MICPA MALAYSIA | CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Australia + New Zealand

Complimentary Event

EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

SHAPING FUTURE-READY ACCOUNTANTS

Bridging Academia, Technology & Industry

NOVEMBER 25, 2026
8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

KLGCC Convention Centre (formerly known as the Sime Darby Convention Centre) , Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur.

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The MICPA x CA ANZ Educators Conference 2026 brings together university and professional educators to explore how accounting education can better prepare students for industry needs. Themed "**Shaping Future-Ready Accountants: Bridging Academia, Technology and Industry**", the conference will focus on strengthening collaboration between academia and industry as digitalisation, sustainability reporting and AI reshape the profession. Discussions will cover professional judgment, critical thinking, practical learning, effective teaching, the evolving role of educators and responsible AI use in teaching and assessment, while addressing challenges in attracting and retaining accounting talent.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide educators with insights into global developments shaping the accounting profession.
- Showcase how MICPA & CA ANZ prepare students for professional practice through MICPA x CA ANZ Qualifying Programme.
- Strengthen collaboration between universities, professional bodies & industry to develop future-ready accounting graduates.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

TIME	TOPIC
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registrations
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome Address by Seri Idawaty Mat Zain, *Chief Executive Officer of MICPA*
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	**Keynote Address by** Nurul A'in Abdul Latif, *Council Member of MICPA, Chair of Education and Training Committee of MICPA and Executive Chair of PwC Malaysia*
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Session 1** **From Knowledge to Judgement: Teaching Students to Think Like Professionals** The session will examine practical approaches to using purposeful questioning, case-based learning and authentic scenarios to encourage deeper thinking and professional reasoning. It will conclude by exploring how professional judgement can be embedded within traditional university subjects, equipping graduates with the confidence and critical thinking skills needed to navigate complex, ambiguous real-world situations. Speakers: • Paul Marambos CA, MSC *Senior Teaching Lead, Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CA ANZ)* • Nisha Sreedharan FCA *Teaching Lead at Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ)*
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Morning Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	**Session 2** **Beyond the Lecture: Designing Learning for the Professionals of Tomorrow** The session will consider practical approaches to learner-centred teaching, including interactive activities, collaborative learning, real-world problem-solving and reflective practice, to encourage students to take greater ownership of their learning. It will also examine how learning environments can be designed to develop not only knowledge, but also the adaptability, communication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed to succeed as professionals in a rapidly changing workplace. Speakers: • Joey Azman *MICPA Facilitator* *Co-Founder vCFOur – Virtual CFO* • Chan Tze Kang FCCA, ACA, BFP, CA(M) *Head of the Professional Accountancy Centre of University of Wollongong Malaysia*
11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	**Session 3** **Teaching in the Age of AI: From Getting the Answer to Developing the Thinking** The session will explore practical approaches to developing critical thinking and professional judgement, including teaching students to critically evaluate AI-generated outputs, designing authentic and case-based assessments, and using oral defence and presentations to demonstrate genuine understanding. It will also consider how AI can be positioned as a learning partner rather than an answer generator, while identifying the competencies that remain distinctly human and essential for future professionals. Moderator: Vimalashankar Navarathnam *Group Head of Internal Audit* *Taylor's Education Group* Panellists: • Muhammad Dawud Wilmot *Partner – Technology, Risk and Cyber Security Advisory* *KPMG Malaysia* • Ts Dr Aznul Qalid Bin Md Sabri *Associate Professor at Department of Artificial Intelligence, Faculty of Computer Science and Technology, Universiti Malaya*
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch & Prayers
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	**Session 4** **The Art of Facilitation: From Teaching Content to Developing Thinking** The session will examine practical facilitation techniques, including Socratic questioning, probing beyond superficial answers, managing classroom discussion, handling silence, engaging quieter students and facilitating constructive disagreement. It will also consider how educators can challenge students without discouraging them, respond effectively when discussions take unexpected directions, and use case-based learning to stimulate meaningful dialogue rather than turning cases into mini-lectures. Ultimately, the session focuses on how better questions can lead to deeper thinking and more meaningful learning. Speaker: Dr Shyamala Dhoraisingam Samuel *MICPA Facilitator* *Former Monash University lecturer*
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	**Roundtable Discussion** **From Classroom to Workplace: Making Learning Authentic and Engaging** An interactive exchange of ideas and experiences where educators explore how to create active, engaging and authentic classroom learning experiences that bridge academic knowledge with real-world professional practice. Participants will share innovative teaching approaches, tools and activities that encourage active student participation, critical thinking and professional judgement. The session aims to inspire practical, actionable ideas that educators can adapt to create more dynamic classrooms and better prepare students for the workplace. Facilitator: Dr Edwin Lim *Head of Department of Accounting and Associate Professor of Accounting at the School of Business, Monash University Malaysia*
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Forum** **What Employers Want:** **Shaping Future-Ready Accounting Graduates** This session provides insights into the expectations and competencies valued by employers when recruiting future accounting professionals. Participants will gain a better understanding of industry needs, emerging workplace demands, and how educators can enhance the learning experience to better prepare graduates with the knowledge, skills, and attributes required for success in the profession. Moderator: Dr Aida Hazlin Ismail *Deputy Dean, Faculty of Accounting, UiTM* Panellists: • Bonnie Tham *Executive Director* *Head of People and Support* *BDO PLT* • Liza Sahar *Head, Talent Acquisition and Employer Branding* *CIMB*
5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Closing Remarks & End

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