



World **CMA Students'**

This section focuses on reflections from young students of ICMAB and how they have been pursuing their CMA career path and facing challenges in CMA study at the beginning of their career.

Md Shofiqul Islam is a management level student of ICMAB. He has completed 1000 marks. He completed his SSC & HSC from Islamia High School & Metropolis Degree College in science background. Recently he has completed his B.A final exam from Govt. Kobi Nazrul College. During his educational life Mr. Shofiqul was awarded for securing highest marks in Fundamentals of Business Economics from ICMAB.

Why do you pursue CMA education from ICMAB? Explain in detail.

To cope up with the changing business environment, corporate personnel cannot rely upon only on traditional academic education. They need to acquire knowledge on business management to promote sustainable growth of the organization they work in. ICMAB is the professional accounting body in Bangladesh that provides CMA education and degree. CMA is a professional accounting degree. A professional education helps to gain advance knowledge in respective field of interest. It also helps to exercise critical thinking from different dimensions .By considering all the relevant factors I found ICMAB is the most suitable institution to fulfill my requirement.

How do you make a comparison between CMA education and other academic qualifications?

Professional degrees are advance studies than an academic curriculum. The purpose is to apply knowledge in practical situation. Academic education

is mainly theoretical knowledge which need much update. Whereas Professional education put emphasis beyond traditional education and in solving practical problems. As a corporate leader we need to evaluate business strategies and analyze risk to make vital decisions. CMA provides appropriate knowledge based platform to make a good leader. With affiliation with CIMA, CMA has the best curriculum to guide a leader.

What are the main challenges you faced in studying CMA education?

Pursuing CMA and academic study side by side, is the main challenge for me. I guess it is the main challenge for most of the students who got admitted after passing HSC. But as you know challenges make people stronger. Through dealing with these challenges, develops the quality to work smoothly in adverse environment

Do you think that CMA qualification will help

you to get added advantage in the job market?

First of all Bangladesh do not have sufficient professional accountant to meet its demand. It need not to be said that CMA graduates always gets privilege in terms of job preference and salary packages. It also easier for CMA graduates to become top level managers (CFO, COO, CEO etc.)

What are the strategy you are following to complete the CMA education on schedule?

My target is to complete CMA by 2020. I have already passed 10 papers and in last exam I sat for 4 papers. So I decided to try heart and soul to clear 6 papers in next two exams. My experience says that it is not quantity rather it is the quality that help you to pass CMA. So right now I am focusing quality of study to achieve my desired goal.

What do you expect to get from ICMAB as a student?

ICMAB is providing sufficient facilities to its students. Good library condition, Quality classes, Proper Curriculum.

To recognize the requirement in changing technology based business environment, possessing mastery in technological aspect is a must.

It is my personal observation that, at present, ICMAB is lagging behind to provide technological education to its students. Institute is arranging CPD programs for professional development of qualified members. This can also be arranged for students. I would like to draw the attention of the authority to include technological skill development programs in the course curriculum of ICMAB.

Could you remember any memorable event during your study at ICMAB?

There were so many memorable events during my three years education life in ICMAB. But two of them

are very much special for me

The first one is passing the knowledge level exam in first attempt. As I am a student of science background so I was always a bit nervous and always afraid if I can sustain in ICMAB. But my teachers and friends inspired me a lot. Their support and guidance helped me to pass the knowledge level in first attempt. I was only student from my section to pass the level in one attempt.

Second one is getting the award for securing highest mark in paper Fundamentals of Business Economics. The award has given in the convocation ceremony of ICMAB held at Pan Pacific Sonargoan Hotel. That was really a gala program. I got the privilege to interact with the leading corporate stars of ICMAB.

To fulfill your future dream, do you think the CMA qualification will be able to fulfill your Aspirations?

There is a vast opportunity for CMA. A CMA can work in different capacities in an organization as a top or mid-level manager. In order to become a corporate business leader one must have the knowledge about operation, distribution and technological knowledge alongside financial knowledge. My ultimate dream is to contribute to the economy of Bangladesh and employing fresh talents of our country by establishing my own business farm. I think CMA degree will help me to achieve my target. At the same time it will bring honor to me and my lovely family.

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