



POP GOES ACCOUNTANCY

One hundred and thirty-five students from 27 secondary schools took part in the inaugural NYP-ACCA Accounting Challenge, a fun and interactive competition designed to shine the spotlight on the profession and to inspire more to consider accountancy as a career choice.

Finalists in the competition participated in a game where the scenario of planning an international pop concert was used to illustrate how financial decisions can impact upon the success of an organisation.

After displaying excellent cooperation and quick strategic thinking, the team from Bedok North Secondary School delivered a stimulating business presentation and emerged as champion. Clementi Town Secondary School took home the first runner-up prize, while Jurong West Secondary School was named second runner-up.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

NETWORK FOCUSES ON BUSINESS ANALYST ROLE

More than 60 ACCA affiliates and students took advantage of a career exploration opportunity and attended the second instalment of the three-part series of ACCA's Young Professionals Network, which focuses on some of the hottest accounting roles in the employment market today.

The event, held on 23 March at Red Dot Brewhouse, featured representatives from recruitment consultant Randstad, as well as an ACCA member who works as a business analyst. Participants learned more about the details of the role, as well as the possible career paths that could be etched from experience.



01 Members of the Young Professionals Network learn more about the business analyst role

02 Visitors mingle and enjoy a range of shows and events at the zoo

FAMILIES ENJOY ZOO TRIP

ANNUAL OUTING PROVIDES DAY OF ADVENTURE

The ACCA family stampeded down to Singapore Zoo on 19 March for an action-packed day of fun and adventure. Besides checking out the wildlife, members and friends also enjoyed stage shows, game stalls and many other activities.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council's first scheduled meeting of 2011 took place on Saturday 5 March. The guest speaker at the meeting was Katrina Wingfield, chairman of the ACCA Regulatory Board, who presented the board's annual report for 2010.

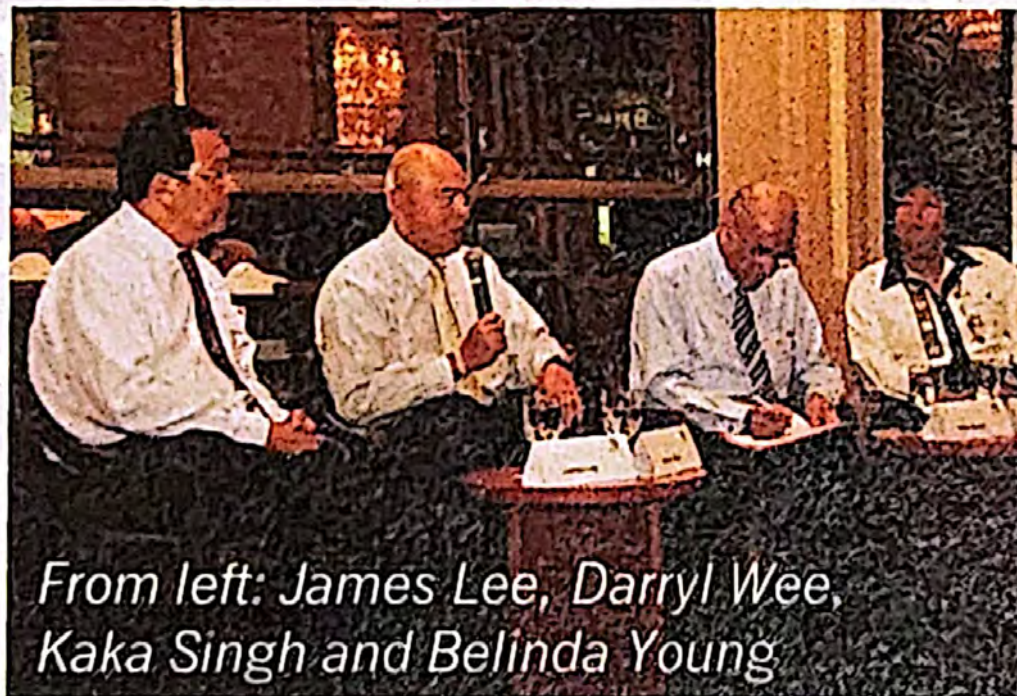
from the Governance Committee's Governance Review Task Force. The recommendations cover such areas as the development of a long-range governance plan and a standing governance design mechanism, revisions to the Council

MEMBERS' FORUM 2011

More than 100 members gathered at the Holiday Inn on 6 April 2011 to participate in the annual ACCA Members' Forum.

