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CAT and ACCA Graduation Ceremony

On April 30, 2009, The KPMG, PWC, ANZ achievements helping Associated of Char- Royal, families, friends, to enhance consistent-
tered Certified Ac- students, joined the human resource de-
countants (ACCA) celebration. NAC, velopment and appre-
celebrated the official KICPAA, ACCA, ciated for their hard
graduation ceremony CamEd, KPMG, working. All the partici-
at the Phnom Penh Ho- PWC representatives panted enjoyed this
tel. The graduating delivered speeches, graduation ceremony.
CAT and ACCA stu- congratulating the
dents from CamEd, students for their



PHAI PAKRIGNA, Cambodian Top Scorer (CAT June 2009) Paper T3, Paper T4, and Paper T7, CAT student at CamEd and also a sophomore at RULE.

Mr. Phai Pakrigna, taking CAT paper T6, T8, and T10 this term.

The CAT qualification is very important because it helps him build a strong foundation for accounting and opens a direct pathway to the ACCA qualification very quickly even if he doesn't have a bachelor degree. "You can complete it in as little as 1.5 years if you really want to." Pakrigna said.

"My next goal is to complete the ACCA qualification because it is a qualification that is recognized by employers all over the world. CAT and ACCA exams are very hard and challenging but a good study plan will help you survive the grueling pressure of the exam. Firstly, stop and think for a minute about your patterns of work, other study commitments, exercise time, and pleasure time.

You should devise your study plan accordingly and make a commitment to stick to your schedule. Don't betray yourself and your commitment. A good reminder of your study plan is to type, print, and stick it to the wall. It is also a good idea to mention about the reasons and benefits of studying for ACCA in your study plan, so when you are tempted to stay from your plan all of the words in your plan will kick start your inner motivation. Secondly, use your available time wisely read the textbooks, exam kits, and technical articles issued by the examiner on the examinable points. It is a good idea to leave some hours per week to **do the exercises from the past exams, probably 3 questions from the past exams per week** is not a great deal to do. The third point I want to make is that students are always intimidated by the thickness of ACCA books but as you work your way through them, you will notice that there are only some few important points covered by the books. The pocket notes will usually summarize all examinable points in the exams, so familiarizing yourself with those points in the pocket notes will prepare you for whatever the examiners will throw at you. Never afraid to ask the lecturers for guidance whenever you have problems with the questions because that is what they are paid to do. Lastly, you should set yourself deadline for the completion of CAT or ACCA that can help to motivate you to study harder to meet that deadline. As for me, **I have set myself a deadline on December 2011 for my graduation of ACCA to make me more driven in my study.**" he added.



PITH SOPHAKDEY, Cambodian Top Scorer (ACCA June 2009) Paper P1 & Paper P5, ACCA student at CamEd and also a Government Official at NBC.

Miss. Pith Sophakdey works as an officer in the Economic Research and Statistic Department at NBC. Previously, she was an auditor at KPMG Cambodia. She completed bachelor and master degree in finance.

She joined the ACCA program in early 2007. She has already completed papers F1—P2 & P5.

In this term, She is taking P3 & P4 that are the final papers. In her opinion this professional qualification will equip her

with valuable knowledge for a future career progress in finance. During the course, she found that ACCA is tough and challenging, nevertheless, perseverance and self-discipline leads her to success. She has some comments for the ACCA students " **I think in order to pass the exams, all students should spend time to read and understand key points in textbooks beside joining the class and taking notes.**

Then they need to practice past exams and all questions in exam kits several times. In addition, various articles in recent student accountants and other relevant websites are also significant to be successful in exams."



SOK VEASNA OUDAM, Cambodian Top Scorer (ACCA June 2009) Paper F7, Audit Assistant at KPMG Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. Sok Veasna Oudam, CamEd ACCA student, currently works for KPMG Cambodia Ltd as an Audit Assistant.

"First of all, I would like to thank my family always support me for study. I really appreciate all the lecturers at CamEd trying their best and commitment in lecturing me. CamEd provides all the necessary facilities and advocacy

for the success of me and others. The government provides the expensive scholarship for me to be qualified as CPA," he said.

"I have so far passed papers F1—F8 and remain 6 more advanced papers to go. For me I always want to see that Cambodian Students will get world wide medals from ACCA course. I think we Cambodians can do it and we will do it.

This is one of my motivations. I have worked for KPMG as an auditor for more than one year. Audit work provides me much experiences, however it consumes almost my study time. This is my challenges. Therefore, I need to be well prepared and dedication all my free time to study," he added.

"My key success I think is that I always try to console ideas from lecturers, text books, revision kits and imagination the real issues as logical as I can. I read carefully the question and take note wherever I usually miss read and miss understanding.

Finally, I spread my understanding by trying to discuss with the classmates for feedback. The problem is that I have limit experiences for logical application." Oudam said.



SOPHA MIN, married with two children, Cambodian Top Scorer (ACCA June 2009) Paper F5, Branch Manager, ANZ Royal Bank, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. Sopha Min has worked for Cambodia's leading banking ANZ Royal for over four years, and has seen his responsibilities change significantly over that time – yet his ACCA studies still remain relevant.

