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PICE Qatar Gearing for the 10th Founding Anniversary **Festivities with Various Sporting Events Lined—Up**

Christine Diosan

the PICE Chapter—Committee Sports Leisure Recreation 10th Anniversary Dedicated not only for the participate. enhancement camaraderie promote awareness and Qatar Bowling Center. well being of it's members Festivities will unofficially and their families through kicked off on the evening sports, the committee will of May 18, 2017 with the spearhead the actions table tennis tournament during the anniversary starting at 7:30 PM. This celebration with various will coincide with the sporting activities such as Bowling Championships table tennis tournament, round on the same venue. dart competition, chess The tournament, Billiards and ceremonies will be held at table football. This is in 8:00 AM on the following addition to the Inter-Color day at the same venue. Basketball, Bowling and This will be followed by Tennis Competitions that competitions on billiards, are either completed or in chess, Dart and table footit's championship stage as ball. Closing and awarding of this writing.

format was created and 4:30 PM on the same day.

April is another busy month distributed through the Qatar PICE Q group e-mail for the in members and their and and their families to fill-up and the register. As of this writing, organization prepares for about 50 members and Founding their families have already Celebration. signified their interest to

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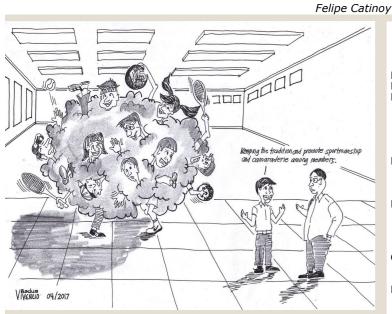
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OPINION

"Moving out of the box from a typical Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) - Engineer"



Promoting camaraderie, cooperation and family bonding is one of the goals that the PICE Qatar Chapter achieving in addition to its main goal of professional advancement. Through initiation of different sporting activities for fun, members that are inclined in different sports begins to know each other and be accustomed to each other's sporting inclination thereby sharing ideas and development of their skills not by in physical competition but rather by friendly discussions.

Leadership is also developed through sports activity which in a way serves as a stepping stone for promotions. As or the family bonding, the organization is the extended family of chapter members here in Qatar which therefore developed relationships.

By being a member of this organization, the boredom and monotonous lives of an OFW-Engineer and their families are converted into a worthwhile and meaningful lives that are both personally, professionally and community -wise beneficial.

Regardless of the noble intentions however, there will always be controversy. And the sports activities that are we actively participating is no stranger to this. Nothing is perfect and this is true even if professional

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and neutral officials and committee members are tapped to officiate the

Let us not forget however, that PICE Qatar is not just an organization—it is a reflection of who we are either personally or professionally. The success of the our beloved organization is our success.

Let's put in mind that each PICE O activities are for the goals that are mentioned. In every sports activity that we are participating-in, let's be an engineer—sportsman, worthy to be called professionals.

POTPOURRI Danny Chan

This Potpourri Page is a venue for PICE Qatar members who would like to share their good thoughts and creative inputs. Contributions may be in the form of a short verse, poem, trivia, news, joke, announcement, story or just about anything under the sun. Please send your literatures to picegatarnewsletter@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT QUALITIES FOR CIVIL ENGINEERS:

MGA HUGOT LINES SA CONSTRUCTION....

1.) Decision-making skills

Decision-making is the act of choosing between two or more courses of action. Civil engineers must be able to make good decisions based on best practices, their own technical knowledge, and their own experience.

2.) Leadership skills

Leadership is the ability in dealing with people in such a way as to motivate and build respect. Civil engineers must be able to lead staff and personnel under their control in implementing the project plans.

3.) Math skills

Civil engineers must maintain firm conceptual understanding of numbers, their relationships, combinations, and operations including the use of other advanced topics in mathematics for analysis, design, and troubleshooting that are relevant in the performance of their tasks.

4.) Organizational skills

Organizational skills are reflected in the ability to use time, energy and resources effectively. Civil Engineers need to be organized and methodical to balance time needs and effectively allocate resources to achieve project targets and objectives.

5.) Problem-solving skills.

Civil engineers require analytical and critical thinking skills to evaluate problems and make decisions in planning, design, construction, and operation of multifaceted projects. The many variables involved require that they possess the ability to identify and evaluate complex problems and to develop cost-effective, safe, and efficient solutions.

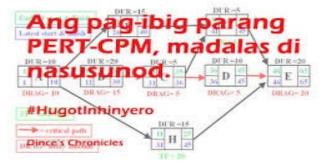
6.) Speaking skills

Civil engineers must interact with a variety of professionals with wide range of backgrounds and technical knowledge. This requires the ability to speak clearly and to converse with people in various settings, and to translate engineering and scientific information into easy to understand concepts.

