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# 2025

## SHAPING FUTURE-FIT ACCOUNTANCY PROFESSIONALS

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How can we prepare accounting graduates to thrive in an unpredictable world? The answer lies in empowering accounting educators with the tools, knowledge, and strategies needed to cultivate agile, future-ready professionals who can navigate volatility with confidence.

At the National Accounting Educators Convention (NAEC) 2025, lecturers, academics, and industry leaders will come together in a dynamic space where ideas, collaboration, and innovation converge.

This year's Convention will explore critical themes and megatrends, including AI and emerging technologies in auditing, ESG and sustainability integration, evolving taxation landscapes, and leadership development. A strong emphasis will also be placed on enhancing student employability, fostering critical thinking, and addressing ethical challenges in AI-driven learning—ensuring that tomorrow's accountants are not only technically skilled but also principled and professional.

Through expert-led sessions, interactive panel discussions, and student perspectives, NAEC 2025 offers accounting educators invaluable insights into aligning education with innovation and industry expectations—shaping the next generation of accounting professionals.

**24 & 25 June 2025**

*Tuesday & Wednesday, 9.00am-5.00pm*

**Berjaya Times Square Hotel,  
Kuala Lumpur**

### OBJECTIVES

- Understand key policy shifts and strategic initiatives shaping the future of Malaysia's education system.
- Examine AI's impact on accounting and its integration into education
- Enhance student employability by aligning curricula with industry needs while fostering leadership, critical thinking, and adaptability to improve career readiness.
- Stay updated on financial reporting standards and key taxation updates, understanding their impact on accounting education.
- Address ethical challenges of AI-driven learning while fostering independent thinking.
- Integrate ESG and sustainability principles into accounting programmes.
- Bridge the gap between academic learning and professional auditing practice.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Lecturers of accountancy/accountancy-related courses
- Professors and Associate Professors of accountancy/accountancy-related courses
- Heads of Departments/Schools of Accounting and Finance
- Course Administrators and Coordinators of accounting programmes

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### CONVENTION DAY 1 PROGRAMME

8.30 am REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

9.00 am **WELCOME ADDRESS**

**WAN AHMAD IKRAM WAN AHMAD LOTFI** | Chair, Education Board, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

9.10 am **REIMAGINING THE PROFESSION: BUILDING FUTURE-FIT FINANCE TALENT FOR A DISRUPTED WORLD**

Finance is no longer just about reporting and control, it's about enabling strategy, driving transformation, and earning trust in an uncertain world. As disruption becomes constant, the profession needs individuals who are not just technically sound, but also strategic, digitally fluent, ethically grounded, and adaptable.

This session explores how educators, professional bodies, and employers can co-create the next generation of finance professionals ones prepared not just for today's challenges, but for tomorrow's complexity. Drawing on global trends and regional insights, it highlights the skills that matter most, the gaps that must be closed, and the opportunities for ASEAN to lead in shaping talent that's truly future-fit.

SPEAKER

**VENKKAT RAMANAN** | Vice President-Asia Pacific, Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA & CIMA)

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9.50 am **MALAYSIAN TAXATION: PREPARING FUTURE ACCOUNTANTS FOR AN EVOLVING TAX LANDSCAPE**

Get insights into recent developments in Malaysian taxation, including key regulatory changes, compliance updates, and their implications for accounting education.

This session aims to help educators better prepare students for shifts in tax policies, emerging tax technologies, and evolving industry demands. The expert speaker will also highlight practical approaches to integrating current tax developments into the curriculum, ensuring that future accountants are ready to thrive in Malaysia's dynamic tax environment.

SPEAKER

**DR VEERINDERJEET SINGH** | Member, Taxation Practice Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

10.30 am MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

11.00 am **PANEL SESSION**

**ACCA'S GLOBAL TALENT TRENDS 2025: INSIGHTS REPORT**

The ACCA's Global Talent Trends report explores the evolving dynamics of the accounting profession, highlighting key challenges and opportunities for future accountants.

