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ONE of the most challenging things one can go through in their journey to attaining a career as a professional is the transition from university life to working life.

As a professional accounting body, The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) provides guidance and advice to students who wish to pursue a professional career in accounting. The body often works in partnership with the firms in industry within Malaysia.

A recent event at University Malaya saw Deloitte Malaysia partner, Stanley Teo who is also Council member of MICPA, give a talk to the students about the MICPA-ICAA Programme.

The Professional Qualifications Info Day organised by the Faculty of Business and Accountancy of Universiti Malaya served as a platform for students to learn more about the professional qualifications available to them once they graduate. At the talk, Teo mentioned the importance of the professional accounting qualification being the skill sets it provides.

Alex Lee, Deloitte Malaysia Human Resources director shares that one of the most important attributes in a candidate is not book smart, but rather soft skills, as well as the ability to think analytically and work in teams.

Deloitte Malaysia has been supporting their staff in their pursuit of a professional qualification by providing financial sponsorship, study and examination leave, as well as mentorship by senior professional staff within the firm.

Lee advises students who are still in university to get involved

Advantages in accounting



Stanley Teo speaking to university students on a recent office visit to Universiti Malaya.



in extra-curricular activities as it displays a student's leadership or passion in team activities - both of which are essential characteristics in the work environment.

Lee shared with the students that

the one-page cover letter for job applications is important as it is a synopsis of an applicant's resume that summarises their education, work experience and aspirations. In the cover letter, applicants should

indicate the position applied for as well as reasons they should be hired.

He said applicants who submit their application with a cover letter will make a better first impression

as it demonstrates their sincerity in applying to the organisation.

It also adds a personal touch compared to submitting a mere resume.

Prior work experience of the students will also be evaluated. It could be experience gained during their internship or part-time jobs held during studies.

The MICPA-ICAA Programme offered by MICPA is indeed a relevant qualification for accounting graduates and is fully-supported by Deloitte Malaysia.

The Programme aims to holistically develop professional accountants who are not just strong technically, but have strong soft skills, including problem-solving skills, ethics, being service-oriented and being reflective about one's knowledge, skills and values in order to continuously improve and grow.

As the programme is conducted with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA), successful candidates will qualify for both Certified Public Accountant (Malaysia) and Chartered Accountant (Australia) credentials.

Those interested to pursue the MICPA-ICAA Programme whilst in employment with Deloitte Malaysia can consult with Deloitte's HR department for admission to the Programme.

For details about the MICPA-ICAA Programme, call 03-2698 9622 or e-mail micpa@micpa.com.my or visit www.micpa.com.my



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