India

It was truly an honour to be invited for 34th International

CA Students’ Conference with eight of us

who are humbled to represent the Institute of Chartered

Accountants of India (ICAI). The President

of CA Sri Lanka, Mr. Manil Jayasinghe comprehensively

covered the topic of the day. The chief guest

brought out the importance of the Buddhist way of

life by highlighting the six suggestions to adapt to

change - the only constant. The conference also

gave a platform for a panel discussion - one of the

best ways to understand a topic from the viewpoint

of another person; exploring unique solutions

that would have otherwise remained unexplored.

The panel discussion on "Future Ready" revolved

around the dire need for accountants to adapt to

automation, technology, global best practices, and

the pertinent role of emotional intelligence in attaining

excellence.

Our enriching experience included a visit to the CA

institute where we were welcomed by the CEO of

CA Sri Lanka who enlightened future accountants

with her rich experience. The visit to Ernst & Young

(EY) Sri Lanka gave us insights of leading industry

professionals. We were able to visit Sri Lanka’s

most visited locations and was also able to observe

the perfect culture and the beauty of nature.

A farewell party at the breezy beachside location

accompanied by loud music and great food is an

experience that will always stay with us.

Every moment that we spent in Sri Lanka was more

cherishing than the previous, however, if we had

to pick one thing that stood out the most was the

CASS’ hospitality, calm, and amicability. From picking

us at the airport at odd hours to making sure

that we get pure vegetarian food every time. The

whole CASS team left an indelible impact on each

of us showing us Sri Lanka’s true hospitality. We express

our heartfelt gratitude to CASS and to other

delegates for enriching our experience.

We extend our invitation to you all to visit India

soon! Lots of love from India, stay safe, stay happy,

and all the very best for organizing more of such

successful events.

Pakistan

In the wake of a swift wave of revolution & digitization

and risk of losing business relevance for traditional

accountants, CASS themed the conference

“Count Down – The Future is here. Experienced

professionals from different corporates and entrepreneurs were invited to speak on the topic. The

speakers gave out an outstanding version of their

experience and also extended valuable insights

with the audience helping the young accountants

to enrich their future. Mr. Michel’s one of the key

speaker contrasted concepts about different types

of human behaviors and how we, as humans evolve

from one to another as age was overwhelming.

Two Panel discussion were also part of the agenda,

the panelists for 1st discussion were all seasoned

professionals, with rich accounting and entrepreneurial/

entrepreneurial backgrounds. The 2nd panel

discussion was a student Panel, with Panelists

from the delegates of the invited countries and

from Sri Lanka. The student’s panel was a very interesting forum. The importance of collaboration

and reactiveness for survival in this dynamic environment was perfectly given out. The student’s panel was an exciting panorama where students were

able to gain an exclusive knowledge on how future

accountants should face challenges and how to be

robust, forward looking and dynamic chartered accountants.

Overall the conference was a mind-blowing and

knowledgeable forum for young accountants who

are to lead the world prominently.

Nepal

The major highlights of the conference were the

enlightenment spread by respected speakers on

the future of the workplace of professional accountants.

President of CA Sri Lanka provided insights

on the need to prepare future accountants with the

creative, collaborative, and digital problem-solving

skills of the future. Experts expressed their opinion

on the disruption to the world of work that digital

technologies are likely to bring about skills that

will make human resources valuable in the future

workplace. Two-panel discussions were held at

the conference which focused on ways to prepare

future accountants to cope up with possible disorders

likely to be welcomed by technological advancement.

The conference was lightened by beautiful

dances and musical performances by very

talented performers.

We also had the delightful opportunity to experience

the beauty of culture, people, and amazing

places of Colombo. Meeting people from different

countries and collaborating with them has been

one of our favorite parts of the conference. We

were privileged to visit Ernst and Young, Sri Lanka,

and CA Sri Lanka. The amazing event came to an

end with a farewell party which we enjoyed to the

core.

We would like to thank CA Sri Lanka and CA Students'

Society of Sri Lanka for making us a part of

such a wonderful event and for the amazing and

truly unforgettable hospitality.

Bangladesh

Two ICAB students Ms. Nimat Zarin, Audit Associate

at A. Qasem & Co, Chartered Accountants’

and Mr. Mahdi Hasan, Audit Associate at Rahman

Rahman Huq, Chartered Accountants’ represented

Bangladesh in the 34th International CA Students’

Conference. The session looked at the future challenges

ahead in the career of Chartered Accountants’

from a students’ perspective.

The four-day tour of the conference not only addressed

the issues that future accountants’ will

face and need to be prepared of, but also gave an opportunity to explore the unexplainable beauty of Sri Lanka. Among the amazing hospitality of the Students’ Society of CA Sri Lanka, a visit to key tourist attractions in Sri Lanka was remarkable. EY Sri Lanka invited the

foreign delegates to visit their firm. The Institute of

Chartered Accountants of SriLanka also organized

a feedback session with all the students’ and the

foreign delegates.

The discussion of the conference revolved around

the issues that future accountant will adhere and

questioning our adoptability to the changes. Challenges from the technological evolvement in the accounting

profession to the ethical dilemma arising from the

changes were discussed, Members of CA Sri Lanka,

local and foreign students were the discussants in

the conference. Ms. Nimat Zarin, representing Bangladesh was the Panel Speaker in the Conference

and addressed the issues concerning ethical challenges

faced in this tech driven business society.

CA Students’ Society of Sri Lanka has presented

her with a crest for being a part of the students’

panel speaker for #FutureReady discussion.