This discussion offers an overview of the impact of AI and technology, changing employer expectations, evolving work models, sustainability considerations, talent retention strategies, and the role of diversity and well-being in shaping career growth. Educators will discover valuable perspectives on how these trends influence curriculum development, student employability, and the future of accounting education, ensuring graduates are prepared for the rapidly shifting job market.

MODERATOR

**SHARATH MARTIN** | Senior Policy Consultant, ACCA Asia Pacific

PANELLISTS

**ANDREA CHAN LAI SIM** | Chief People & Culture Officer, YYC Advisors

**PROF DATIN DR SUZANA SULAIMAN** | Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)

**WAN AHMAD IKRAM WAN AHMAD LOTFI** | Chair, Education Board, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

12.15 pm **BRIDGING THE GAP: STRENGTHENING AUDIT EDUCATION THROUGH INDUSTRY COLLABORATION**

As the auditing landscape evolves, educators must ensure students are equipped with practical skills and industry-relevant knowledge.

This session explores strategies for enhancing audit education through stronger collaboration with industry, including internships, real-world case studies, and mentorship opportunities. Educators will be guided on how to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional practice to better prepare graduates for the demands of modern auditing.

SPEAKER

**STEVEN CHONG** | Managing Partner, Morison LC PLT

1.00 pm LUNCH & NETWORKING

2.15 pm **MASTERCLASS**

**DEVELOPING STUDENT'S CRITICAL THINKING AND LEADERSHIP FOR BETTER EMPLOYABILITY**

In today's fast-changing business world, accountants need more than technical expertise—they require critical thinking, leadership, and adaptability to succeed.

This masterclass focuses on how educators can cultivate these essential qualities to enhance problem-solving skills and boost students' employability. By incorporating real-world scenarios, enhancing communication skills, and fostering industry collaboration, educators can transform their teaching approaches to better prepare students as confident, job-ready professionals in the modern accounting landscape.

SPEAKER

**KOH MUI HAN** | Principal Consultant, ChangeDynamics Consulting

4.30 pm AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

5.00 pm END OF CONVENTION DAY 1

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### CONVENTION DAY 2 PROGRAMME

8.30 am REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS

#### 9.00 am ACCOUNTING STANDARDS & FINANCIAL REPORTING: WHAT'S AHEAD?

Beginning with a comprehensive update on the latest developments in financial reporting standards, focusing on MFRS 18, MFRS 19, and the Third Edition of IFRS for SMEs, this session will examine the impact of these changes on financial statement presentation, disclosure requirements, and reporting frameworks for different types of entities.

Find out more about how these evolving standards affect curriculum development and how to prepare students for the changing regulatory landscape in accounting and financial reporting.

SPEAKER

**TAN KHOON YEOW** | Partner, Learning & Professional Development, BDO Malaysia

#### 9.45 am ACCOUNTING EDUCATION IN THE AI ERA

The accountancy profession is undergoing a major transformation with AI-driven automation, data analytics, and digital advancements.

This session will delve into the implications of AI in accounting education, the evolving role of accountants, and how educators can equip students with future-ready skills.

SPEAKER

**DR SIEW EU-GENE** | Senior Lecturer, Monash University Malaysia

10.30 am MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

#### 11.00 am PANEL SESSION

##### BALANCING AI IN LEARNING: GUIDING STUDENTS TO THINK BEYOND CHATGPT

As AI applications like ChatGPT become more prevalent, students are increasingly relying on them for help with coursework. While AI can be a valuable resource, excessive reliance on it may impede the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, and independent learning skills.

This discussion looks into strategies for educators to effectively integrate AI into coursework while encouraging originality, analytical thinking, and ethical usage. Critically, discover how to guide students to use AI responsibly to ensure academic integrity and development of essential skills.

MODERATOR

**PROF DR DAVID ASIRVATHAM** | Chair, Digital Technology Implementation Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

PANELLISTS

**TS GERARD MOHANRAJ PILLAI** | Director, Industry Development, PIKOM

**PROF DR NOOR ZAMAN JHANJHI** | Senior Professor, Computer Science, Taylor's University

**PANG SERN YONG** | Founder, AIHQ Training and Consultancy

#### 12.15 pm INTEGRATING ESG AND SUSTAINABILITY INTO TERTIARY ACCOUNTANCY PROGRAMMES

As Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors become central to business decision-making, accounting education must adapt to equip students with the knowledge and skills to navigate sustainability challenges.

