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In line with the theme, a series of virtual talks were held to provide insights and create awareness and interest, as accountants of the future must embrace IT to enhance and add value in their work:

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It was also an ideal time to showcase the new MICPA programme's features in a virtual info session held on Nov 10.

The programme does not aim to test a students' memorising skills, but sharpens their analytical and problem-solving skills through coursework-based and open book assessments. These are the skills that matter most for a professional who is sought after for their technical insights and business acumen – someone who is looked upon as an adviser to businesses and to serve the public interest.

The event closed with a bang during a closing and prize-giving virtual ceremony on Nov 13 where excited winners were awarded cash prizes and MICPA Programme scholarships for certain events. The institute also organised a Virtual Networking Session for the winning teams on Nov 23 to provide students with an invaluable experience of meeting and mingling with representatives from event sponsors who are incidentally among the top employers in Malaysia.

The participants truly had an enriching experience. Nayli Farzana Rafie of Team Chachacha, champion of the Business Case Challenge – Degree Level from UiTM Puncak Alam shares, "Being a part of Accountancy Week was such a great journey for my team. We did our best and all the hard work paid off. Winning was amazing but to get the MICPA Programme sponsorship made it even sweeter."

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■ For more details on the new MICPA programme, contact the Marketing Department at info@micpa.com.my or visit www.micpa.com.my



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The winners for the competitions that took place during the MICPA Accountancy Week 2021 are as follows:

Accounting Student Quiz Challenge – Diploma Level

Champion	Team Bidadari Syurga, Politeknik Sebarang Perai
1st Runner-Up	Team DAPTPKS G, Politeknik Kuching, Sarawak
2nd Runner-Up	Team DAPTPKS F, Politeknik Kuching, Sarawak

Accounting Student Quiz Challenge – Degree Level

Champion	Team Fantastic 4, Universiti Malaya
1st Runner-Up	Team Ladybugs, Universiti Malaysia Sabah
2nd Runner-Up	Team Let’s Go, Universiti Malaya

Business Case Challenge – Diploma Level

Champion	Team TAC Dihatiku, UiTM Sabah
1st Runner-Up	Team Calculatros, UiTM Tapah, Perak
2nd Runner-Up	Team DAPTPKS A, Politeknik Kuching, Sarawak

Business Case Challenge – Degree Level

Champion	Team ChaChaCha, UiTM Puncak Alam
1st Runner-Up	Team The Empowered, Universiti Tenaga Nasional
2nd Runner-Up	Team SM ENT, Universiti Utara Malaysia

CyberHunt

Champion	Team The Empowered, Universiti Tenaga Nasional
1st Runner-Up	Team Harbingers, Universiti Putra Malaysia
2nd Runner-Up	Team Fantastic 4, Universiti Malaya

E-Sports: PUBG-Mobile

Champion	Team Invictus, UiTM Perak
1st Runner-Up	Team The Gigih, Universiti Tenaga Nasional
2nd Runner-Up	Team 4DATPERSON, Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah

'So You Think You Can Sing?' Singing Competition

Champion	Dayangku Ellieyna Natasya, UiTM Kota Samarahan
1st Runner-Up	Harith Bin Habib, UiTM Kota Samarahan
2nd Runner-Up	Fatihah Juhimin, UiTM Kota Samarahan

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