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ICAG Boot Camp and International Tour – Malaysia & Singapore: An Unforgettable Experience Powered By Global Wings Travel and Tours Ltd.

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**A group photograph after Day 1 seminar in Malaysia**

Characterized by many insightful, knowledge-sharing, and fun-filled opportunities, the ICAG Boot Camp and International Tour in Malaysia, an exclusive 10-day program organised for Chartered Accountants was worth embarking on.

As the regulator of the Accountancy profession and practice in Ghana, ICAG is committed to the continuous professional development of its members. Thus, the ICAG Boot Camp and International Tour is one of the Institute's flagship programmes powered by Global Wings Travel and Tours that aims at creating a unique experience for its members to learn, share professional experiences, build partnerships, and enhance their career opportunities in more relaxing places abroad.



**A cross-section of participants at the Boot Camp**

This programme was initiated by ICAG in partnership with Global Wings Travel and Tours Ltd. last year as part of its 60th Anniversary Celebration which saw members travel to Mauritius and Dubai.



**Group photographs from 2023 Boot Camp in Dubai and Mauritius**

## **Pictures from 2024 Boot Camp**

The 2024 ICAG Boot Camp and International Tour took members to Malaysia and Singapore from the 9th to the 18th of September, 2024. The 10-day boot camp was powered packed with seminars, networking, site seeing, and beautiful memories worth sharing.



## Malaysia Boot Camp-Learning from the pace setters in the Accountancy profession

Day-1 of the training was on the theme; 'The Role of ICAG in Promoting Professionalism in Ghana: The Past, Present and the Future' facilitated by the CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA. It was insightful and interactive session which allowed participants to ask questions and make suggestions for the future prospects of the Institute.



CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, facilitating Day 1 session in Malaysia



A cross-section of Participants at Day 1 Boot Camp



Day-2 featured a session on 'Sustainability and Business Innovations'. An engaging and refreshing session facilitated by Mr. Chari TVT, the CFO of Axiata Group one of Asia Pacific's largest telecommunications conglomerate. The key takeaway from the session was the need to create innovative and sustainable business models and how that can effectively impact the work of Chartered Accountants. Participants also had the opportunity to learn about the sustainability blueprint of Malaysia. The session was facilitated by Madam Rasmimi Ramil, Executive Director of Sustainability, Digital Economy and Reporting at the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA).

Some top officials of MIA also joined the session and were hopeful of useful collaborations with the Institute on sustainability and other critical efforts towards the growth of the Accountancy profession and practice. The training ended with a colourful exchange of gifts ceremony.



**Mr. Chari TVT, facilitating the session**



**A cross-section of participants**



**CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, received a gift from the MIA reps**



**MIA reps presenting a gift to the CEO of Global Wings Travel and Tours Ltd., Dr. Gorkel Abro-Adibo**





Group photographs after the session



## Malaysia Tours

### KL Tower

Participants toured beautiful cities in Malaysia. The world's seventh-tallest tower, the Kuala Lumpur Tower, a 6-storey, 421-metre-tall telecommunication tower popularly known as the KL Tower, was an iconic site to behold.



