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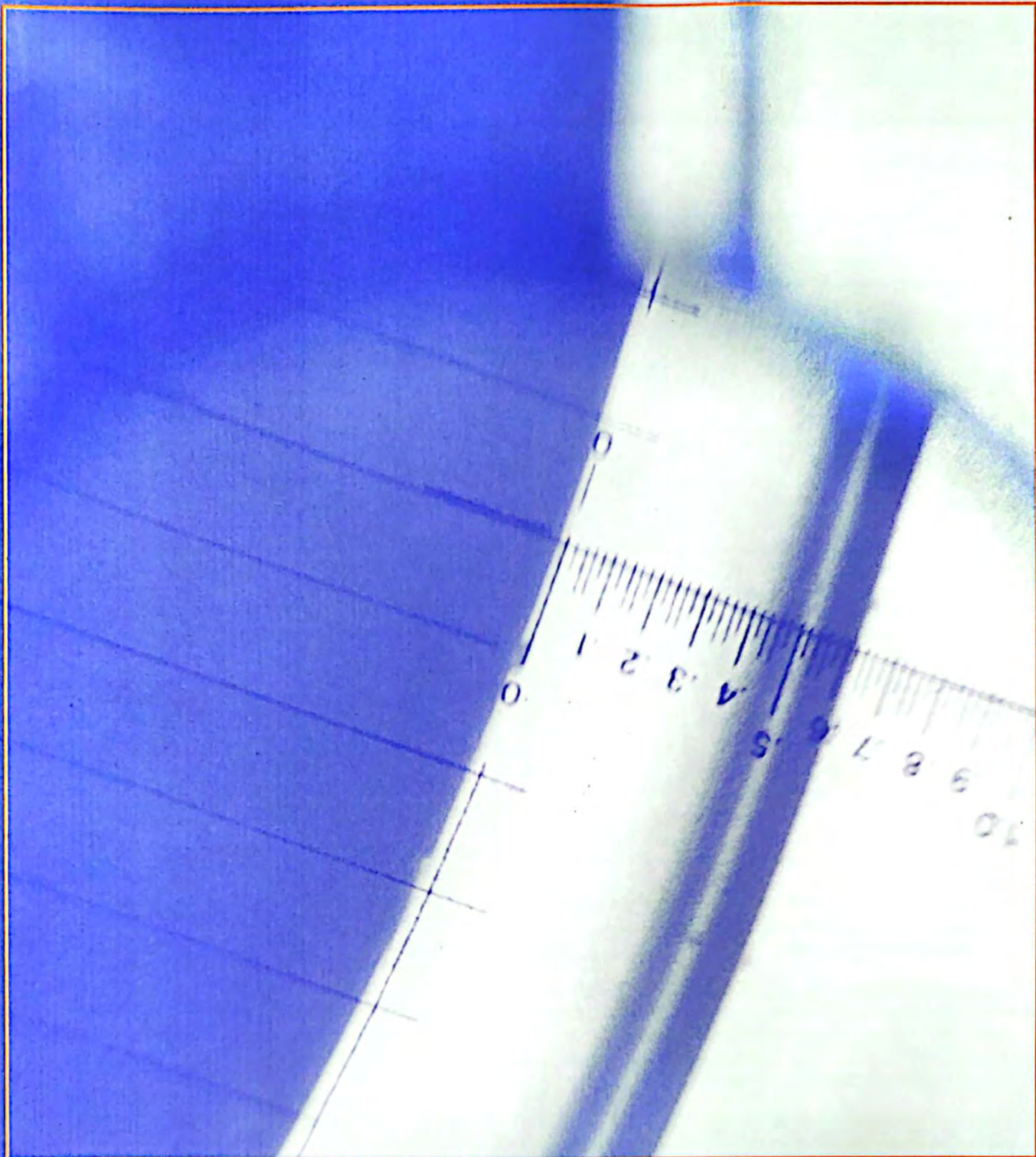
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## NTU & NUS Recognizes ACCA/ Oxford Brookes University Degree for Admission to MBA Programmes

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and The National University of Singapore (NUS) has officially acknowledged that they will recognise the ACCA/Oxford Brookes University (OBU) degree for admission into their MBA programmes.