“Even though the knowledge I gain is not always directly related to my current role, it still gives me a good foundation and understanding that will benefit me and the

company in the longer term.” he says.

Sopha started his career in banking in 2002, and has appointed a range of different roles including Accountant, Chief of Accountant, Operations Officer, Relief Treasury Dealer, Operations Manager, and currently Branch Manager of ANZ Royal Bank. “My works over the last 4 years have evolved from number and calculation into operations, process compliance, business strategy/execution, and team leadership” he said.

A degree in Accounting & Master in Finance, Sopha started his ACCA course in 2007. **“Taking ACCA course is tough task in life, especially when there are many other competing priorities such as busy work, life and family. My last exam proved to be success, but I am expecting road ahead a challenging.”** he added.



class and took notes when the teacher explained. I read the key point of each chapter before class and spent a few hours to review the notes and read the whole chapter at home. I also read the articles in student accountant to learn the updated information about the exam question and seek for tips."

"I would recommend that the students practice every single question in the revision kit and set up study groups beside their classes" he added.

PHEAKDEY VAR, Cambodian Top Scorer (ACCA June 2009) Paper F8 & Paper F9, Auditor at KPMG Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Mr. Pheakdey Var works for KPMG Cambodia as an Auditor. He started CAT in July 2005 and graduated in June 2007. He graduated a bachelor degree of banking & finance from NUM in 2009.

Currently, he is taking papers P1, P2, & P3 after finished fundamental level.

He told us what he did to pass the exam. "I attended every



**PEL SOPHEAK, Cambodian Top Scorer (ACCA June 2009)
Paper F6, Auditor at Ernst & Young Indochina, Phnom
Penh, Cambodia**

Mr. Pel Sopheak works as an auditor at Ernst & Young Indochina Ltd. He completed bachelor degrees in English Literature in 2007 from UC and in Informatic Economics in 2008

from RULE. He got both scholarship to complete these bachelor degrees. He also got the scholarship from government to pursue the ACCA program in early 2008.

In this term, he is taking papers F7 & F8.

He said that "Many people said that you cannot study ACCA unless you had background in accounting; but I made a difference. **I did not have much background in accounting but I can study ACCA with success. I believed that people can do everything if they have high commitment, diligence, and confidence**".

He added that during the course, he found that ACCA is tough and challenging, nevertheless, it also easy to study and pass the exam if we can understand most of the material and lessons in the books and in the classroom, especially group discussion that can broaden our knowledge and understanding on the paper we attempt.



**NHIM SORIYA, Cambodian Top Scorer (ACCA June 2009)
Paper F4, Accounting Assistant at HR Inc, Phnom Penh,
Cambodia**

Mr. NHIM Soriya works as an Accounting Assistant for HRINC (Cambodia) Co., Ltd and its sister company, Business Development Link (Cambodia) Co., Ltd.

ACCA is the professional qualification recognised worldwide. His career goal, motivation, and previous education

background encourage him to study for this qualification.

He graduated Bachelor Degree in mid 2007 where he majored in Finance and Banking. In mid 2008 he joined ACCA program at CamEd Business School. Currently he is taking F5 and F6. He finds every paper in ACCA program

is challengeable and hardly to pass. However, self commitment and hard studying lead him to success in his first four paper exams.

In his opinion, ACCA qualification can provide him the opportunity to continue his career internationally in the future. He has some comments

for ACCA students **“Not only attending the class is important, self and group study is very helpful. To pass the exams, students should spend times to read and understand the main idea in the text books. Practise the past exams and all questions exam kits can bring them to success exam for every paper”**

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**CAMBODIAN TOP SCORERS
(ACCA June 2009)**

- 1 Mr. NHIM SORIYA, Accounting Assistant at HR Inc Cambodia (also No. 30 worldwide) Paper F4
- 2 Mr. MIN SOPHA, Branch Manager at ANZ Royal Bank (also No. 25 worldwide) Paper F5
- 3 Mr. PEL SOPHEAK, Auditor at Ernst & Young (also No. 19 worldwide) Paper F6
- 4 Mr. SOK VEASNA OUDAM, Audit Assistant at KPMG Cambodia (also No. 21 worldwide) Paper F7
- 5 Mr. VAR PHEAKDEY, Auditor at KPMG Cambodia (also No. 26,28 worldwide) Paper F8,F9
- 6 Miss. PITH SOPHAKDEY (also No. 26,10 worldwide) Paper P1,P5



**CAMBODIAN TOP SCORERS
(CAT June 2009)**

- 1 Miss. CHEA SOKUN (also No. 9 worldwide) Paper T1
- 2 Mr. SREY VATTANA (also No. 7 worldwide) Paper T2
- 3 Mr. KONG SOK SENG, Loan Officer at Canadia Bank (also No. 13 worldwide) Paper T3
- 4 Mr. KIM MARA (also No. 4 worldwide) Paper T4
- 5 Mr. SY VENDY, Senior Management Accounting Executive at BAT (also No. 12 worldwide) Paper T5
- 6 Mr. PHAI PAKRIGNA (also No. 13,4,6 worldwide) Paper T3,T4,T7