This session offers guidance into how tertiary institutions can integrate ESG principles, sustainability reporting, and ethical considerations and frameworks into their accountancy programmes. Get ready to delve into curriculum development and innovation, alignment with industry expectations, and actionable strategies to equip future accountants with the skills needed to navigate a sustainability-driven profession.

SPEAKER

**DR NURMAZILAH DATO' MAZHAN** | Member, Education Board, Malaysian Institute of Accountants

1.00 pm LUNCH & NETWORKING

#### 2.15 pm PANEL SESSION

##### THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF AUDITING & SUSTAINABILITY ASSURANCE: PREPARING FUTURE READY ACCOUNTING GRADUATES

As businesses increasingly adopt sustainability reporting, auditors are increasingly responsible for ensuring credibility, transparency, and alignment of ESG disclosures with compliance requirements, reporting standards and stakeholder expectations.

Explore the latest developments in sustainability assurance, including assurance frameworks, regulatory expectations, and best practices for verifying ESG disclosures in this enlightening session. Importantly, discover how educators can prepare students for sustainability-focused audit roles, covering topics such as data verification, risk assessment in ESG reporting, and navigating ethical challenges in sustainability assurance.

MODERATOR

**ESTHER CHEAH** | Member, Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AASB), Malaysian Institute of Accountants

PANELLISTS

**ARINA KOK** | Partner and Malaysia Climate Change and Sustainability Services (CCaSS) Leader, Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd

**EDWIN TAN** | Partner, Audit & Assurance, Deloitte PLT

**DATUK ZAITON MOHD HASSAN** | Independent Non-Executive Director, Sunway Berhad

#### 3.30 pm PANEL SESSION

##### HEARING FROM ACCOUNTING UNDERGRADUATES: OUR EXPECTATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

What do accounting students truly need to thrive in the professional world? This interactive panel discussion invites accounting undergraduates to share their expectations, challenges, and perspectives on curriculum relevance, industry exposure, skill development, and career readiness.

Educators will hear directly from students about how universities can better align their programmes with student goals and employer expectations, ensuring graduates are equipped to succeed in the evolving accounting profession.

MODERATOR

**IBRAHIM SANI** | Chief Executive Officer, Yayasan Peneraju

PANELLISTS

**HARRAZ MOHAMED RAFIE** | Student, Final Year, Bachelor of Accounting and Finance (Hons), Taylor's University

**SERENA TAHERIN SIVA-MUNIANDY** | Student, Final Year, Bachelor of Accounting (Hons), Universiti Sains Malaysia

**SYLVIA GAN SIAW WEI** | Student, Final Year, Bachelor of Finance, Accounting and Management, University of Nottingham Malaysia

4.30 pm AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

5.00 pm END OF CONVENTION



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#### ANDREA CHAN LAI SIM

Andrea is the Chief People & Culture Officer for YYC Group of Companies. She has over 25 years of experience across diverse industries, holding strategic roles in leading multinational and regional organisations. She is responsible for shaping and executing the Group's people strategy, working closely with the executive team. Her leadership covers talent acquisition, employee experience, learning and development, organisational design, performance management, and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). She is deeply committed to cultivating a high-performance, values-driven culture that enables innovation, resilience, and business growth. Prior to YYC, she was an independent consultant advising CEOs and HR leaders on organisational alignment, talent integration, executive assimilation, and employee engagement. Her consulting portfolio includes engagements with BERJAYA University College, UNITAR International University, the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, and the Global Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, USA. Andrea holds a master's degree in human resources management from the University of Lincoln, UK, and is a professional member of the Society for Human Resource Management, USA. She is also certified in DISC Reasoning Analysis for talent benchmarking and change management, is a certified practitioner of the Korn Ferry 360 Executive Feedback Tool, and is trained in the Career Assessment Interview methodology from USA.



