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THE MICPA-CAANZ Programme is a professional accounting programme jointly offered by The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) that arms its graduates with globally recognised and widely accepted credentials – Certified Public Accountant, Malaysia or CPA (M) and Chartered Accountant, Australia and New Zealand or CA (ANZ).

The training offered embeds measures to ensure quality in the development of professionals, such as the need to be mentored for three years.

There is also a need to complete at least the final three out of five modules of the programme while working to ensure that candidates are able to apply their technical knowledge in the real world.

The exams are designed to be an open book as the programme aims to enhance a candidate's critical and analytical thinking skills.

The programme also incorporates an element of soft skills in the final module that requires candidates to work as a team and give presentations in a simulated work setting based on real-life case studies.

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ber of MICPA and CAANZ, he applied for a role in audit with another Big 4 firm in Brisbane, Australia.

He shared, "The programme has definitely helped shape my career. I have always wanted to work abroad and it opened those doors for me."

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Shepherdson added, "I really



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enjoyed the final Capstone module based on a case study – it gave me the opportunity to interact and learn from peers from different backgrounds and experiences, and provided a good view of how to manage a real-life business."

Tah Eve Lynn, who won MICPA's Most Outstanding CPA Award 2013, trained in audit with a Big 4 firm in Malaysia and is now doing extended audit in another Big 4 firm in London.



Tah was the recipient of MICPA's Most Outstanding CPA Award in 2013.

"The MICPA and CAANZ qualifications are readily accepted in the United Kingdom," she shared.

"As we are part of the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA), I was able to remain connected to the local professional accounting bodies there and obtain the technical and membership support I need for my work here."

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nection. The experience I gained in Malaysia has certainly equipped me for the global market."

Tah's stellar performance in the MICPA-CAANZ Programme has been one of her biggest achievements.

She said, "I have no regrets choosing the MICPA-CAANZ programme, which offers two renowned qualifications from two established and highly regarded professional bodies."

"The programme helped me hone my problem-solving and application skills."

Jason Hew, another member who completed the MICPA-CAANZ programme in 2016 while training in audit with a Big 4 firm in Malaysia, has now moved to Singapore, and works in audit with another Big 4 firm.

"I enjoy the mobility the profession and qualification has given me. The MICPA and CAANZ affiliations paved the way for me as they are widely accepted here."

"Assimilating myself into the Singaporean work environment hasn't been too difficult. The programme and training I went through in the first few years of my career have really helped me develop resilience and adaptability and I appreciate that I've become well-rounded as a result," he said.

■ For details on the MICPA-CAANZ programme, contact the Marketing Department at 03-2698 9622, e-mail info@micpa.com.my or log on to www.micpa.com.my

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With international accounting standards being adopted on a global scale, it's no wonder the accounting profession has become one that extends beyond borders. Accounting is one of the most transferable skills, and expertise in this field is always in demand due to its specialised nature. This is more so for professionally-qualified accountants who have gone through the rigorous training required to become technically-sound accountants with a breadth of relevant experience.

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The exams are designed to be open book as the Programme aims to enhance a candidate's critical and analytical thinking skills which are more relevant and much needed in the working world. The Programme also incorporates an element of soft skills in the final module that requires candidates to work as a team and give presentations in a simulated work setting, based on real life case studies.

Many graduates of the MICPA-CAANZ Programme have gone on to have exciting careers abroad. Recent graduate, Franklin Shepherdson started his career in audit in a Big 4 firm in Malaysia whilst pursuing the Programme. Upon qualifying as a full member of MICPA and CAANZ, he applied for a role in audit with another Big 4 in Brisbane, Australia and was welcomed with open arms. He shared that "The Programme has definitely helped shape my career. I have always wanted to work abroad, and it has opened those doors for me. As a MICPA-CAANZ graduate, it gave me an edge in my application. I was even given a senior role." On the Programme itself, he shares "I really enjoyed the final Capstone module based on a case study – it gave me the opportunity to interact and learn from peers coming from different backgrounds and experiences. It gave me a good view of how to manage a real life business."

Tah Eve Lynn is a young member who won MICPA's Most Outstanding CPA Award 2013. She trained in audit with a Big 4 firm in Malaysia, and has now moved on to another Big 4 in London, doing extended audit. "The MICPA & CAANZ qualifications are readily accepted in the United Kingdom," she shares. "As we are part of the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA), I was able to remain connected to the local professional accounting bodies there and obtain the technical and membership support I need in my work here. It was also easy for me to become a full member of the local body here because of the GAA connection. The portfolio of experience I gained in Malaysia has certainly equipped me for the global market." Eve Lynn's stellar performance in the MICPA-CAANZ Programme has been one of her biggest accolades. "I have no regrets choosing the MICPA-CAANZ Programme which offers 2 renowned qualifications from 2 established and highly-regarded professional bodies. I truly appreciated how the Programme helped me hone my problem-solving skills and application skills, as I've been able to put them to good use in my work."

Jason Hew, another young member who completed the MICPA-CAANZ Programme in 2016 whilst training in audit with a Big 4 firm in Malaysia, has now moved on to Singapore, working in audit with another Big 4. "I truly enjoy the mobility the profession and the qualification has given me. The MICPA

and CAANZ affiliations paved the way for me as these 2 qualifications are widely accepted here. Assimilating myself into the Singaporean work environment hasn't been too difficult. The Programme and training I went through in the first few years of my career have really helped me develop resilience and adaptability, and I appreciate that I've become a more well-rounded individual as a result."

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The advertisement features the logos for CPA MALAYSIA and CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA • NEW ZEALAND at the top. The main title 'MICPA-CAANZ PROGRAMME' is displayed in large, bold letters. Below the title, three cartoon animals (a koala, a tiger, and a sheep) are shown sitting on a wooden bench. To the right of the animals, the text reads: '1 PROGRAMME GIVES YOU 2 QUALIFICATIONS CPA(M) & CA(ANZ) AWARDED BY 3 COUNTRIES'. A banner with the text '<< Sign me up! >>' is positioned to the right of the main text. Below this, the section 'When can I start?' is followed by two options: 'Option 1' and 'Option 2'. At the bottom, contact information for MICPA is provided, including the website, phone number, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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When can I start?

Option 1
Upon completion of Degree
- Secure employment with an Approved Training Employer (ATE)
- Commence MICPA-CAANZ Programme whilst gaining practical experience

Option 2
Get a headstart with the Students Sponsorship Programme (SSP)
- Get sponsored by a participating employer to do the MICPA-CAANZ Programme
- Start 2 out of 5 modules in final year of a recognised accounting degree
- Obtain an internship placement
- Receive a conditional job offer before graduation
- Sponsorship for remaining 3 modules whilst gaining practical experience

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