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MARIA ISABELITA MANZON-CABRERA, CPA

Teaching portions of T2 Information for Management Control and T7 Planning, Control and Performance Management

Ms. Maria Isabelita Manzon-Cabrera teaches CAT Paper 2 and Paper 7. She holds a BS in Commerce major in Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. Currently, she is completing her Masters in Distance Education from the University of the Philippines Open University. She worked with the top-most audit firm in

the Philippines – Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Company. She worked with the top-most audit firm in the Philippines – Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Company.

She has 15 years of multinational work experience in accounting, supervisory and senior management capacity.

Currently, she is the Director and Audit Manager for an audit firm based in Phnom Penh. Her advise to her students can be summarized in the **Three E's**:

Efficiently manage your time. Prioritize your studies over other non-essential activities. Plan your study sessions and stick to your plan. Discipline yourself to study regularly – if possible, everyday.

Exercises do the sample questions on the revision kits as well as during the exam. Always give your best and keep your goal in mind. In the end, passing all the exams will change the landscape of your career. Godspeed!

participate in class activities, group assignments and pop quizzes. Applying the theory into practice such as in doing the sample questions and problems makes better learning than just memorizing the information.

Enjoy! It is proven that when you enjoy your time studying, you learn better.

You have chosen to enroll yourself in your courses because you want to obtain a CAT or ACCA qualification. The best thing is to enjoy doing what you do. Motivation comes from your institution, your colleagues, your friends, your family, your teachers and above all it comes from within you. In everything you do... Strive for Excellence!

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Who works at CamEd?



Miss. Chum Selarath

Miss. Chum Selarath is a receptionist at CamEd. She is responsible for customer service in providing information to visitors, answering phone calls, receiving payment, and coordinating with lecturers and students when they need some assistants.

She graduated two bachelor degrees. One is a Bachelor of Finance and Banking from Royal University of Law and Economics and another one is a Bachelor of Arts in English from Norton University in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

"I enjoy working here. I feel like working within a family since we all have close contact even with staff in different floors. Moreover, I am offered to study the ACCA program, which is a very popular one in the field of accounting recognized by 170 countries in the world." Selarath said.

Mr. Long Piseth is a staff at CamEd positioning IT and Office Assistant. Piseth graduated a bachelor degree of Eco-Business from National University of Management and is currently a year four student majoring Computer Science at Cambodian Mekong University in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

At CamEd, he is responsible for computer maintenance, network preparation, and website updating. "My duty is to make smooth network environment for all staff, lecturers and our students" Piseth said.

Piseth is now doing Microsoft Certified System Administrator at ONG Institute which is sponsored by CamEd.



Mr. Long Piseth

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CHIV LYLY, Receivable Accountant, Under graduate student at PUC and also CAT student at CamEd Business School

Ms. Chiv Lyly is a Receivable Accountant and also CAT student at CamEd. She is an undergraduate student at PUC in the field of Accounting. Additionally, She initiated her first step in the working field as a Purchasing and Cost Control officer. Her next step was a Procurement/Contract Officer. Being a Receivable Accountant, her main duties are carry out billing, collection and reporting activities according to specific deadlines, monitoring

customer account details for non payment, delayed payment and other irregularities, and performing other accounting duties as requested.

Sometimes, she assists the front desk staff to resolve customer queries by communicating with customers via phone, email or individually. She is **delighted for her current post and the working environment** because she can communicate with customers with different social and educational background. Moreover, her **colleges are friendly, helpful, understanding, and committed themselves to the team's work.** She would like to say thanks to all students who are always understanding, and have supported CAT and ACCA programs at CamEd.

Last but not least, she would like to express her gratitude to the CamEd management team who furnishes her precious chance to broad her horizon in **CAT program, motivation and cooperative working environment.**

Education is becoming increasingly important these days. Students need to have a good education in order to have a successful life. The number of students increase a lot from term to term that will lead CamEd to have some difficulty of parking lot, the pace of library, and not enough classroom. One of the big issue for school today is to find more building to be branches.

In order to solve this problem, CamEd has already enlarged the library for all students who really want to study by themselves to meet their needs. There are a lot of up to date materials especially the text books related to accounting, finance, and auditing for CAT and ACCA programs.

Another solution to meet the requirement of the number of students nowadays as well as in the future, CamEd will hire another building to be a branch. We will select one of

the two buildings which are shown here to be our school branch in the future.

The new building will provide enough space for parking lot as well as classroom with good environment.

To sum up, the number of student increase from term to term that is the problem of having difficulty of parking lot, the pace of library, and not enough classroom. However, we can sort it out by hiring a new building to be a school branch.



Building 2 located along Street 128 (Kampuchea Krom Blvd)



Building 1 located near Borey Keyla



CamEd's library

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