



# Loved ones come first

## Bio

Name

**Choong Kim-Mi**

Country of origin

**Malaysia**

Company

**PwC Malaysia**

Position

**Chief Financial Officer**

Choong Kim-Mi spent 13 years working in London and while the experience was great for her career, she realised she was giving up the opportunity to be with her family, particularly her aging parents, and nieces and nephews, who were fast growing up. She decided it's time to put them first and come home.

### Why did you decide to return to Malaysia?

Firstly, I have a young family – I have a son who is nine months old and childcare is getting expensive in the UK. Secondly, my eldest son who is seven years old is missing out on getting to know his cousins and extended family. And thirdly, we are missing our families and friends. Every time we call home, they're always having a gathering. It gets worse with Skype because we can see what is happening! I realised we've missed out a lot (on spending time with loved ones) so we looked for opportunities to be closer to Malaysia like in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

### How did you hear about TalentCorp?

During discussions with PwC Malaysia, they suggested that I consider TalentCorp's Returning Expert Programme (REP).

REP is the icing on the cake. Malaysia is home. Being closer to home is great, but being at home is better. Especially with the opportunities available in Malaysia now.

### How's your experience with the REP?

I like the REP's online application process. Being overseas, I find "online" to be the best way to apply and submit the necessary documents. The team at TalentCorp was responsive and helpful. The follow-up process after returning to KL was also very efficient. REP will appeal to many other Malaysians in London. Although most of them stay in the UK, they still consider Malaysia home.

### What do you like most about being home?

My son is happier as he has many cousins to play with, and also family and friends.

I can also enjoy my mother's unbeatable home-cooked meals. Returning to PwC Malaysia has been welcoming too as I see familiar faces, people whom I worked with before I moved to the UK in 2000. My transition back into KL life has been smooth so far. The convenient LRT system lets me get to work without having to worry too much about traffic and parking.

The REP facilitates the return of Malaysian professionals from overseas to contribute to Malaysia's development. In addition to qualifications and work experience abroad, the REP eligibility criteria now take into account prior work experience in Malaysia, current salary abroad, and experience and expertise relevant to a priority economic sector. To find out if you are eligible for the REP, visit [www.talentcorp.com.my](http://www.talentcorp.com.my)