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CMA Students'

This section focuses on reflections from young students of ICMAB and how they have been pursuing their CMA career path and facing challenges in CMA study at the beginning of their career.



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1. What makes you interested on professional certification like CMA?

When I was studying BBA I find interest in corporate sector. My family specially my mother wanted to see me as a good corporate leader. That was the starting point of this journey and I was searching for information and one day I went ICMAB, there I found some known face. All of them along with my faculty members were suggesting me to pursue a global professional certification like CMA .

Then I come to know that ICMAB is one of the institute which has membership with global body like IFAC, SAFA, CAPA and mutual recognition program with global professional body like CIMA, CIPFA & ACCA. I also found that the associate and fellow members are now working in different leadership capacity in local corporate & MNCs in home & abroad.

2. How do you make a comparison between CMA education and other academic qualification?

We already notice that today's job market is very challenging and competitive. In order to achieve competitive advantage, I have to do something different. The academic qualification is not sufficient to compete in the challenging corporate sector. CMA education provide large scale of theoretical as well as practical knowledge. The most important thing is that CMA education enabled their members & students to gather learning, knowledge on Code of ethics & other regulatory areas which is important in the corporate world.

3. What are the main challenges you faced in studying for CMA education?

When I have admitted in ICMAB in 2012 it was difficult to continue my study with CMA as I was mentally shocked with my father's sudden death. After two years, I came back and my mother was my great inspiration. Her dream is that I become a member of ICMAB. With her pray and the grace of almighty ALLAH again I started my study. That was really very challenging for me to come back and continue my study.

4. Do you think that CMA qualification will help you to get added advantage in the job market?

Yes I am enough confident to say that the CMA degree will help me to get suitable job. In Bangladesh, there are many private university. So the BBA & MBA is now available in the competitive job market. So in order to differentiate from them the CMA is the best option. Even the multinational as well as our government also wants the qualification that are matched with the CMA degree. And we see that the large organization wants qualified accountants. I think to get a better position and a challenging job there is no other thing than CMA degree. In 2015 the FRA act was approved in the parliament by our govt. Under this act each and every organizations must have to do cost audit. Also the cost audit standard was successfully published and approved. So I think that to get a challenging and suitable job CMA qualification added more competitive advantage.

5. What are the strategy that you are following to complete the CMA education on schedule?

I know that I need to put much effort and time in study. I am following a routine and always try to follow it. I also take help from the class teacher. I do library work from 9.00 am to 9:00 pm on holiday. I take help from library books to make my own hand notes. Actually this is my dream that doesn't give me sleep and I spend the optimum time of my day to thinking and studying CMA.

6. Are you facing any difficulties to continue CMA education with your current job?

I think if we don't take any challenge we can't differentiate us from others. It is someway difficult but possible to continue CMA education and job at the same time. The institution arranges the special classes, so the job holders can get benefit

from the special classes. The CMA classes are held at evening, Friday, Saturday, hence it is much easier for me to attend those special classes. Moreover, I am getting benefit by doing some practical work in job those are related with my subject I am studying on.

7. What do you get from ICMAB as a student?

As a student, I can say that ICMAB really giving us quality education at a reasonable cost. I always want that kind of support and helping hand beside the students. We need a proper guideline to pass the exam quickly. I think the student in other branches outside Dhaka are facing the materials and library problem. I am requesting the authority to take initiatives so that they can get the proper guideline and materials. I also think that the students need more training session on IT and IFRS knowledge. So that they can keep touch with the modern accounting.

8. Could you remember any memorable event during your study at ICMAB?

I involved with ICMAB student's case study team, which is an initiative of one of the Fellow member Mr. Zillur Rahman FCAM (F0749) of this institutions. Here I get enough motivation to pass the exam and prepare myself for the upcoming exam. The motivational speech really work as atonic for me to get myself ready for the exam. We have been learning different things about the local and global economy & business. We prepare ourselves how to speak in public. And this is really helping us in the interview and also increase our skills in complex case solutions. It is a platform where we develop ourselves continuously.

9. To fulfill your future dream comes true, do you think the CMA qualifications will be able to fulfill your aspirations?

To become a corporate leader for a woman is really very challenging. But I think if I have the CMA qualification beside my academic qualifications I would be able to make my dream comes true. My dream as corporate leader is not to serve for my family but also for my country. As I'm a student with business background I will be able to serve may nation with this caliber and my full effort to become a leader in the corporate world.

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