This acknowledgement serves as a milestone in ACCA's efforts to promote the qualification and assist its students in pursuing further education in Singapore. Students who hold the Oxford Brookes' degree will not be guaranteed admission (which will depend on a variety of factors, including grades) but will, for the first time be eligible to apply for entry to NTU's & NUS' MBA programmes.

## ACCA Conference 2000

The third annual ACCA Singapore Conference will be held in November. The theme of this year's conference will be the "new economy" and its impact on financial management systems. What impact will e-commerce have on financial accounting and financial management?

The one-day conference will be held at the Westin Stamford and will earn members 7 CPE hours. You will have already received your invitation. We do hope that ACCA members will continue to show their support for the conference as they have done in previous years.

### THE PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING FINALISED WILL FEATURE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

**E-Services – Impact Of The Internet On Business Systems:** including update on the new economy paradigm and other info-based technologies, e-services and the internet, shifts in business systems to e-business, the market place, new insights into value-adding

**The E-commerce platform – IT solutions:** including accounting software technology, web solutions which capture financial and accounting information

**Knowledge – Strategic, Tactical or Operational:** including the knowledge economy, indicators, performance and measurement systems

**Listing of companies in the new economy:** including issues on the listing of 'new economy' companies

**Financial Management Information Systems:** including financial management information systems and the e-world, the impact of e-commerce and the web culture in business systems and financial management, new opportunities and implications

**Accounting Standards:** including relevant accounting standards, discussion on the new standards (interactive session), the development of International accounting standards

## ACCA Singapore Survey

Answers and comments to ACCA's Focus survey. Thank you to all those who took part.

### QUESTIONS

Do you like the current format of the monthly dinner talks?

### ANSWERS / ACCA COMMENT IN WHITE

90% of the respondents are in favour of the current format while the remaining 10% had the following comments to make:

Dinner talks should be held in the middle of the month rather than at the end.

ACCA will be more sensitive of this in future and take into account our members' work schedules.

Lengthen the time of the dinner talks (one hour is too short).

ACCA will look into lengthening the talks and perhaps include an informal reception prior to the talk so as to allow members & affiliates an opportunity to interact.

Charging affiliates a higher price for the talks is discriminatory.

ACCA recently began implementing a different fee structure for members and affiliates. Taking into account the higher subscription fees members have to pay, members will now be entitled to more privileges.

What topics would you like to see covered in these seminars?

E-commerce, M-commerce & T-commerce; how will these affect the accountancy profession? / Current emerging events – tax treatments, company secretarial practice and corporate governance. / The management aspects of accounting. / IT related topics. / Current reporting issues – business strategies and the future development of accounting standards. / Management and interpersonal skills. / Personal Finance. / Topics useful in a business environment e.g., financial investment and economic value added (EVA) staff. / The impact of new accounting standards. / China trade and business. / Topics on HR & Marketing from an accountant's stand point.

Are there any speakers (on what topics) you would like ACCA to invite?

Dr Ernest Kan – Improving company internal controls and audit related topics.  
Joseph Alfred, ICPAS lecturer

Do you have any other comments and suggestions?

Library for ACCA students.

We regret to say that due to the lack of space, ACCA is unable to provide its students with a library.

Set up committees and encourage member participation.

ACCA is in the midst of designing a plan that will see to greater participation from our members.

Cater Halal food at the dinner talks for Muslim members.

ACCA has recently started to cater special menus for its Muslim members and will whenever possible, continue to do so.

Rotate the venues for the dinner talks.

In 2001, ACCA will look into rotating the venues for the dinner talks, thus giving some variety to our members and affiliates.