



World 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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Why do you pursue CMA education from ICMAB?

I knew about ICMAB from my elder brother Feroz Hossain, who is a qualified member of ICMAB. The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) is an excellent professional institute and the only provider of CMA degree in Bangladesh. During 2009 ICMAB Rajshahi Branch was just beside my department. Because of that I was connected with the ICMAB and this helped me to take the right decision. After my BBA graduation, I have got admitted at ICMAB.

How do you make a comparison between CMA education and other academic qualifications?

The world is moving fast and becoming competitive

in every aspect. So, if we want to achieve something different then we should do something apart from our traditional education.

Getting a Cost and Management Accountants qualification might look cumbersome and time-consuming, but this will give us a huge boost in career.

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

After Joining at Nestle Bangladesh Ltd. it became challenging for me. Time management for my study, new schedule, new environment all were challenging

for me. Actually these are part of life, we have to accept that challenges to make myself better.

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

Yes, because of CMA education I have got opportunity to work with a MNC like Nestle. In today's competitive job market, it is important for job seeker to stand out from the crowd. ICMAB is such a degree that differentiate the job seeker from the crowd.

The Cost and Management Accountants qualification opens the door to a wide range of exciting career opportunities, in every sector of business and finance, both in Bangladesh and in global.

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

To complete the CMA education most important thing is dedication, determination, consistency and optimum use of time. Before studying every subject, I have prepared chapter wise written plan including list of reference books. I always used to follow a strategy before going through a particular chapter- used to watch video lecture, download articles & power point slide and read it carefully. I think this is more effective and efficient way to learn new things.

What do you expect to get from ICMAB as a student?

Last few years ICMAB has taken a number of initiatives that have been admired. I believe it will continue to do so in coming years.

ICMAB should have own updated version of study manual. It would be great if we could get learning facilities through internet and make it available in YouTube. Library and E-library both should be more resourceful and latest edition of books should be available.

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

There are many memorable events but to me the most memorable event was participating in Expedition for Excellence program arranged by "business learners' case study team". Without any doubt that was really an amazing and life changing program. In that program our honourable Zillur Rahman, FCMA sir played the role of mentor. Before every exam "business learners' case study team" arranged that program. During that program we prepared a written plan for our upcoming exam, how to become a better human, identify individual's strength and weakness and many more.

Do you think the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill your aspirations.

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. CMA is such a degree that always keep us updated with the change of time. I always want to establish myself as a corporate leader. I believe that CMA qualification is the best choice for me which can fulfil my dream.

[Interviewed by Sazedul Hoq ACMA]

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