#### ARINA KOK

Arina is a Partner, Malaysia Climate Change and Sustainability Services (CCaSS) Leader, Asia-Pacific Climate Change Advisory Leader, Asean Climate Change and Sustainability Services Co-Leader at Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd. She assists clients integrate sustainability into their long-term strategic and operational plans, creating lasting value, enhancing their reputation and build public trust. Her expertise lies primarily in sustainability consulting, ESG strategy, due diligence, framework development, outcome measurement and stakeholder management. Under her leadership, EY released the inaugural Climate Risk Disclosure Barometer 2020 Malaysia. In 2020, 2022 and 2023, she supported the Joint Committee for Climate Change (JC3) of Bank Negara Malaysia and the Securities Commission Malaysia by facilitating capability-building workshops under the UK Prosperity Fund's ASEAN Low Carbon Energy Programme. She has also engaged in discussions with the Ministry of Environment and Water, Bursa Malaysia, and the Securities Commission Malaysia regarding green and social policies and standards for the country. Arina holds a Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours) from Oxford Brookes University. She is a Certified Sustainability Reporting Specialist of the Institute of Certified Sustainability Practitioners (ICSP), a Global Reporting Initiative "GRI" certified practitioner of the National Center for Sustainability Reporting (NCSR) CQI and IRCA, and is a Certified ISO 45001:2018 Lead Auditor on Occupational Health and Safety and Certified ISO 14001:2015 Lead Implementor of Environmental Management Systems.



#### PROF DR DAVID ASIRVATHAM

Prof Dr David is a Professor of Practice (AI & Technology) at the Asia School of Business (ASB), which was established in collaboration with Bank Negara and MIT Sloan. Prior to this, he was the Executive Dean for the Faculty of Innovation and Technology at Taylor's University, Director of the Centre of Information Technology at the University of Malaya, and CIO/Senior Director of the Centre for Information Technology at Multimedia University. He has held numerous posts, including Associate Dean for Faculty of Information Technology (Multimedia University), Project Manager for the Multimedia and IT Infrastructure Development for a university campus (US\$14 million project), and SAP Advisory for High Education Council (Germany). He has been in the academic leadership and CIO roles for 30 years. His areas of expertise include Digital Neural Network, E-Learning Technologies, ICT Project Management, Multimedia Content Creation and AI. He was the Chairman for the ICT Human Capital Development for 11th Malaysia Plan 2016-2020, Secretary for the Artificial Intelligence Society Malaysia, President of the Data Science Association (Malaysia) 2022-2025, Country Representative for the Asia E-learning Network (Japan), Steering Committee Member for the Implementation of E-Learning for Malaysian Public Sector, and Member of the Malaysian Grid for Learning's Standards Expert Group 2003-2004. He also worked on various ICT Projects and conducted workshops in South Africa, Sudan, Iran, Ghana, Kenya, Vietnam, Maldives, Bangladesh (World Bank Project), UAE, India, and Brunei. David completed his Ph.D. from Multimedia University, M.Sc. (Digital System) from Brunel University (U.K.), and B.Sc. (Hons) Ed., and Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Science from the University of Malaya.



#### EDWIN TAN

Edwin is an audit partner and leads the professional practice department of Deloitte Audit & Assurance in Southeast Asia. Having over 16 years of audit and advisory experience locally and overseas, he has audited multinational corporations, government bodies, and listed companies in a diverse range of sectors including banks, insurance, funds, energy, retail, and media/communications. This audit experience spans ISA and US PCAOB audits. Internally, he leads the firm's audit quality initiatives and oversees its accounting technical, audit methodology and quality management both locally and regionally. He also speaks regularly on topics covering auditing standards, board governance, women in leadership, and audit transformation. He is a licensed auditor and a registered auditor of the AOB. Edwin is a council member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and a member of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand. He is also a member of MIA's Auditing & Assurance Standards Board (AASB).



