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I am pleased to share this message on the occasion of the 35th International CA Students' Conference organised by the Chartered Accountants Students' Society which will revolve around the theme “***Break the Frontier - Be the Change*.”**

Change is inevitable and change should not deter us from being better if not the best. The accountancy profession stakes claim to being progressive and futuristic despite the continuous challenges it has faced stemming from regulatory to technology.

The past year has taught us that no matter how successful one is as a professional or how profitable a business is, an unforeseen challenge such as a health emergency can shake not just businesses and professionals but this very world to the core.

Therefore, as future members of the profession, I am delighted to see that the CA Students’ Society is looking beyond conventional norms, and is ready to face inevitable challenges and changes, which will be part and parcel of their future as dynamic members of the accounting profession.

I congratulate the CA Students’ Society for revolving this year’s conference on an unconventional topic, which focuses on the importance of breaking away from the orthodox and the increasing demand for future accountants to be the change makers. As future accountants, it is imperative for every one of you to understand the need to adapt with time, remain relevant, seize every opportunity and think out of the box no matter how challenging the business landscape becomes.

This year’s theme is proof that our accounting students are already gearing themselves to be future ready professionals, and I commend them for their foresight and enthusiasm to be future change makers.

I wish the 35th International Students’ Conference of the CA Students’ Society all success.

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