**A group photograph at KL Tower**



**The fun moment for a participant in front of KL Tower**



**A group photograph in front of KL Tower**





**Participants entering the KL Tower**



**Fun moments inside the KL Tower**



**A mother and daughter moment inside the KL Tower**



**Dr. Gorkel Abro-Adibo, CEO of Global Wings Travel and Tours Ltd. with one of the participants inside the KL Tower**



## Twin Tower

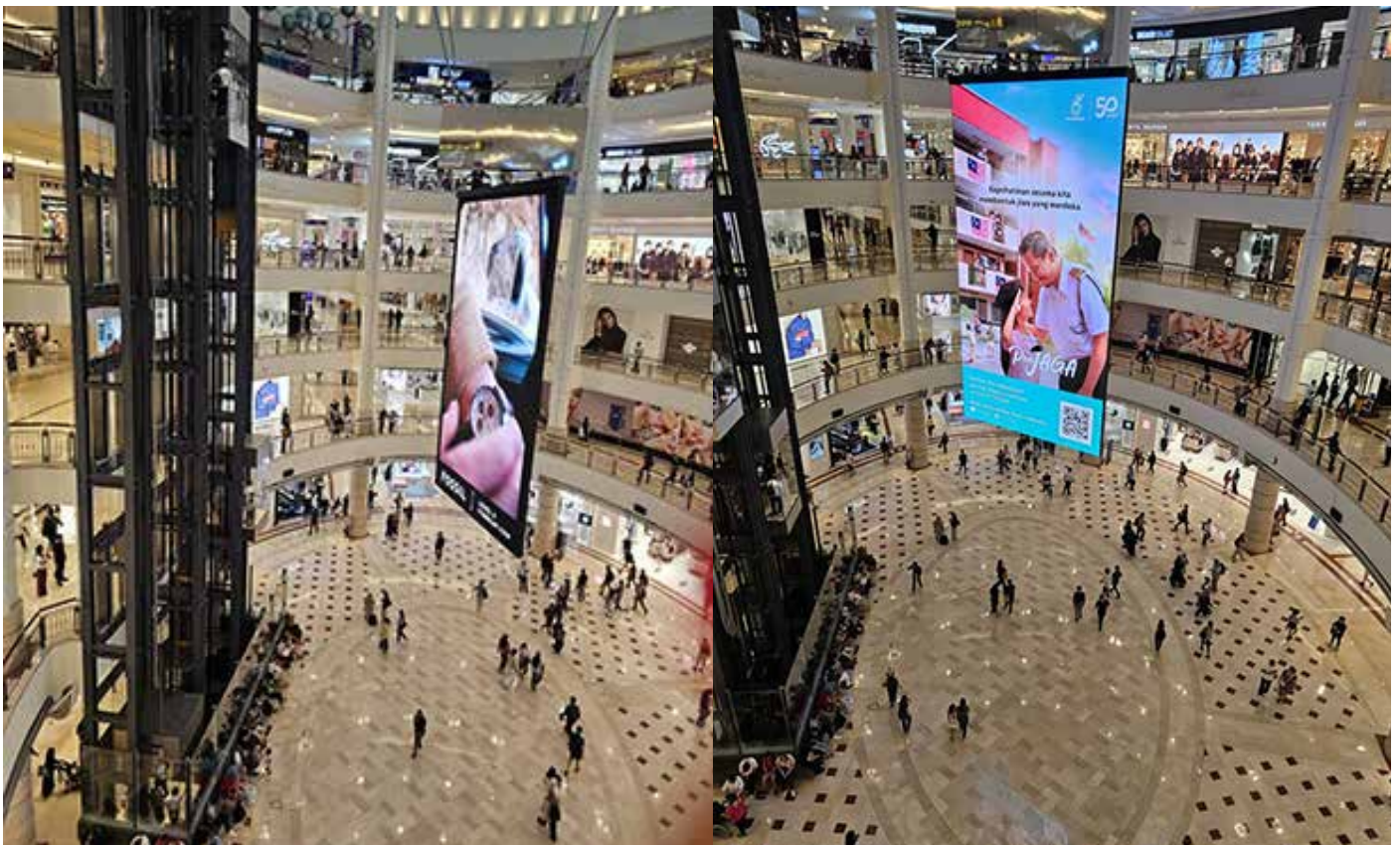
The Petronas Twin Towers, built to house the headquarters of Petronas, the national petroleum company of Malaysia was the next tourist site that welcomed participants to many shops of the top brands in the world.



CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, poses with participants in front of the Twin Tower



Dr. Gokel Abro-Adibo with the CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA, and other participants



A bird's eye view of the beautiful shopping mall inside the Twin Tower





**CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA in a pose with some staff of ICAG**



**Dr. Gorkel Abro-Adibo, CEO of Global Wings Travel and Tours Ltd. inside the Twin Tower Shopping Mall**

## Genting Highlands

For an unforgettable experience, participants were taken to Malaysia's Las Vegas, the Genting Highlands. With an elevation of almost 2,000 m and a temperature averaging 24°, the weather was perfect for relaxation.



**Participants entering the Genting highhighlands**



**Participants inside the Genting Highlands**





**Participants inside the Genting Highlands**



**Participants boarding the cable car**



**Participants flying in the cable cars**



**Beautiful bird's eye view from the cable car**

## Batu Caves

Religion is an integral part of a people's culture and participants didn't miss out on it as they visited one of the nation's most beloved shrines, located in the Batu Caves. A flight of 272 steps leads up to the sacred Hindu temple cave where the shrine of the Hindu deity, Lord Murugah lies. Another cave, called the museum cave, is filled with images of deities and murals depicting scenes from the Hindu scriptures. It was also a good exercise for those who could climb the 272 staircase.



