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A qualification accountants can't do without

THE MICPA-ICAA programme has been gaining recognition as the qualification of choice for accountants.

One of the main reasons accounting degree holders choose to become a MICPA-ICAA graduate would be the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA) passport that is accorded to members who have completed the requirements of the MICPA-ICAA programme.

This is an added bonus to the two qualifications and one would get upon completing the MICPA-ICAA programme — Certified Public Accountant, Malaysia and Chartered Accountant, Australia.

What is the importance of the GAA passport? The GAA is a coalition of 11 premier professional accounting bodies around the world, covering five continents.

As we are in an era where professional accountants travel abroad for work, it would be good if they have the GAA as it provides support for these accountants at no extra cost.

Hence, this has become one of the deciding factors for many accounting graduates in choosing the MICPA-ICAA Programme.

The MICPA-ICAA Programme is one which offers candidates much flexibility as it is a part-time, self-study programme with reasonable classroom requirements.

There are a number of support structures in place to guide and aid the candidates in their study, without impeding their level of independence and flexibility for time when there are work assignments to manage concurrently.

There is an online learning platform called myLearning accessible on the Net where candidates can access their full course materials, worked examples, sample exam papers, quizzes, virtual classrooms (both live and recorded), discussion forums to post questions or initiate dis-

cussion topics with peers around the world.

There are also lecture forums and workshops for candidates, which provide candidates with the opportunity to integrate and apply their technical knowledge, develop strategic critical thinking, and develop their professional skills in communication, presentation, team leadership, research and analysis.

These skills are required by practising professionals, and once acquired will give them an edge in their careers.

In the recent Term 1 examination, a final-year accounting student from Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Koh Fu-Yong earned a merit award for the Financial Accounting and Reporting module.

He was encouraged by the School of Accountancy's dean, Professor Dr Kamil Md Idris, to undertake the MICPA-ICAA programme as UUM provides sponsorship for bright students to undertake two modules of the programme whilst in their final year of their accounting degree programme at UUM.

This is possible under the Students Sponsorship Programme (SSP) which allows final-year accounting undergraduates to begin the MICPA-ICAA programme before they graduate.

UUM has shown a strong track record of high performing students as there was another Gold Medal winner for the Taxation module from last year's batch of students who were selected to do the MICPA-ICAA programme through the sponsorship programme.

Prof Kamil echoes UUM's goal to continuously motivate students to achieve excellence.

"We prepare our students for the best because to us education is life itself," he said.

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A qualification accountants can't do without

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What is the importance of the GAA passport? The GAA is a coalition of 11 premier professional accounting bodies around the world, covering five continents. As we are in an era where professional accountants regularly move around the world, if they are working in a country covered by a GAA Institute they will receive much of the support that Institute provides to its own members for no extra fee. This presents a huge advantage to anyone wanting a global career as a professional accountant as the regulatory framework differs from country to country. Hence, this has become one of the deciding factors for many accounting graduates in choosing the MICPA-ICAA Programme.

The MICPA-ICAA Programme is one which offers candidates much flexibility as it is a part-time, self-study programme with reasonable classroom requirements. The Programme inculcates the values of self-discipline, time management and independence in the candidates. However, this does not mean that they are left entirely to themselves to determine how well they do. There are a number of support structures in place to guide and aid the candidates in their study, without impeding their level of independence and flexibility for time when there are work assignments to manage concurrently.

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to work with a power that is greater than ourselves to do it' by Ella Wheeler Wilcox; and *'Formula for success: rise early, work hard, strike oil'* by J. Paul Getty. The School of Accountancy ensures that students inculcate these quotes in their lives.

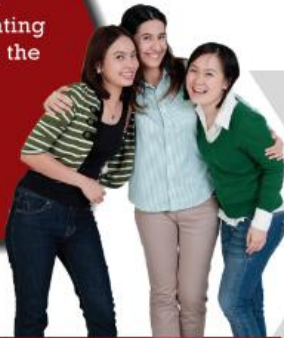
Despite having to undergo a 6-month internship, Koh was able to juggle between preparing for the exam and on-the-job learning. "I found that effective time management is very important. The support received from my fellow course mates, university lecturers, family and friends really motivated me to persevere and to focus on preparing well for the exam. The informative and interactive lecture forums and workshops conducted by MICPA were also extremely helpful, supplemented by the study manual provided to candidates which contained useful examples and worded in language that I found simple and easy to understand."

For more details about the MICPA-ICAA Programme:

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