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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

'Integrity vital for our profession'

GRADUATING candidates of the MICPA-CAANZ Programme recently received their examination certificates at The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (MICPA) annual Excellence Awards.

MICPA past president Datuk Zainal Abidin Putih was the guest of honour.

He was accompanied by MICPA vice-president Tan Theng Hooi and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) chief executive officer Lee White.

All of them presented the awards to the achievers.

Tan said the Excellence Awards was an important event and served as a platform to honour graduates who had excelled in their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities.

"This is a proud moment for them and for MICPA as well, as we see a new set of young high achievers graduate from one of the best professional qualifications available, which are Certified Public Accountant of Malaysia and CAANZ.

"The success of our profession rests on its reputation for integrity, competence and objectivity. I trust that you will uphold these values when carrying out your professional duties."

Lee said the benefit of joining a profession was that you came into a large family of fellow professionals who



MICPA past president **Datuk Zainal Abidin Putih** (sixth from left), MICPA vice-president **Tan Theng Hooi** (seventh from left) and Most Outstanding CPA finalists and winner **Lim Ju Anne** (sixth from right).

allowed you to enjoy the engagement and the spirit of being part of a profession.

"You will be challenged, and at times you won't even know it, but it will come. You will need to make sure you pass that test as much as for yourself as you do for the family of professionals

that you are now joining."

Top scorers in a module received Gold Medals for their results, with each module and its gold medal being sponsored by a firm or individual.

Certificates of Merit were awarded to candidates with outstanding performance in a module examination.

Awards were also presented to Best Accounting Graduates for displaying outstanding academic performance, exemplary leadership qualities and the enthusiasm to excel.

Finalists for this category received a Certificate of Meritorious Achievement.

The Excellence Award for The Most Outstanding CPA Student 2014 was presented to Lim Ju Anne. Lim has completed her articleship with Ernst & Young Malaysia and was recognised for excelling in the joint professional exams while displaying exemplary career development and outstanding personality.

She enrolled for the Joint Programme in 2012 and completed the examinations within two years.

Every year, MICPA works to produce top-notch accountants and MICPA and CAANZ have a strong history of having some of the best professional accountants in the industry, with many becoming business leaders.

That night, MICPA presented appreciation awards to four new Approved Training Employers (ATEs): Johor Corporation, IJM Corporation Bhd, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd and MSM Malaysia Holdings Bhd.

The institute has more than 400 ATEs comprising Approved Accounting Firms and Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) from commerce and industry. Candidates will have to complete three years of practical training experience with any of these ATEs.

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AWARDS GALORE AT MICPA AWARDS NITE

Graduating candidates of the prestigious MICPA-CAANZ Programme received their examination certificates at The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (MICPA) annual Excellence Awards. It was a night of awards and accolades as numerous winners stepped up to receive their prizes.

MICPA Past President YBhg. Dato' Zainal Abidin bin Putih was the guest of honour for the night and he was accompanied by Mr Tan Theng Hooi, MICPA Vice President and Mr Lee White, Chief Executive Officer of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). All three gentlemen were on hand to present the awards to the top achievers.

"The Excellence Awards is an important event and serves as a platform for us to honour the young men and women here today. Not only have they excelled in their academic pursuits but also in their extracurricular activities. They have also shown great strength of character and personal qualities," said Mr Tan Theng Hooi, MICPA Vice President during his opening remarks.

"This is a proud moment for them and for the Institute as well, as we see a new set of young high achievers graduate from what is undoubtedly one of the best professional qualifications available - Certified Public Accountant of Malaysia and Chartered Accountant, Australia and New Zealand," he added.

Mr Lee White, CEO of CAANZ in his opening remarks said: "The benefit of joining a profession is that you come into a large family of fellow professionals who allow you to enjoy the engagement and the spirit of being part of a profession. Enjoy, because the years go by very quickly and at times you will find it difficult with the thrust of all that is happening in front of you. Remind yourself of the privilege it is to be part of our profession."

Top scorers in a module received Gold Medals for their excellent results with each module and its respective gold medal being sponsored by a specific firm or individual. Certificates of Merit were awarded to candidates with outstanding performance in a module examination. Awards were also presented to Best Accounting Graduates for displaying outstanding academic performance, exemplary leadership qualities and the enthusiasm to excel. Finalists for this category did not walk away empty-handed as they too received a Certificate of Meritorious Achievement.

The Excellence Award for The Most Outstanding CPA Student 2014 was presented to Ms Lim Ju Anne. Ju Anne who completed her articleship with EY Malaysia was recognised for excelling in the joint professional exams whilst displaying exemplary career development and outstanding personality. She enrolled for the Joint Programme in 2012 and went on to complete the examinations within 2 years.

Every year, the Institute works towards producing top notch professional accountants and both MICPA and CAANZ have a strong history of having some of the best professional accountants in the industry with many becoming distinguished business leaders.

“The success of our profession rests on its reputation for integrity, competence and objectivity. I trust that you will uphold these values when carrying out your professional duties,” advised Mr Tan in his final remarks.

Mr Lee White echoed this very same advice when he said: “The responsibility of being a professional is to uphold the integrity and ethics because we are only as good as the profession. Trust me - you will be challenged, and at times you won’t even know it but it will come. You will need to make sure you pass that test as much as for yourself as you do for the family of professionals that you are now joining.”

That night, MICPA also took the opportunity to present appreciation awards to four new Approved Training Employers (ATEs)- Johor Corporation, IJM Corporation Berhad, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad and MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad. The Institute currently has more than 400 ATEs comprising Approved Accounting Firms and Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) from commerce and industry. Candidates will have to complete 3-years of relevant practical training experience with any of these ATEs.

MICPA and CAANZ congratulate all winners, wishing them every success in their pursuit of a career as a Professional Accountant.

For more details on the MICPA-CAANZ Programme and award recipients:

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