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## Top in M'sia for CIMA paper

BACHELOR of Accounting graduate Leon Khoo Khay Beng came in fifth in the world and top in Malaysia in the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants' (CIMA) August 2019 Strategic Case Study (SCS) paper.

Khoo from Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC), managed to attain an impressive score of 116 out of 150 for the SCS paper, which is an assessment based on virtual business roleplay.

Students who sit for this paper must employ their skills to measure, analyse and manage risks and investigate potential business developments and investments.

Judging is based on competency in applying technical skills, business skills, people skills and leadership skills.

"My personal formula for success is proper planning and finding the most effective study method.

"The CIMA SCS paper required us to be familiar with the pre-seen materials, that is, background information about the organisation that will be featured in the Case Study.

"We also need to be equipped with proper business and technical knowledge as it will be tested in the Case Study exam.

"Thus, I ensured that at least a month before the exam, I understood most of the technical theories and concepts," Khoo said when sharing the secret of his success.

He said the TAR UC's programme curriculum actually helped expedite his preparation as most of the topics have been covered in the Bachelor of Accounting programme.

"I even used some of the notes provided by my lecturers to study for the SCS exam.

"My lecturers have always been very supportive. They are patient, always willing to guide their students and help train our thought processes so that we can develop a more flexible way of thinking," said.

He added that he owed it to all his lecturers for providing him with strong technical knowledge which really helped him in his paper.

TAR UC has a long and well-established relationship with CIMA which dates back to 1971, when it first provided education that



Khoo with his certificate of achievement after being named fifth in the world and top in Malaysia in the CIMA August 2019 Strategic Case Study paper.

prepared students for the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants (ICMA) professional qualification.

Since 1986, ICMA was renamed as CIMA, and TAR UC's outstanding academic achievements and exceptional support for students taking CIMA papers have earned it the CIMA Global Learning Premium Partner status.

Graduates from TAR UC's Diploma in Accounting programme are exempted from the CIMA Certificate in Business Accounting, and graduates from the Bachelor of Accounting programme, the Bachelor of Business in Accounting and Finance programme, and the Master of Business Administration programme, are exempted from 11 of the 16 papers of CIMA.

Final year students from the Bachelor of Accounting programme are also given the opportunity to attempt the CIMA Management Case Study and Strategic level papers under special arrangements with CIMA.

