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Kiwi grads laud MICPA

THE Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants has been conducting a joint professional accounting programme with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA) since 2009, creating a single pathway for membership with both of these professional bodies.

Last year saw an addition to its programme with the amalgamation of ICAA and the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) leading to the establishment of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). Graduates of the joint MICPA-CAANZ programme will obtain a professional qualification that is recognised and accepted not just in Malaysia and Australia, but in New Zealand as well.

What this means is that accounting graduates who complete the requirements of the MICPA-CAANZ programme will qualify as a certified public accountant of Malaysia as well as a chartered accountant of Australia and New Zealand carrying the initials 'CPA (M)' and 'CA (ANZ)'. In a nutshell, completing one set of exams gives you two qualifications from three countries.

Among those who signed up for MICPA-CAANZ was Mohd Dzulfadhly Rozelan, 29.

He scored 9A1s in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia before furthering his studies in the South Australian Certificate of Education at International Education Centre (INTEC).

In INTEC, he had a Tertiary Entrance Rank of 94.5 out of 99.9.

He went to the University of Auckland in New Zealand to do the Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accountancy.

Upon graduation, he returned to Malaysia and secured employment at a Big 4 accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), before signing up for the programme.

Dzulfadhly said the MICPA-CAANZ Programme was a brilliant professional programme for accounting graduates to pursue.

"As a Kiwi graduate, this proved to be the perfect choice for me. It gives me the technical and analytical skills with an understanding of the global business world."

He completed the programme within two years while simultaneously completing the three-year

practical experience at PwC.

He is now a member of MICPA and CAANZ and has access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA).

GAA is a global network of around 800,000 professionals from 10 professional accounting bodies across five continents.

After six years at PwC and having worked in audit and advisory, he is now attached to Ekuiti Nasional Berhad.

Another Kiwi graduate, Ellen Lee, said she pursued the MICPA-CAANZ Programme because of the dual qualification and recognition from Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand.

Lee, 24, said this element would help graduates stand out in the accounting field. She graduated from the University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Accounting, Finance and Tax in 2012.

She registered for the MICPA-CAANZ programme a year after her graduation. She will complete her final module, Capstone, in December. She is with Ernst & Young.

She found professional accounting a challenge, but the programme was realistic, relevant, and achievable in terms of passing each module.

"The work experience helps me to understand the modules better via application skills.

"I found that the modules complement my work. The programme has online learning and face-to-face workshops that allow candidates to plan and study at their own pace.

"As a working candidate, this taught me to manage my time to prepare for the online quizzes and written exams. I am also happy that weightage is given to coursework and written exams."

She recommended the programme to other accounting graduates, especially to Malaysians with degrees from New Zealand and Australia.

"We should take pride in the fact that we have a Malaysian professional body offering an internationally-recognised programme. We also need more graduates with the CPA Malaysia designation."

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KIWI GRADS CHOOSE MICPA

Mohd Dzulfadhly Bin Rozelan or Dzul to those who know him well, has been a consistent top performer. His passion to excel academically and his strong interpersonal skills has given him a strong advantage in ensuring his continued success in his chosen profession – accountancy.

Dzul, who turns 29 this year, has an excellent academic track record. He completed his SPM with flying colours – 9A1s and went on to do study his South Australian Certificate of Education at International Education Centre (INTEC). He excelled yet again with a Tertiary Entrance Rank of 94.5 out of 99.9. Soon after, he went on to pursue his Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accountancy at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Upon graduation, he returned to Malaysia and found a job almost immediately at a Big 4 accounting firm, and signed up for a professional accounting programme offered by The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA).

MICPA has been conducting a joint professional accounting Programme with the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia (ICAA) since 2009, creating a single pathway for membership with both of these prestigious professional bodies. The year 2014 saw an opportune addition to its existing Programme with the amalgamation of ICAA and the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) leading to the establishment of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). Graduates of the joint MICPA-CAANZ Programme will obtain a professional qualification that is recognized and widely-accepted not just in Malaysia and Australia, but in New Zealand as well.

What this ultimately means is that accounting graduates who now complete the requirements of the MICPA-CAANZ Programme will qualify as a Certified Public Accountant of Malaysia as well as a Chartered Accountant of Australia and New Zealand carrying the initials ‘CPA (M)’ and ‘CA (ANZ)’ respectively. In a nutshell, completing one set of exams gives you two qualifications from three countries.

“The MICPA-CAANZ Programme is essentially a brilliant professional programme for accounting graduates to pursue. You not only gain a Malaysian professional qualification that is internationally recognised yet helps you stay very relevant to the market you serve in, you also obtain the preferred qualification in Australia and New Zealand. As a Kiwi graduate, this proved to be the perfect choice for me,” shared Dzul.

Dzul went on to successfully complete the Programme within 2 years whilst simultaneously completing the required 3-year practical experience at PwC. He is now member of both MICPA and CAANZ and has access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA) which is a global network of around 800,000 professionals from 10 premier professional accounting bodies across 5 continents – another advantage of being a graduate of this Programme.

After 6 years at PwC and having worked in both Audit and Advisory, Dzul is now attached to Ekuiti Nasional Berhad. “The decision to choose this Programme over the myriad of options available was based on the questions ‘How can I differentiate myself from my peers?’ and ‘What will make me a well-rounded accountant?’ I recognised the need to grow into a professional with strong technical and analytical skills with an understanding of the global business world. The MICPA-CAANZ Programme with its dual qualification from Institutes that were household names in the industry helped me realise that I could become a complete package by pursuing this Programme,” he added.

Another Kiwi graduate, 24-year old Ellen Lee who is currently pursuing the MICPA-CAANZ Programme shared that she chose to pursue the MICPA-CAANZ Programme because of the dual qualification and recognition from three countries - Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. She knows that this important element will provide graduates of the Programme with an edge and help them stand-out in the accounting fraternity.

Also a graduate from the University of Auckland, Ellen completed her Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Accounting, Finance and Tax in 2012. In 2013, she registered for the MICPA-CAANZ Programme and will complete her final module - Capstone in December this year. She is currently attached to EY. Although studying for a professional accounting is not easy, she found that the Programme was realistic, relevant, and achievable in terms of passing each module.

“The required work experience helps me understand the modules better and vice versa as it taught me application skills – I found that the modules complement my work. The fact that the Programme was designed to comprise online learning and some face-to-face workshops allow candidates to plan and study at their own pace. As a working candidate, this taught me to manage my time in studying ahead for the online quizzes and preparing myself adequately for the written exams. I also really liked the fact that weightage is given to both coursework and written exams,” Ellen explained.

“I highly recommend this to other accounting graduates especially to Malaysians with degrees from New Zealand and Australia. We should take pride in the fact that we have a Malaysian professional body offering an internationally-recognized Programme. We also need more graduates with the CPA Malaysia designation!” she enthused.

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