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**Work experience:** 6 years

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**IIAM membership category :** Professional Member, CMIIA

## **1. Why did you decide to pursue a career as an internal auditor?**

- I have always enjoyed learning new things. As an internal auditor, each engagement provides me with the opportunity to gain new knowledge and insights.

## **2. How important is an Internal Auditor's role in the organisation?**

- Internal Auditor's role is crucial for ensuring effective risk management, governance, and internal control processes within an organization.

## **3. What is the typical challenge internal auditors generally face? And amongst them, can you highlight what would be one of the biggest challenge?**

- Meeting stakeholder expectations is the biggest challenge for an internal auditor, as they must navigate the diverse and often conflicting demands of various stakeholders.

**4. Does the Institute play a role in supporting your Internal Auditor scope of work? If yes, in what ways? And if no, what can we do better?**

- Yes. IIAM supports internal auditors by providing professional development, resources, and guidance which help our effectiveness in performing work/task.

**5. Would you recommend IIA Malaysia to your fellow IA colleagues?**

- Yes of course. In fact, I would encourage them to at least be an Associate Member.

**6. What motivated you to take the CIA exam?**

- I was motivated to take the CIA exam to help me transition from a finance background to internal auditing, demonstrating my eagerness to learn and my dedication to advancing in this profession.

**7. What were the challenges you encountered when attempting the CIA exam?**

- Balancing time as a family man was challenging, as I had to juggle family responsibilities, work commitments, and preparation for the CIA exam.

**8. How did you manage your study time while working?**

- I dedicate at least 2 hours daily to studying for the CIA exam, splitting my time between an hour at the office after work and another hour at home before bed. I use the Gleim Premium CIA Review and its study planner to stay on track.

## **9. As a CIA certified professional, where do you envision yourself?**

- Aspire to one day become a Chief Audit Executive (“CAE”) for a multinational corporation (“MNC”).

## **10. How important is CIA for an internal auditor?**

- It is important for internal auditors as it enhances professional credibility, knowledge, career opportunities, and global recognition.

## **11. Please provide 3 main advice for those attempting to take the CIA examination?**

- Allocate at least 2 hours daily for study, starting at least 4 months before the exam.
- If possible, invest in the Gleim Premium CIA Review and make full use of its features. If it's beyond your budget, at least purchase a test bank and practice extensively.
- When using the test bank, ensure you understand why each answer is correct or incorrect to better grasp the syllabus.

