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Endless opportunities

THE Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) was recently involved in the Graduate Recruitment Fair held in Australia. It was a good opportunity to showcase the MICPA-ICAA Programme for aspiring professional accountants – one qualification that entitles candidates to two memberships with prestigious professional accounting bodies, MICPA and the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA).

This joint programme is the result of a strategic partnership between the two professional accounting bodies, which opens doors to endless opportunities. Graduates and members are entitled to join the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA) by virtue of their ICAA membership.

MICPA and ICAA organised a breakfast networking session in the ICAA office in Melbourne, where a forum on working as an accountant in Malaysia and beyond was held.

The forum’s panelists consisted of three MICPA Council members – PwC Malaysia, partner and Assurance Human Capital leader Patrick Ng, Ernst & Young Malaysia managing partner Abdul Rauf Rashid and Deloitte Malaysia managing partner Tan Theng Hooi, as well as ICAA International Relations director Bill Palmer.

One of the students said, “As accountants, going back home is a more beneficial career choice as there are more opportunities to learn, and the learning curve is steep. The Malaysian economy’s high growth rate is also another factor that would influence my decision to return home.”

Palmer shared his personal experience on the vast international opportunities that an accountant can gain.

Ng, who is also an Australian graduate, shared his personal experience with the students on his transition to working in Malaysia after spending several years in Australia. He spoke about working life in the Big 4 and the value of taking up a professional accounting qualification in Malaysia.

Joewin Lee, a student from Monash University who attended the MICPA-ICAA breakfast networking session, was inspired by Ng’s personal sharing of his journey to where he is today in his career.

It gave him a glimpse into what his future could be like in Malaysia and he looks forward to returning home upon graduation.

Having been an intern at PwC before, Lee has experienced and seen the conducive environment the firm creates for learning and developing one’s career. This will indeed bear a positive influence on his decision to return to Malaysia to begin his career.

Ng was in Melbourne and Sydney to recruit Malaysian talent. He commented: “We met many bright and aspiring accountants in Melbourne and Sydney. The response from the Malaysian students was very encouraging as the questions they asked indicated a greater interest to return to Malaysia upon graduation. It was good to collaborate with MICPA-ICAA to encourage Malaysian students to pursue their professional qualifications in Malaysia.”

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Excellence rewarded

It was an exciting and joyous evening at the Excellence Awards event organised by the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Public Accountants (MCPA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA) where high-achieving young Malaysians were honoured for their outstanding performance in their pursuit of a professional qualification in accountancy.

The ceremony was held on Sept 25, with proud parents and friends attending to show their support for all 72 individuals who were recognised for their achievements that night.

Two categories of awards were presented, namely:

- Excellence Award for The Most Outstanding CPA Student – This award is bestowed to the best all-rounder CPA student who has recently completed the MIFA-ICAA professional examinations;
- Excellence Awards for Best Accounting Graduates – This award is presented to the top accounting graduate from each of the accredited local universities that offer the Bachelor of Accountancy qualification.

The Excellence Award for The Most Outstanding CPA Student 2011 was won by Tai June Lee who is currently working with PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia. Lee enrolled as a candidate of the joint MIFA-ICAA programme in July 2009 and achieved the highest performance in three out of five modules.

She was thereby awarded Gold Medals for the Financial Accounting and Reporting, Taxation and Management Accounting and Analysis modules in 2009 and 2010. She has since been admitted as a MCPA member.

The 2011 Excellence Awards for Best Accounting Graduates were won by:
- Universiti Malaya (UM) Jolene Sew Pei Min
- Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Hantah Buhkham
- Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Damien Looi Fong Wei
- Universiti Multimedia Malaysia (UMM) Liew Yib Khai
- Universiti Kelangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Abd Rashid bin Dah开端
- Universiti Malaysia Terengganu Tan Kim Lee
- Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Choo Yik Chou
- Universiti Terengganu (UNITEN) Wani Haji Nazir bin Wan Johan
- Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM) Ahmad Syahid bin Abduh Azz
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Yap Mei Theen
- Universiti Malaya (UM) Roxanne Lau Dayi Xuan
- Curtin University Sarawak Lee Sin Yit

At the same ceremony, 23 graduates of the MIFA Programme (for the pre-2009 syllabus) who had passed the exam in the Nov 2010, May 2011 and Nov 2011 examinations were presented examination certificates by MCPA’s president, Dr Michael Hatton. A total of 37 graduates of the joint MIFA-ICAA programme were also presented certificates by ICAA’s chief executive officer Lee White.

A total of 10 Gold Medals were presented to candidates who had obtained high distinctions in the MIFA Programme (pre-2009 syllabus) examinations in Nov 2010, May 2011, and May 2011, as well as the joint MIFA-ICAA programme 2011 examinations (Term 2 and Term 3) and Term 1, 2012 examination. The winners are as follows:

**MIFA Programme (Pre-2009 syllabus)**

- Nur Iyara Ahmad Badri – Ernst & Young Gold Medal for Advanced Auditing & Assurance (November 2010 examination)
- Shafilee Irshad Syed Ahmad Lahib – Ernst & Young Gold Medal for Advanced Auditing & Assurance (May 2011 examination)

**MIFA-ICAA Programme**

Term 2, 2011 examination
- Ow Li Ling – BDO Gold Medal for Taxation
- Wong Bee Kuan – Ernst & Young Gold Medal for Audit & Assurance
- Tan Pei Fan – PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia Gold Medal for Ethics & Business Application

Term 3, 2011 examination
- Low Choong Wei – Deloitte & Touche Gold Medal for Taxation
- Ng Sook Yin – KPMG Gold Medal for Management Accounting & Analysis
- Ng Sook Bin – PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia Gold Medal for Ethics & Business Application

Term 1, 2012 examination
- Low Mei Yee (joint winner) – BDO Gold Medal for Taxation
- Tan Teong Yeow (joint winner) – Ernst & Young Gold Medal for Audit & Assurance
- Venkataraman Navaratnam (joint winner) – Ernst & Young Gold Medal for Audit & Assurance

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