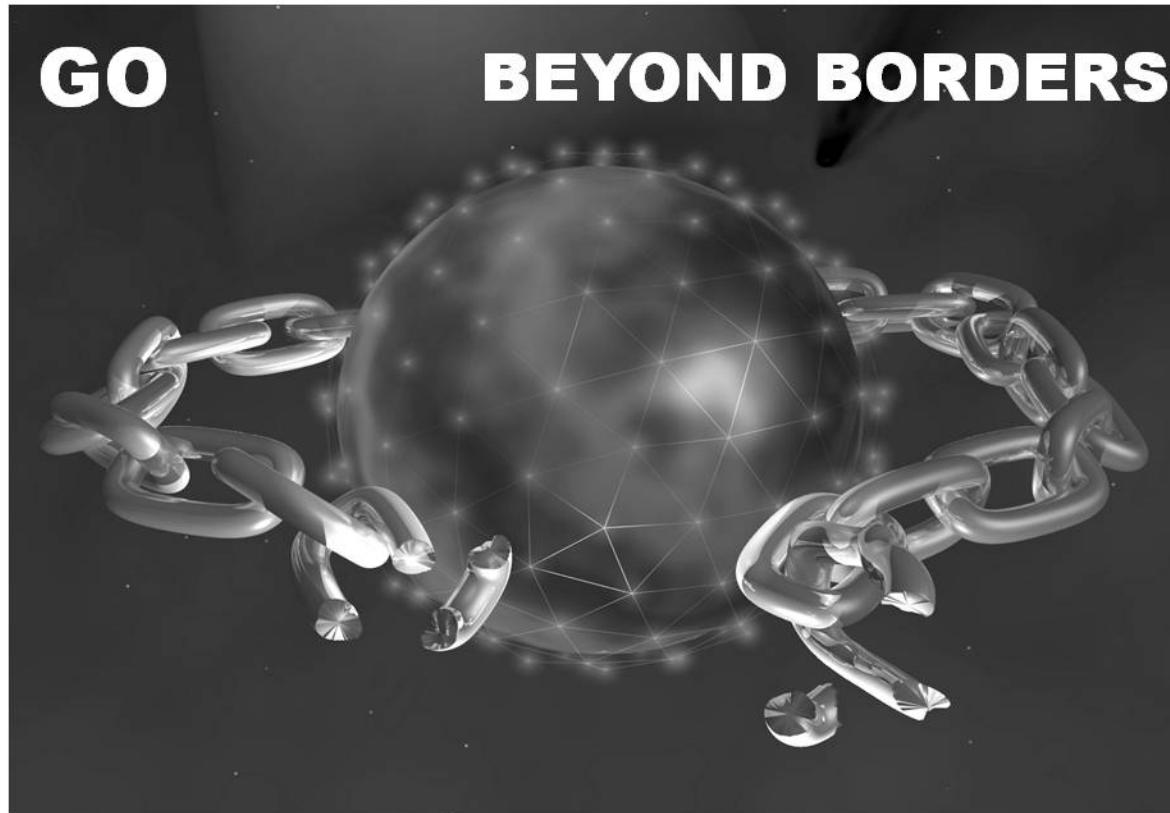


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THERE is always an inspiring story behind each and every successful person. Eric Sanjayraj Peter (*pic*) from Malacca chose a career in accounting because he knew many key players in business started off this way.

Eric graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting with a CGPA of 3.54 from Universiti Malaya in 2004 and subsequently joined Ernst & Young Kuala Lumpur in November 2004 as an associate in the Assurance and Advisory Business Services.

Acknowledging the fact that undertaking a professional qualification is a valuable asset and important for his career progression and somewhat a logical next step, he went on to explore the available options.

He decided to opt for the MICPA (Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants) Professional qualification.

Eric undertook his articleship under MICPA's Stream I training programme with Ernst & Young Kuala Lumpur, a member firm of MICPA under the supervision of a principal and mentor. He completed his three-year training contract in February 2008 and was admitted as a member of MICPA on Dec 13, 2008.

Stream I is the traditional route of training where a student works in the office of a

Focused on his goal and career path

CPA (Certified Public Accountant) in public practice under a training contract. He will gain experience in a wide range of services and exposure to a wide variety of clients. This option is designed for those who plan to build a career in public accountancy practice.

Eric said his training contract with the firm enabled him to take time off to study for exams and provided him with both financial and exam support, exposure as well as the opportunity to build a career with the firm. He left the firm in February 2008 as he wanted to broaden his horizons and pursue new challenges internationally.

Eric took a huge leap and headed to Australia to join PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Sydney in March 2008. He continues to work in PwC (PwC Malaysia is a member firm of the MICPA) and is currently a manager in the assurance line, mainly servicing clients in the financial services industry.

In the three years that he has worked with



PwC Sydney, he has worked with many large clients, including the Zurich Financial Services group (international insurance group) as well as the Westpac Banking Corporation (among the Big Four banking group in Australia).

About 15% of MICPA members are currently working in various professional capacities overseas, which is a testament to the international credibility of the qualification.

When asked, "Why MICPA?" Eric replied, "It was the most prestigious and challenging professional qualification."

Though many people tried to discourage him by saying that the MICPA exam is tough and the chances of failing high, he stuck to his decision. His dad encouraged him to take up the challenge for better rewards in the future.

Holding a CPA designation is a badge of professional distinction. One will be recognised the world over not only for knowledge and technical competence but also for the

ability to think, communicate, lead and work well with peers. One will enjoy the respect afforded to CPAs for having achieved the premier professional accounting qualification.

According to Eric, "The MICPA education and training programme was practical and relevant to our daily work unlike in university where courses designed were more academically structured. My success was mainly due to my determination to complete the papers."

Eric passed each module of the Advanced Stage Examination of the MICPA examination at the first attempt.

He advises prospective students: "If you know you're going for the long haul in the career of your choice, there is no better way than to equip yourself with the qualification that's going to give you strategic advantage. The only thing standing in your way to greater success is yourself."

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