills, and the ability to analyse the specific needs and interests of particular audiences to deter-mine the best way to communicate information and opinion.

Service-oriented

A service-oriented professional accountant must develop positive relationships with their clients/customers, be empathetic and possess highly-developed interpersonal communication skills.

Ethical and professional

An ethical professional
An ethical professional accountant must
understand and uphold the profession's codes
of conduct in all of their dealings, applying
the fundamental ethical principles of honesty,
integrity, objectivity, independence, commitment to professional competence and due
care, and confidentiality.
These attributes form the basis of the
MICPA-ICAA programme objectives and are
reflected in the learning outcomes for each of

the programme modules. Developing these attributes in a holistic manner is an integral feature of the programme. Each module comprises written projects, participative focus prises written projects, participants rocks sessions and written open-book examina-tions, which test a candidate in their research, teamwork and application skills. The MICPA-ICAA programme is a pro-

gramme tailored for accounting degree graduates who would like to qualify to become an internationally-recognised profes sional accountant, and earn the credentials 'Certified Public Accountant' and 'Chartered Accountant'.

The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) is the only home-grown professional accounting body offening this qualification, and in partnership with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA) holds joint examinations which lead to the joint qualification.

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