



Opportunities in South East Asia

Through this column I would like to bring to the notice of members that there is a vast scope for the ICAI members in South East Asia. As such, the ICAI needs to have reciprocal arrangements with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Thailand for mutual recognition of each other's professional qualifications. In fact, ASEAN countries can absorb a large number of Indian Chartered Accountants. Thailand being a major partner in ASEAN, ICAI should initiate steps in this regard.

Rajiv Jain
(Member)

Physical Disability No Bar for Excellence

I would like to share with my peers my joy on being honoured with 'National Award' for being 'Role Model of Persons with Disabilities' by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India on 3rd December 2005 on the occasion of World Disability Day. This is the highest honour that a physically-challenged Chartered Accountant can achieve in our country. At 69, this is the best reward of my life.

In the year 2000, the Guinness World Records Ltd. had declared me as the world's youngest Chartered Accountant as I had passed the final CA examinations when I was just 19 years old. Through this column, I express my gratitude towards all my fellow Chartered Accountants for their support. I

would also like to convey a message to the younger lot of our profession that "physical disability can never come in your way if you have a will to excel in your life".

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(Member, Bangalore)

Direct Appointment of CAs at Top Finance Ministry Positions Needed

Once in 2003, Finance Minister Mr. P. Chidambaram had said: "I must find ca-

pable men and women to run the Ministry of Finance for a reasonable period of three, if not five years. Only if there is a team in place will there be good economic management". In this regard, I would like to suggest that the Ministry of Finance should directly employ professionals, particularly Chartered Accountants, on various higher posts in the Ministry of Finance and other departments concerned like Income Tax, Company Law-Registrar of Companies, Excise & Customs Departments, etc. This step would definitely lead to an increase in Government revenue.

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Articles on Information & Communication Technology were good

It was great to have received the November and December 2005 issues of the Journal. Both of these issues have come out nicely, particularly the latter which primarily focuses on Information & Communication Technology. The articles titled 'E-Commerce-Implications for Auditor' authored by Ms. Kavita Gorwani and 'Identification of Losses Due to Electronic Frauds' authored by Mr. K. Paul Jayakar deserves special mention in this regard. I congratulate the ICAI for publishing informative articles.

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Write to the Editor

'Information is Power' and our ever-evolving profession needs more and more of that today than ever before. Do you have any relevant points to make, experiences to share, and views to spread among the CA fraternity? If yes, e-mail us at eboard@icai.org/nadeem@icai.org or write to: The Editor, The Journal Section, ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, PO Box 7100, New Delhi 110002.

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