#### ESTHER CHEAH

Esther Cheah is a Partner, Quality Assurance & Technical at Baker Tilly Malaysia and has over 20 years of experience in the audit of public listed companies and small medium companies from various industries. She performs the firm's quality monitoring and engagement monitoring reviews and oversees the implementation of automated tools and techniques in performing audit procedures. She also conducts training in accounting and auditing standards and implements the firm's audit policy and audit methodology. She is also the Ethics Partner handling ethics related matters within the firm, an independent member of the firm's Accounting & Auditing Consultative Committee and is the main liaison person between the firm and regulators. She is chairperson of the Baker Tilly Asia Pacific Audit & Assurance Committee, member of Baker Tilly International's Risk Management Panel Committee, member of MIA's Auditing & Assurance Standards Board and Financial Statements Review Committee, and member of ACCA's Audit & Assurance Global Forum. Esther is a Chartered Accountant of MIA, a Fellow of ACCA, and a Member of MICPA. She is an approved Auditor under the Malaysian Companies Act 2016, a registered Auditor with the Malaysia Audit Oversight Board, a Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Certified Sustainability Professional, and a certified HRDC accredited trainer.



#### TS GERARD MOHANRAJ PILLAI

Gerard is the Director for Industry Development at the National ICT Association of Malaysia (PIKOM). He is an experienced strategist and technologist with over 25 years of leadership across the ICT, education, and healthcare sectors. He currently leads Industry Development at PIKOM, focusing on digital infrastructure, global business services, and talent development through the PIKOM Academy. A Professional Technologist, he also lectures at Sunway University and advises various institutions on innovation and strategic transformation. Gerard holds an MBA in International Management from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, Australia, and is Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) candidate at HELP University. He is a strong advocate of industry-academia collaboration and a frequent speaker and panellist on digital transformation, entrepreneurship, and education.



#### IBRAHIM SANI

Ibrahim Sani is the Chief Executive Officer at Yayasan Peneraju and has extensive experience in finance, banking, strategy, business intelligence, capital markets and media. Previously, he served at EONCAP Islamic Bank Berhad (later known as Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad) and CIMB Investment Bank before diversifying his career in the world of broadcasting with BFM and Astro. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and a Member of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA). He is also a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

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### CONVENTION SPEAKERS



#### KOH MUI HAN

Mui Han is Principal Consultant for ChangeDynamics Consulting and was previously with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Advisory Services Malaysia with 15 years' experience in leading diverse broad-based management consulting and training assignments across different industries. His passion is in graduate employability, focusing on creating awareness of corporate requirements among Malaysian undergraduates. He is a TalentCorp Fellow (TF50) and was previously part of TalentCorp Malaysia's Young Employable Student (YES) Program and an Adjunct Professor in Universiti Putra Malaysia, UPM. He also founded Primed For Success, a movement seeking to enhance the employability Malaysian undergraduates through personal branding on LinkedIn. Mui Han holds a Bachelor of Food Science & Technology from UPM and completed an Executive Education in Business Analytics and Big Data from Harvard Business School. He is a certified practitioner for various psychometric tools—Thomas DiSC, Harrison Assessment, and EQi-2.0.



#### PROF DR NOOR ZAMAN JHANJHI

Prof Dr Noor Zaman Jhanjhi is the Senior Professor of Computer Science at Taylor's University, Malaysia and specialises in Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity. He is also the Program Director for Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes, playing a pivotal role in shaping academic excellence and driving cutting-edge research initiatives. His mentorship spans 38 postgraduate completions, and he has examined 70+ Ph.D. and Master's theses worldwide. He is one of Malaysia's top computer science researchers and is consistently ranked among the world's top 2% research scientists (2022–2024). He has published over 80 research books with leading publishers, and is the Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, and Editorial Board member for top-tier journals (PeerJ Computer Science, IEEE Access, CMC Computers). He has also delivered over 90 invited talks and chaired major conferences. His decade-long engagement with ABET, NCAAA, and NCEAC accreditation bodies highlights his dedication to global academic standards. He has earned several prestigious accolades, including the Outstanding Faculty Member Award (MDEC Malaysia, 2022) and the Vice Chancellor's Best Research Citations Award (Taylor's University, 2023).



