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# Doors to your dream career

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Apart from passing the five exams in the programme, candidates are required to complete three years of relevant practical experience with an Approved Training Organisation (ATO).

KPMG Malaysia managing partner Datuk Johan Idris has been a proud MICPA member since 1993. On the MICPA qualification, he says, "It opens up various opportunities and provides industry exposure. It has evolved over time and I am proud of the way my association has remained relevant to the business needs of today.

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incentive to MICPA candidates who pass the exams on their first attempt. Study leave of five days and exam leave of one day per paper are also provided on top of their annual leave so they have sufficient time to prepare.

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The knowledge gave him a deeper understanding on the new standards introduced and helped him to be more confident in discussions with clients related to the standards.

Another candidate, Pashan Satha Sivam, a UUM graduate shares, "Juggling work and studies wasn't easy but the structure of the MICPA-CAANZ programme, which offers both optional face-to-face classes and online learning helped tremendously in passing all the modules on my first attempt."

What he likes most about the programme is the structure and format that is not merely exam-based, which enables candidates to learn to think critically and apply professional judgement, not just in the case studies but also in work scenarios.

In addition, he was able to complete all five modules in just over one and a half years due to the three-term per year structure.

On a career in accounting, Datuk Johan shares, "Today's generation is attracted to jobs where they can gain prestige, financial reward, accelerated career growth and multi-industry experience – accountancy is one field that provides them this benefit.

"We regard the MICPA-CAANZ programme highly because it trains you for practical application and helps you develop a sound understanding of an organisation's finance, giving you a solid foundation to grow your career across all aspects of the business.

"Ultimately, we want to develop our people into a Workforce of the Future who are future-ready, helping to identify and solve tomorrow's complex problems today, lead quality conversations with our clients and their teams, and foster innovation."

■ For more details on the MICPA-CAANZ Programme, contact the Marketing Department at 03-2698 9622, email [info@micpa.com.my](mailto:info@micpa.com.my) or visit [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my)

## Opening doors to your dream career

Accounting is still one of the most popular courses of study today. Many see it as a safe career choice as there is still a large demand for accountants in Malaysia and we are nowhere close to achieving the ideal number of accountants per capita for a developed nation. One thing must be made clear – accountants are not mere bookkeepers. In order to add value to an organisation and provide feasible solutions and strategies that contribute to its growth, professional skills, attributes and ethics are required. Having an accounting degree alone will not be enough.

The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) is the only Malaysian professional accounting body that has been developing the accounting profession in Malaysia since 1958. Carrying a history of being one of the toughest professional examinations, the entire Programme was revamped 10 years ago when MICPA forged a partnership with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) to offer the MICPA-CAANZ Programme, and has successfully produced many Certified Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants since then. Apart from passing the 5 exams in the Programme, candidates are required to complete 3 years of relevant practical experience with an Approved Training Organisation (ATO).

Datuk Johan Idris, Managing Partner of KPMG Malaysia has been a proud MICPA member since 1993. Having gone through the old programme, he was part of the second batch of accounting undergraduates at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and was the first student in UPM to qualify in the then MACPA professional exams. He shares, "This was a very special moment for me as it was always my ambition to be a professionally qualified accountant. Like many, my childhood days were difficult.

I can attest that education can change your life to make your aspirations come true. I'm lucky to have supportive parents and encouraging lecturers at university." When asked about the MICPA qualification, he says, "It opens up various opportunities and provides industry exposure. It has evolved over time and I am proud of the way my association has remained relevant to the business needs of today. Today, the MICPA and CA ANZ collaboration gives members access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA), a group of 10 premier accounting bodies globally, which will definitely help any accountant wishing to have a global career."

KPMG Malaysia is an ATO and has been developing many young professionals through the MICPA pathway for decades. As an ATO, KPMG provides mentorship for MICPA candidates, as well as sponsorship of the examination fees. Datuk Johan adds, "We also give a special financial incentive to MICPA candidates who pass the exams on their first attempt. Study leave of 5 days and exam leave of 1 day per paper are also provided on top of their annual leave so that they have sufficient time to prepare themselves. We also have a dedicated Student Affairs team to monitor their online assessments before the final exam. We're continuously monitoring the needs of our people in their journey to be professionally qualified because we care and want them to achieve their highest potential."

There are numerous MICPA-CAANZ candidates working at KPMG. UNITEN graduate, Wan Mohamed Heikal bin Wan Ali from Audit shares, "When I first joined KPMG I was told that many senior Partners in KPMG are MICPA members, which is indeed true as I am working with them today. This inspired me to pursue MICPA as my preferred professional qualification." Mohamad Heikal found that the Programme enabled him to apply his knowledge from the classroom to his audit engagements in his day-to-day tasks. The knowledge from the modules gave him a deeper understanding on the new standards introduced and helped him to be more confident in discussions with clients related to the standards.

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On a career in accounting, Datuk Johan shares, "Today's generation is attracted to jobs where they can gain prestige, financial reward, accelerated career growth and multi-industry experience – and accountancy is one field that provides them this benefit. We regard the MICPA-CAANZ Programme highly because it trains you for practical application and helps you develop a sound understanding of an organisation's finance, hence giving you a solid foundation to grow your career across all aspects of the business. Ultimately, we want to develop our people into a Workforce of the Future who are future-ready, helping to identify and solve tomorrow's complex problems today, lead quality conversations with our clients and their teams, and fostering innovation."

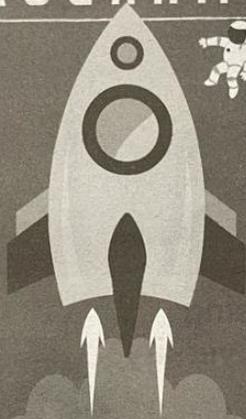
He further advises young aspiring accounting professionals to "Invest in yourself. Whether it's taking up a professional qualification like MICPA-CAANZ, pursuing a Master's degree, or upskilling yourself in various IR 4.0 related knowledge such as data analytics, blockchain, cybersecurity, cloud computing, internet of things or robotic process automation. Investing in your own learning and development will yield long term dividends."

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