

ACNABIN students participate in International CA Students' Conference-2018 in Nepal

Nepal Chartered Accountancy Students Association (NCASA) organized the 1st International CA Students' Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal on 17th March, 2018 in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN). Two delegates namely, Mahneel Musa and Md. Erfanul Haque, articled students from ACNABIN Chartered Accountants, were selected by ICAB to participate in the conference. In addition to the Bangladeshi delegates, 3 delegates from the ICA India and 2 delegates from ICAN also participated and presented technical papers in the conference.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Finance Minister of Nepal and CA Prakash Jung Thapa, President of ICAN along with other dignitaries of the ICAN. The first session of the conference was on the topic "Ensuring ethics in the era of digitalization" being chaired by FCA Madhu Bir Pande, past President of ICAN. In this session, one delegate each from Bangladesh, India and Nepal presented their papers on "Ensuring ethics in the era of digitalization" for 20 minutes each. Following the presentation, questions were taken from the audience, which constituted primarily of CA final students and members of ICAN, subsequently Mr. Pande gave his closing remarks where he discussed about the importance of ethics in the fast-paced age of technology and expressed gratitude and appreciation for the international delegates from Bangladesh and India.

The second session was on "Role of professional accountants in economic development" which was chaired by FCA Sunir Kumar Dhungel. Technical papers on "Role of professional accountants in economic development" were presented by one delegate each from the participating nation namely Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Mr. Dhungel gave his closing remarks after the technical papers were presented.

In the third session, special papers on "CAs as Management Leader" and "Ethics and Spirituality in Accounting Profession" were presented by CA Krishna Prasad Acharya and CA Shashi Satyal respectively.

In the closing session, students of NCASA put on a mesmerizing show representing the culture, heritage and diversity of Nepal via traditional musical drama, ramp walks and synchronized classical dance performances.

The international delegates were taken for a daylong sightseeing tour on the following day by the representative of NCASA. The sightseeing tour comprised visits to the aesthetic beauty of Chandragiri hills on the outskirts of Kathmandu and Pashupatinath temple, which is a world heritage site declared by UNESCO.

The representatives of ICAB, Mahneel Musa and Erfanul Haque, have expressed their awe and admiration for Kathmandu and have cited this experience as life-changing. The presentation of technical papers in a foreign land in front of a large audience has helped the students to gain confidence and self-assurance. The opportunity to communicate and learn from the leading chartered accountants of Nepal have been a blessing for our delegates that they will cherish. In addition, the ability to build up a professional and social network with CA students from Nepal and India will help ICAB students to uphold the legacy of SAARC and SAFA in the future. It is hoped that the CA students from Bangladesh will have like opportunities in the future to present technical papers where the scope to acquire knowledge and experience is immense.



Erfan Ul Haque (L) and Mahneel Musa in front of the event's banner



Mahneel Musa receives a certificate of appreciation from NCASA's president and the executive director of ICAN



Erfanul Haque receives a certificate of appreciation from NCASA's president and the executive director of ICAN



Erfanul Haque, along with Aparna Bansal, delegate from ICAI and FCA Sunir Kumar Dhungel, past president of ICAN



Mahneel Musa presents the technical paper on "Ensuring ethics in the era of digitalization"