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This year's event was hosted by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Puncak Alam, and co-organised in partnership with accounting student clubs of UiTM – Sekretariat Mahasiswa Fakulti Perakaunan (SMF) and Association of Bachelor of Accountancy Students Society (ABACCS).

The organising committee worked closely with MICPA and did a great job in putting the event together – participants had to complete five challenges at checkpoints along the way and the top 10 teams with the highest scores won prizes that day. The campus, set among green hills and vast plains proved to be a very ideal location for the Dash.

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■ For more details on the MICPA-CAANZ Programme, contact the Marketing Department at 03-2698 9622 or e-mail micpa@micpa.com.my.

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