The evening included a presentation by Darryl Wee, country head of ACCA Singapore, who shared what ACCA had done over the last year.

After the presentation, Darryl joined Kaka Singh, president of ACCA Singapore, and Council members James Lee and Belinda Young for a brainstorming session on how to make ACCA even better.



From left: James Lee, Darryl Wee, Kaka Singh and Belinda Young



Members share their views

ACCA GIVES BACK

Around 600 needy Singapore families have received food hampers that included canned foods, basic sauces and rice, thanks to funds raised from the ACCA Gives Back charity project.

ACCA Gives Back is a long-term project to give members an opportunity to give back to society. It aims to provide basic necessities to families in need, develop a programme to ensure sustainable contributions and work with community development councils to support their efforts in aiding families.

01 Outgoing cabinet minister Lim Hwee Hua and ACCA local executive members distribute food hampers at Kovan Hub during the People's Action Party's Community Foundations 25th anniversary celebrations in Aljunied GRC



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Confused about integrated reporting? Interested in talent management strategies? Then don't miss the chance to hear from leading finance and business experts on the latest issues affecting the profession at this year's ACCA Global Virtual Conference, bringing together international speakers, networking opportunities, an interactive exhibition and a resource library in an online platform accessible worldwide.

This free event will go live in the last week of July, with the final date to be confirmed shortly. To enjoy the full online event experience with live sessions, expert forums and exhibitors make sure you log in on the live day. However, to enable you to make the most of the content the event will also be available on demand for three months.

The largest gathering of ACCA members, employers and contacts, in 2010 the event attracted more than 7,500 registrations from 140 countries; this year's registration is expected to top 10,000. The programme will provide valuable insights into the latest issues including integrated reporting, access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), confidence accounting, cloud computing, risk and reward and talent management.

Don't forget that viewing the event sessions can be used by ACCA members to meet their CPD requirements, provided these are relevant to their career. So sit back



and enjoy interesting debates, interviews, networking and free CPD from the comfort of your desk, sofa, coffee shop or wherever you choose to access the event at a time to suit you.

To register your interest and to keep up to date with programme developments email extevents@accaglobal.com



ACCA AND SIAS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

ACCA and the Securities Investors Association Singapore (SIAS) signed a memorandum of cooperation (MoC) outlining multiple areas of collaboration.

These include research activities, supporting and promoting each other's education and training programmes, as well as working together on a financial literacy programme which will be rolled out to polytechnics later this year.

Through this special partnership, both bodies will be able to increase the range of learning and networking opportunities for members, as well as promote the exchange of best practices in corporate governance among a wider audience.

The MoC was officially signed by David Gerald, CEO of SIAS, and Helen Brand, chief executive of ACCA, on 25 May 2011 at the Four Seasons Hotel.



MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATED

More than 100 FCCA members of ACCA gathered to celebrate membership over hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at a recent event held at the Four Seasons Hotel on 25 May.

The event also gave ACCA chief executive Helen Brand an opportunity to talk to members personally.

The commitment of those who have reached their 25th anniversary of membership was also celebrated.



LOCAL EVENTS

ACCA Continues to Grow



Special Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lim Siong Guan, Chairman of the Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) shares a few inspiring words with the graduates.



Dr Ernest Kan, President, ACCA Singapore Branch, Special Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lim Siong Guan, Chairman, ACRA and Mr Tan Boen Eng, President of the ICPAS grace the ACCA Graduation Ceremony with their presence.



Graduates of the December 2003 examinations prepare to make their grand entrance.



Our Special Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lim Siong Guan, Chairman of the Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) with prize winners

■ ACCA held its first graduation ceremony of the year on 6 May 2004 at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore. The event saw more than 270 students receive their certificates in recognition of having completed the challenging and globally recognised qualification.

Graced by the presence of Special Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lim Siong Guan, Chairman of the newly formed Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA), the event was well attended by the families, friends and employers of graduates who came to offer their support and warm congratulations. Smiles and

laughter were aplenty as the graduates and their guests celebrated hard-won achievements at the delightful tea reception held after the ceremony. The celebratory atmosphere also extended into the VIP Reception where invited guests mingled with the top thirty prize winners.

With these graduates having overcome one hurdle and now well on their way to achieving their professional and personal goals, ACCA would like to take the opportunity to wish them the very best and extend a warm welcome to them as brand new affiliates and full members. ■