

MY JOURNEY TOWARDS BEING A CIA





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MY STORY by FRANSON WONG

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

Internal audit provides me with an opportunity to grow professionally.

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

An Internal Auditor plays an important role because the Auditor helps to manage the company risk, supports the organisation in reaching its business goals and ensures that key controls are in place and works effectively.

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

Managing the expectations of the 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, IIA offers the latest update on IA development on a worldwide scale and also educational materials for the IIA members which helps aid to perform their duties more effectively.

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

Yes, IIAM has various and readily accessible resources such as the library, membership, training, CIA courses, and technical advice pertaining to Internal Audit which is available for the IIAM members only.

6. What motivated you to take the CIA exam?

Continually learning and CIA is one of my academic goals.

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

The similarity of answers posed in the exam.

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

Time management by making time to study for at least one hour a day during weekdays.

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

To be a trusted advisor for the companies.

10. How important is CIA for an internal auditor?

It is important especially for a better career prospect and also to increase credibility.

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

- Try to attempt the practice as many questions as you can.
- Time management on the exam day, and allow yourself to have spare time to go through any questions you weren't confident about.
- To read not only the CIA study text, but also other syllabus covered in the CIA program.