**An establishing shot of the Hindu deity with some participants in the shot**



**Some participants ascending the staircase to the Cave**



## Bonding sessions

Having wonderful and meals together at different locations, shopping and interacting alongside was indeed a great bonding moment. Participants were spoilt for choice as variety of meals ranging from Malaysian, Indian, and Chinese were served. Though some struggled to try these meals which had no Ghanaian appeal.....hahahaaa, it was also part of the unforgettable experience they would share with their families and friends back home.



Some participants having meals together



Out and about in Malaysia





**Cross-sections of participants shopping and having fun moments**



## SINGAPORE

Enroute to Singapore was another experience for participants which took over 8 hours plus another hour or 2 of immigration check in. Though tiring, we were exposed to the strict immigration checks at Singapore but we picked some lessons from the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) about the importance of being innovative on security measures as a country. In fact, not even the similarities in our names (ICA and ICAG) would make them spare us. I must add that the beautiful people, tourist sites and sumptuous meals made it worth the wait.



**Participants preparing to board their buses for Singapore**



**Participants en route to Singapore**

## Meeting with the Honorary Consulate General of Ghana in Singapore

It was a great opportunity for participants to meet and interact with the Honorary Consulate General of Ghana in Singapore, Kohe Hasan. This was during a seminar on investment opportunities for Ghana & Singapore facilitated by top officials of Enterprise Singapore and Ghana Free Zones Authority. Interesting and trending issues on renewable energy, sustainability and other areas where Ghana and Singapore could explore for economic gains were highlighted. Many Participants had the opportunity to share what their companies do and the possible partnerships they could explore with industries in Singapore. It was indeed a unique opportunity to learn from other industry players.



**CEO of ICAG, Mr. Kwasi Agyemang, FCA addressing participants at the meeting with the Honorary Consulate General of Ghana in Singapore, Kohe Hasan**



**An official of Enterprise Singapore addressing participants at the meeting**





**Mr. Kofi Badu of Ghana Free Zones Authority making a presentation at the meeting**



**Cross-sections of participants at the meeting with the Honorary Consulate General of Ghana in Singapore, Kohe Hasan**



**A group photograph of the Honorary Consulate General of Ghana in Singapore, Kohe Hasan, (4th from left) with some executives of Enterprise Singapore, ICAG, CEO of Global Wings of Travel and Tours Ltd. and some participants**

**A group photograph of the Honorary Consulate General of Ghana in Singapore, Kohe Hasan, with the CEO of ICAG, CEO of Global Wings of Travel and Tours Ltd, and staff of GNPC**



## Singapore Tours

### Singapore Flyer and Time Capsule

It was tour time and participants had the opportunity to feast their eyes on breathtaking views including the Singapore Flyer and Time Capsule. Participants were also thrilled to see the world-renowned landmark in Singapore known for its iconic architecture, luxurious accommodations, and stunning rooftop infinity pool.



**Cross-sections of participants having fun on the Singapore Flyer**



**Group photographs at the Singapore Time Capsule**

### Sentosa Cable Car Ride

Participants got all the stunning views aboard the Singapore Cable Car as they traveled the aerial link from Mount Faber to Sentosa. It was a beautiful experience.



**Cross-sections of participants in the cable cars about to take a ride**





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## **S. E. A. Aquarium**

It was so therapeutic to experience the S.E.A. Aquarium, one of the world's largest aquariums, home to more than 100,000 marine animals representing 1,000 species across more than 40 diverse habitats. The vast array of aquatic life is complemented by interactive programmes, up-close animal encounters, and immersive learning journeys to inspire visitors to protect the world's oceans.



**Fun moments at the S.E.A. Aquarium**



It is said that pursuing opportunities to connect with industry leaders or professionals with varying interests and perspectives is critical to one's career growth. This is a major offering of the ICAG Boot Camp so make it a point to attend the next edition in 2025. We will be happy to have all ICAG Members participate and share in this career development programme.

Our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in this programme especially organisations that sponsored their staff to attend. You have proven that you are committed to the professional development of your staff.

## Gallery

**Group photographs of members representing their various organisations at the Boot Camp.**

