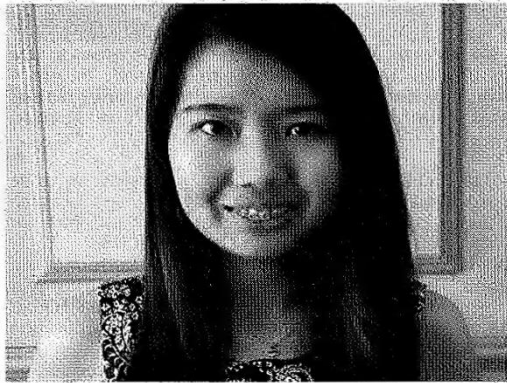




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MICPA offers fast track in accounting



Leanne Lau says she decided to take the SSP and MICPA-CAANZ programme because it provides her with a fast track option of taking the papers during her final year in university.

SEIZE the opportunity to put your accounting career on a fast track with a professional qualification from The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA).

In the current market, fresh graduates must have a trump card to put themselves ahead of their peers, especially in the accounting industry. And you can do just that with the MICPA Students Sponsorship Programme (SSP).

MICPA launched the SSP in 2011 with the main objective of sponsoring accounting undergraduates in participating universities to commence two out of five modules of the institute's professional accounting programme while studying in the final year of their degree.

As part of the SSP, candidates will also secure an internship and upon graduation, receive a job offer from participating employers comprising the Big 4, small- to medium-sized firms and commercial organisations.

Candidates will then be sponsored to complete the remaining three modules once they have commenced full-time employment.

A unique feature of the programme offered by MICPA is that it is jointly offered with the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) programme.

For aspiring accountants, this is significant because doing one set of exams allows them entry into two highly-regarded professional accounting bodies — MICPA and CAANZ. This, in turn, will grant them access to the Global Accounting Alliance, providing them with reciprocal membership support from 10 premier bodies across the globe.

MICPA spoke to two SSP candidates who recently completed their MICPA-CAANZ modules.

Graduates Leanne Lau of Universiti Malaya, and Ong Khai Pin of Universiti Utara Malaysia, shared

their thoughts and experiences on doing the MICPA-CAANZ programme and the advantage of getting a head start with the SSP.

"One of the factors that helped me decide on the SSP and MICPA-CAANZ programme is that it provides me with a fast track option of taking the papers during my final year of study at UM," says Lau.

"It also provided me with the opportunity to intern at Ernst&Young for six months and securing a job offer with them — it was a no-brainer."

Ong shares Lau's views and had this to add, "Signing a training contract with the employer played a major part in my decision-making process as the sponsorship provided by the firm eased my financial burden and helped me pursue a professional programme."

Lau agrees with other MICPA alumni that the combination of work and study is what makes the programme better than others.

The programme focuses on application and analytical skills — two skills that can only be gained from work experience.

The MICPA programme has been known to be very difficult to pass in the past, and unfortunately, that misconception continues. But Lau has quashed that myth.

"It is always good to choose a programme that offers a fast track. Starting the MICPA-CAANZ programme during my final year through the SSP allowed me to complete the programme faster."

"While my peers were struggling to attend classes and sit for exams, I had completed all my modules and can now fully focus on work."

For details on the MICPA SSP and MICPA-CAANZ programme, call 03-2698 9622, email eileen.mktg@micpa.com.my or micpa@micpa.com.my or visit www.micpa.com.my

FAST-TRACK YOUR CAREER

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A unique feature of the programme offered by MICPA is that it is jointly offered with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). For aspiring professional accountants, this is significant because doing one set of exams allows them entry into two highly-regarded professional accounting bodies – MICPA and CAANZ. This in turn will grant them access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA), providing them with reciprocal membership support from 10 premier bodies across the globe.

MICPA spoke to two SSP candidates who recently completed the MICPA-CAANZ Programme modules. Ms Leanne Lau and Ms Ong Khai Pin, graduates from Universiti Malaya (UM) and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) respectively, shared their thoughts and experience on doing the MICPA-CAANZ Programme and the advantage of starting early with SSP.

“One of the factors that helped me decide on SSP and the MICPA-CAANZ Programme is that it provided me with a fast track option of taking the papers during my final year of study at UM. It also provided me with the opportunity to intern at EY for 6 months and subsequently securing a permanent job offer with them – it was a no-brainer,” said Leanne.

Khai Pin shares Leanne's deciding factors and had also this to add, “Signing a training contract with the employer played a major part in my decision making process as the sponsorship provided by the firm eased my financial burden and helped me pursue a professional programme.”

Leanne agrees with other MICPA alumni that the combination of work and study is what makes the Programme better than others. The Programme focuses on application and analytical skills – two skills that can only be gained from work experience. She did find it difficult to juggle at first, but ultimately it taught her how to prioritise her time and found that the Programme is not as difficult as she thought and now she has completed her professional exams ahead of her peers.

Khai Pin had some advice and tips to share, “Time management plays an important part and if you follow the timetable provided by the Institute, you will find that you are actually able to balance your work, life and study.”

When deciding on the MICPA-CAANZ Programme amongst others in the market, Leanne opined that one of the major benefits was that she didn’t need to attend classes and could study at her own time with a comprehensive online portal available to her 24-7. A technical specialist is on hand to answer any queries posted by candidates in the portal.

MICPA has been known to be very difficult to pass in the past and unfortunately that misconception continues. But Leanne quashes that myth - “It is always good to choose a programme that offers a fast track. Starting the MICPA-CAANZ Programme during my final year via SSP allowed me to complete the programme faster. While my peers were struggling to attend classes and sit for exams, I had completed all my modules and can now fully focus on work.”

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