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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Dear Members,

We ended 2019 with much fervour and eager expectations for the new year 2020, not having even an inkling of what is in store for us in the new year. 10 days into this year and this country Oman; which is our second home; lost its father figure, the country's beloved Sultan, the Late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al-Said. The entire nation mourned, nationals and residents alike. Muscat Chapter of ICAI and its members expressed deepest condolences to the royal family and people of Oman, on this loss. At the same time, we also congratulated the new Sultan, His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al-Said and wished him success and progress for Oman and its people.

As if this nation-wide change was not enough; the entire world was gripped by the Covid-19. While the virus itself gets its name from the year 2019 due to its exact date of origin, its

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actual effect on the entire world began only towards the end of Q1-2020. The immediate impact of this virus on us at the Muscat Chapter of ICAI has been the postponement of our 11th Annual International Conference; which was scheduled for March 2020. We at the Managing Committee had gone very far in organising this conference, its speakers, member's return gifts, and even its well-coined theme – "CA for Chartered Accountant ... CA for Change Adaptor". Little did we know then that the Conference will immediately put our agility to test as we will have to change our plans of the March 2020 Conference itself.

They say, even in adversities, one must count on our blessings and focus on the good things. And we certainly have a good reason to celebrate, as your Chapter won the FIRST place in the Overseas Best Chapter Awards, for the 2nd consecutive year in a row. This is also the 5th consecutive year that your Chapter has won some award at ICAI's prestigious Annual Overseas Chapter where the 32 odd chapters of ICAI are judged in different categories and then awarded this prize. This is indeed a very proud moment for each member of this Chapter and a feather in our cap, that will always be cherished.

During these past four months, your Chapter conducted various CPE and Knowledge Series Events; the unique ones being "Tale of 2 CAs: 'Make India Read' & 'Aspire to Inspire before you Expire'" by 2 CAs - CA Amrut Deshmukh and CA Himanshu Bakshi and the "India Budget session" by the revered CA (Dr.) Girish Ahuja. We also had a very different topic being discussed by the film actor Padma Shri awardee Dr. Mohan Agashe on "Cinematic Diet for Health". Also, first time in its history, your Chapter organised an international tour for its members, to Nepal and Bhutan in December 2019.

Now that the country has been put in a state of lockdown, we have to see how the future unfolds but amongst all the changes taking place around you, you can be rest assured about one constant thing and that is the sincere desire and tireless efforts being put in by your MC and its sub-committees to ensure it continues doing good for its members. This is the time we assure rest of the world about how we Chartered Accountants can weather these rough times by keeping together & staying tough.

Let us end this quarter and enter the uncertain Q2 with the motto: *** WHEN THE TIMES GET TOUGH ... THE TOUGH GETS GOING ***

Kind regards,

CA Ashwini Sawrikar
Chair-Person



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25TH JANUARY 2020 – CPE EVENT ON “THE TALE OF TWO CAS”

CA HIMANSHU BAKSHI

Born with dwarfism, Himanshu has had a life full of challenges. Kids and adults both made fun of him alike. The insensitivity and negativity hurt him but it also made his resolve strong to prove everyone wrong. He used his disability and successfully converted it into an opportunity. Today, Himanshu is a Chartered Accountant, Lawyer and commerce graduate.

Himanshu was also among 270 people nationwide to be invited by President Barack Obama for his town hall meet held in Delhi in 2017. Himanshu has been writing articles for Hindustan Times, Times of India etc.



CA AMRUT DESHMUKH

Popularly known as Booklet guy, Amrut Deshmukh, who calls himself as an outdated Chartered Accountant, is on a mission to cultivate the habit of reading amongst the youth of India. Mission Make India Read. He reads for India. How does he do that? For that, you need to meet him.

In the book India 2020, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam talks about his dream to see India as a developed nation. The Booklet guy strongly believes that his mission is one step towards making his dream come true. It is the only successful Indian startup with no marketing, external funding or venture capital.



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18TH FEBRUARY 2020 – INDIAN BUDGET-2020-AWARD CELEBRATIONS

CPE event on India Budget Speak by Dr. GIRISH AHUJA

Dr. GIRISH AHUJA did his graduation and post-graduation from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi and was a position holder. He was awarded a Ph.D. degree by Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), Delhi University. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India (ICAI) and was a rank holder of both Intermediate and Final examinations of the Institute. He had been nominated by the Government to the Central Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India for 6 years.

Dr. Ahuja is a Special Invitee to the Direct Tax Committee and International Tax Committee of ICAI. He has addressed more than 4000 seminars organized by the ICAI, ICSI, ICWAI, Chambers of Commerce.





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11th February 2020 – CPE event on Art of Public Speaking by Mr. Robin Anand

Mr. Robin Anand and team are part of Toastmasters International, which is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through worldwide network of clubs.

The art of public speaking is crucial for all professionals. It helps in building confidence, becoming more definite, developing listening, reading & writing skills and also gives the pleasure of sharing, motivating, inspiring or helping people.