#### DR NURMAZILAH DATO' MAHZAN

Dr Nurmazilah is member of the IFRS Foundation Integrated Reporting and Connectivity Council (IRCC) and the Authority Member of Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA). She sits on the board of TH Plantations Berhad and is Chair of the Banking Group Audit Committee at CIMB Bank Berhad. Dr Nurmazilah was a former member of Integrated Reporting Framework Board as well as the former Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA). In MIA she led and implemented the transformation of risk management system, governance enhancement technology adoption and branding. She also spearheaded strategic, operational, and financial plan to ensure effectiveness and efficiency. In addition, she was also involved in auditing and accounting regulatory function including financial statement review, audit quality and professional ethics. She has engaged with stakeholders of different sectors locally and globally including ministries, government agencies, companies, media, universities, business leaders and individuals. She also delivered keynote addresses and speeches locally and globally. Her recent work revolves around Integrated Reporting, ESG and the future of Corporate Reporting. She is a Certified ESG Analyst, Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor and holds the Certified Risk Management and Assurance qualification. She also holds a PhD in accounting from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. She recently completed a course on climate change and Net Zero from the University of Cambridge. Dr Nurmazilah is a member of MIA, MICPA, CIMA, IIA Malaysia as well as an ASEAN CPA.



#### PANG SERN YONG

Sern Yong is one of Malaysia's leading voices in applied AI and the Founder of AIHQ Training and Consultancy. An accredited HRD Corp trainer, he equips professionals with practical skills to use tools like ChatGPT for real business outcomes. Through AIHQ, he has trained over 8,000 individuals across industries including finance, HR, marketing, education, and government. His clients include ACCA, Prudential BSN Takaful, and Media Prima. He is co-author of ChatGPT—A Guide for Introverts, and is founder of the ChatGPT Malaysia Community, which now exceeds 36,000 members. Pang is known for making AI accessible and applicable in the workplace.



#### SHARATH MARTIN

Sharath Martin has spent the last three decades in the realms of finance and accounting and more recently in sustainability. Based in Malaysia, he serves as the Senior Policy & Insights Consultant for ACCA in the Asia Pacific region where he focusses on raising the Asian voice on policy making and thought leadership. His career is distinguished by significant roles in risk and strategy, including positions at a Big Four firm, a globally operating listed company, and the Malaysian capital market regulator. Having lived and worked through the Asian Financial Crisis, the Global Financial Crisis, and more recently, the pandemic-induced crisis, he believes strongly in the need for businesses to rebalance its priorities and put people, profit and planet on par with each other. Sharath also serves on the Board of Trustees of WWF-Malaysia, which works to sustain the natural world for the benefit of people and wildlife, focussing on six major themes: forests, oceans, wildlife, food, climate and energy, and freshwater; and also on the Board of Trustees of Shift Project Ltd, a leading centre of expertise on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. An alumnus of the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School, Sharath holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Strategy and is an ACCA Fellow.



#### DR SIEW EU-GENE

Eu-Gene is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Accounting at Monash University Malaysia. He has over 17 years of teaching experience, including more than 12 years dedicated to teaching Accounting Information Systems. His research interests include accounting information systems, data analytics, and Environmental, Social, and Governance issues. His work has been published in various conferences, book chapters, and several reputable journals, including the International Journal of Accounting Information Systems, Knowledge-Based Systems, and The Knowledge Engineering Review. He is also an academic editorial board member of PLOS One.



#### STEVEN CHONG

Steven is the Managing Partner of Morison LC PLT, a part of Morison Global and ranked the 9th largest professional service association internationally. He is a former Council Member of MIA and was founding Chair of the MIA Digital Economy Taskforce, Digital Technology Implementation Committee (DTIC), and Adjudication Chair (Public Practice) for the inaugural MIA Digital Technology Adoption Awards. In 2025, he received an appointment from the Minister of Higher Education as a member of the Ministry of Higher Education CEO @ Faculty Programme for Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). He founded LedgerBrains (GA Alliance), a regional technology startup that won top 3 at the 2019 Petronas FutureTech program. Steven is an ACA and BFP of the ICAEW (UK), Alumni & Member of ICAEW F-TEN@ Asia, and two Master's degree holder from Victoria University, Australia.



