



IMA Middle East Focus

CMA Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of this month's CMA (Certified Management Accountant) surprise drawing: Samar M Al Sayed, CMA from Jordan. You have won a free one-year IMA membership. Please contact us at imamiddleeast@imanet.org or +971 4 429 6017 to claim your prize!

The IMA Middle East Student Case Study Competition Is Back!



Following the resounding success of last year's **IMA Middle East Student Case Study Competition**, during which 18 Universities region-wide participated, we are inviting universities from the Middle East and Africa region to take part once again in this exciting and challenging opportunity. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge in front of a panel of industry experts. The winning team will receive \$3,000, and the runner-up team will receive \$2,000.

Entries must be submitted on or before **March 15, 2015**. To learn more , click on [IMA Middle East Student Case Study Competition 2015](#).

Prince Sultan University Becomes First Middle Eastern School Approved by IMA’s Higher Education Endorsement Program

Saudi Arabia’s Prince Sultan University (PSU) has become the first Middle Eastern school to be recognized through [IMA’s](#) Higher Education Endorsement Program. PSU joins more than a dozen American colleges and universities, as well as EBS Business School in Europe, to earn this distinction.

IMA’s [Higher Education Endorsement Program](#) recognizes undergraduate and graduate accounting programs that meet the educational standards that enable students to pursue the [CMA](#) credential.

“Properly trained accountants are vital to the success of the world’s economy. We are pleased to recognize Prince Sultan University’s support of management accounting education and the steps they are taking to prepare students for this important career path,” said Raef Lawson, Ph.D., CMA, CPA, CFA, IMA vice president of research and policy and professor-in-residence.

IMA’s Higher Education Endorsement Program offers two tiers of recognition: full endorsement, for those university programs that meet all endorsement criteria; and provisional endorsement, for programs with some minor to moderate shortcomings in meeting all the criteria for full endorsement.

For more information and application forms for IMA’s Endorsement Program, visit: www.imanet.org/educator_resources/index.aspx.

Congratulations to ICMA® Award Winner based in Dubai

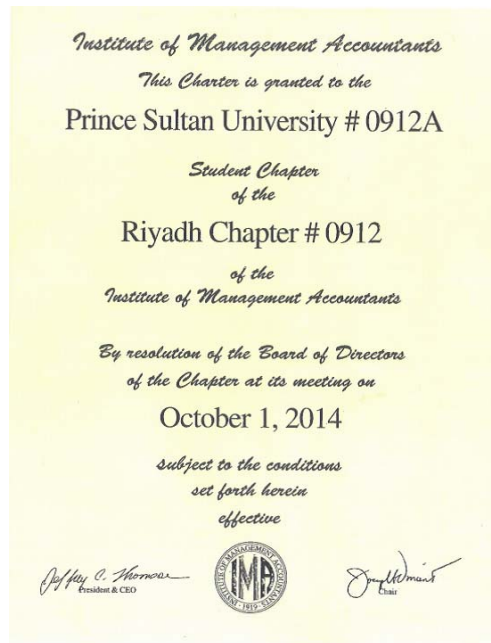
IMA would like to congratulate CMA Candidate Lyrpa P. Mejorada for her distinguished performance on the CMA exam and for being one of the top ICMA Award winners this June. Lyrpa is a young professional with more than years of professional experience working with numerous multinational organizations in the field of financial accounting. When asked about her experience as she prepared and sat for the CMA exam, Lyrpa’s advice to CMA candidates was to be “well-prepared and focused. Time-management is key. Most importantly, you need to have the confidence in yourself and the will to succeed.”

Global Highlights

ACCA and IMA Global Survey Finds “Robust Recovery” For Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises

Business confidence and economic outlook improved drastically for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the 12 months to mid-2014, according to findings from the [ACCA](#) (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and [IMA](#) in their second Global SME Performance Review. The report, titled “Back in the Game,” shows that a range of business challenges, particularly those relating to cash flow, have eased for SMEs in the second review period, with SMEs in the Middle East and Western Europe leading the way. To view the full report visit: www.imanet.org/PDFs/Public/ACCA/Back_in_the_Game.pdf.

Chapter Activities



Congratulations to Prince Sultan University for setting up the first IMA student chapter in Riyadh, KSA, starting October 1, under the leadership of Mr. AbdulRahman Al Kahtani.

Course Provider Activities

IPFC – India

IMA is dedicated to excellence within the management accounting profession. The CMA designation was developed to provide an objective measure of an individual's knowledge and competence in the field of management accounting.

Only the CMA program recognizes the unique proficiencies required for success in this challenging profession.

For more details kindly register with IPFC for a free live, online webinar on October 28, 2014, from 8:30pm (IST) [CMA\(US\) Webinar Form](#)

Job Pick of the Month

Visit <http://careers.imamiddleeast.org> to apply for these popular positions by entering the job reference number:

Auditor - Majzoub & Partners Ref. JB3112489

Business Analyst Corporate Strategy (UAE Nationals) –Dubai World Trade Center L.L.C. Ref. JB3121637

Accounts Manager - Finance – M.H. Alshaya Co. Ref. JB3121413

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