#### PROF DATIN DR SUZANA SULAIMAN

Prof Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman is a Senior Professor at the Faculty of Accounting, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). Having over 35 years in higher education with more than 17 years holding various UiTM's administrative positions. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic & International) was her last appointment. Dr Suzana is a Council Member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), a Fellow of Chartered Management Accountant (FCMA), UK, a member of Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). Dr Suzana is also a member of the CIMA (UK) Research Board and is the first academic to be appointed from Asia. Her latest appointment is Council Member for Electoral Constituency South East Asia, the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) UK. Apart from teaching and holding administrative positions, Dr Suzana is also actively involved in research and consulting. Her research has produced many publications and won awards nationally and internationally.

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#### TAN KHOON YEOW

Khoon Yeow is Partner of Learning & Professional Development at BDO. He facilitates IFRS and auditing training courses for staff and clients of BDO in the South East Asia region. He is Chairman of the BDO Asia Pacific IFRS Group, and a member of the BDO International IFRS Policy Committee, Global Audit Training Advisory Group, and Comment Letter Task Force. He is also an Executive-in-Residence for the Sunway University Business School and a member of the Academic & Industry Advisory Board for the Sunway College Diploma in Accounting Programme.



#### DR VEERINDERJEET SINGH

Dr Veerinderjeet is a Past President of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as the former Non-Executive Chairman of Tricor Services (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. He was Past President of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia from 2007 to 2010. Acknowledged as a leading expert in accountancy and taxation, he has over 40 years of diverse experience in the fields of accounting, taxation, and commerce. He has served in the Inland Revenue Department, University of Malaya (as an Associate Professor), Arthur Andersen and Ernst & Young (as a Tax Partner/Executive Director) and authored several influential and authoritative tax publications. Dr Veerinderjeet also sits on the Boards of Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad and AmBank (M) Berhad where he is also Chair of the Audit Committee. He was also a Board member and Senior Independent Director at UMW Holdings Berhad until February 2024. He is an Adjunct Professor at Monash University, Malaysia and Past Chair of the Monash Business School Industry Advisory Board. Globally, Dr Veerinderjeet contributes his expertise as a member of the Global Tax Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) based in Paris and a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (a tax research and consultancy body) based in Amsterdam. He is a Vice Chair of the ICC's Global tax Commission. He was a member of the Tax Reform Committee from 2018-2020 in the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia. He is also Past Chair of IFA Malaysia and a current member of the IFA Asia Pacific Committee. He is a frequent speaker/moderator at various local /international tax and governance events.



#### VENKKAT RAMANAN

Venkkat Ramanan serves as Vice President – Asia Pacific at AICPA & CIMA, together as the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. He is responsible for leading strategic initiatives to advance the accounting and finance profession across the Asia Pacific region, encompassing Southeast Asia, Australasia, India and the MESANA countries. With over 20 years of international experience in finance, technology and professional education, he collaborates with stakeholders in the public, private and regulatory sectors to drive the profession forward. Venkkat is a Chartered Global Management Accountant, a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, a Master Neuro-Linguistic Programming Practitioner, and a certified performance coach. He has completed executive programmes in ESG and Sustainable Financial Strategy, developed by AICPA & CIMA in partnership with the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School, as well as the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School Fintech Programme. He has also completed an executive programme in Leadership at INSEAD Singapore. He is a frequent speaker on topics such as sustainability, the finance profession, and the future of finance. Drawing on his industry experience and strategic perspective, he regularly shares insights on how finance leaders can drive sustainable value creation, adapt to evolving regulatory and technological landscapes, and shape a future-ready profession. His engagements span conferences, industry panels, academic forums, and executive roundtables across the region.



#### WAN AHMAD IKRAM WAN AHMAD LOTFI

Wan Ahmad Ikram is the Executive Vice President of Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia since January 2022, overseeing finance, operations and stakeholder engagement functions. Prior to this, he was involved in various areas of operations as the Chief Financial Officer, as well as in assurance and advisory roles as the Chief Internal Auditor. He has extensive experience in the areas of external and internal auditing, risk management, office operations and administration, accounting and finance operations, treasury and fund management, corporate planning, corporate finance, corporate restructuring, business process management and compliance as well as information technology. More recently, he has been involved in strategic leadership, management and stakeholder engagement roles. Ikram holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Melbourne, Australia. He is a Chartered Accountant, member of MIA, Chartered member of the Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance, Fellow of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Certified Public Accountant (Malaysia) of MICPA, and ASEAN Certified Public Accountant. He currently chairs the Education Board and Sustainability Committee of MIA and was former chair of the Professional Accountants in Business Committee, the Integrated Reporting Committee, and the Sustainability Blueprint Taskforce of MIA. Ikram was a Council Member of MIA between November 2019 until October 2023.



#### DATUK ZAITON MOHD HASSAN

Datuk Zaiton is Vice President of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) UK, former Deputy Chair of the International Federation of Accountants' Professional Accountants in Business Advisory Group, member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is currently Chairman of the Board Risk Management Committee of Sunway Berhad and Chairman of GXBank, Malaysia's first digital bank. She started her career as an auditor in PriceWaterhouse Coopers before moving into banking, including at Maybank, in various senior positions in Treasury, International Operations and Group Strategic Planning. She was also tasked with setting-up the country's second rating agency, Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad where she was President for eight years. Datuk Zaiton led the initiative to set up the Malaysia Professional Accountancy Centre, a not for profit institution focussing on helping students from underprivileged families pursue professional accountancy qualifications. She is also a strong advocate of Integrated Reporting.

### STUDENT PANEL



#### HARRAZ MOHAMED RAFIE

Harraz is a final year Bachelor of Accounting and Finance (Hons) student at Taylor's University. He is a former audit intern at PwC Malaysia and EY Kota Kinabalu, and the 1st runner-up of the 22nd National Inter-Varsity Accounting Quiz (NI-VAQ). He previously served as President of the Taylor's Student Resident Council and was a Peer-Assisted Learning Services (PALS) leader, mentoring first-year accounting students. Harraz is passionate about personal growth, problem-solving, and making a meaningful impact.



#### SERENA TAHERIN SIVA-MUNIANDY

Serena is a final-year Bachelor of Accounting (Hons) student at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), currently serving as the USM-ICAEW Student Leader. She has held multiple leadership roles, including Project Director of the USM-ICAEW Student Forum and Leadership Camp, and Secretary of USM Accounting Society. Serena completed her internship with Dell Technologies in the Corporate Accounting & Reporting team and has won accolades such as Best Presenter at the 3rd International Youth Conference and champion of the 5th GBS@SOM Case Study Challenge. She is passionate about bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations in the accounting profession.



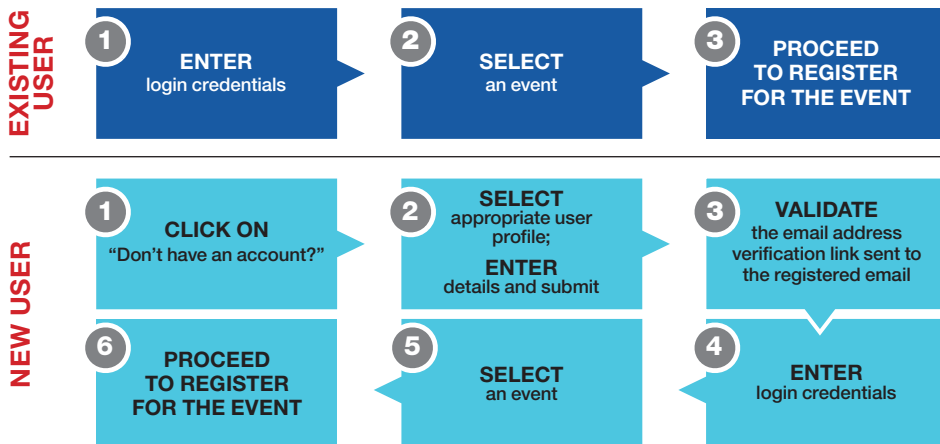
#### SYLVIA GAN SIAW WEI

Sylvia is a final-year Finance, Accounting and Management student at the University of Nottingham Malaysia. She has gained practical experience through an internship where she was involved in tax filing and compliance work. Sylvia looks forward to contributing her perspective on how universities can better support accounting students in becoming career-ready and aligned with industry expectations.



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