7.) Writing skills

Civil engineers must be able to communicate with confidence and write letters, memoranda, and reports that are clear, concise, and understandable to all project stakeholders including those with little or no technical or scientific background.

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PPO-Q Corner

PPO-Qatar meets with DOLE and POEA Officials

Alden Cayaga



Representatives from different professional organizations in Qatar during their PPO-Q meeting with DOLE and POEA officials held at new POLO Office, Westbay, Qatar

Representatives from the different professional organizations in PPO-Qatar attended the meeting with Assistant Secretary Joji Aragon of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and director Levinson Alcantara of the Philippine Overseas and Employment Administration (POEA) held at the new POLO office at the 20th Floor, Al Jazeera Tower, Conference Center Street, Westbay on April 4, 2017 evening.

A total of seven (7) professional organizations were present including representative from the electrical, geodetic, nursing, mechanical, accounting, architecture, and civil engineering.

Among the issue discussed during the meeting were as follows:

- Special Professional Licensure Board Exam (SPLBE) examination dates must fall on the Eid Holiday and be flexible enough to have at least extra 2 days before and after the target dates;
- Other professionals not meeting the required quota of at least 200 examinees in the MENA Region should also be given the chance to take SPLBE;
- Accreditation of engineers following the requirements set by the Ministry of Municipality and Urban Planning (MMUP) regarding Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) License, list of accredited Philippine colleges and universities, and the ranking of schools in international surveys; and
- Consideration of seminars and trainings conducted abroad for CPD units accreditation by the PRC.

PPO-Q Chairman, Ar. Michael Garcia will also have a meeting later this month with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the presence of Asst. Sec. Aragon of DOLE to address these issues.

PICE Qatar Chapter was represented by 1st VP Aileen Abejero, and Past Presidents Eric Garcia and Gerry Managuelod.

THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

Message from the President

In the first issuance of our 2017 Newsletter, I have presented some of our plans and programs. Now, the first quarter of the year has passed. It is my pleasure to congratulate the officers and committee members who made much accomplishment in pursuit to attain our goal. Below is the status:

- **1.** To continue to facilitates professional advancement through training and seminars.
- There are 3 nos. seminars conducted including a plant visit. The 4th seminar is ongoing and the 5th seminar will commence on 9 June 2017. The program has already benefited more than 100 PICE Qatar members.
- **2.** To continue to assist our members who are qualified to be included in engineers' registry of AER, ACPE and APEC. Further, the possibility to arrange special conferment ceremony here in Qatar.
- The committee has conducted an orientation for the application of AER.
- Arrangement to conduct a "Write-shop" for APEC application is ongoing. Speakers are officials of Technological Council (PTC).
- The AER 2^{nd} Special Conferment Ceremony in Qatar is set on 28 July 2017. The preparation is on-going.
- **3.** To continue to facilitate in the preparation for the Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLBE) to be conducted by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).
- The review is on-going in preparation to the schedule examination with tentative dates September 1, 2 and 3. The current nos. of enrollees is 122. Refresher course is set to start on 16 June 2017.
- **4.** To continue to facilitate refresher course for PICE Qatar Professional Advancement for accreditation to Engineering and Consulting Offices Accrediting Committee, Qatar.
- The course was conducted for 7 Fridays completed on 7 April 2017. The course catered 23 PICE members.
- **5.** To continue to facilitate sports activities for the members.
- Inter-color basketball and bowling tournament are ongoing. The lawn tennis tournament championship game date was concluded on 28 April 2017. There are about 230 PICE Qatar members who joined the mentioned sports event. PICE Qatar will also participate in the planned Philippine Professional

Allen Nacario CEng, ACPEng, PMCE, M.ASEP, MMUP Grade A



Organization (PPO) basketball tournament should the sport event will materialize.

- **6.** To continue to exercise our social responsibility by facilitating outreach program to our fellow kababayans, blood donation campaign, tree-planting campaign and etc.
- The program is on-going. PICE Qatar had conducted 3 outreach program at POLO OWWA providing assistance to a total of about 230 distressed OFW and 10 children.
- **7.** To facilitate the implementation of the construction of the 3rd and 4th school buildings in Luzon and Visayas respectively.
- The final locations have still to be finalized. Coordination is on-going.
- **8.** To provide scholarship to desirable 3rd Year Civil Engineering students with financial incapacities from state universities in the Philippines.
- The scholarship has been arranged with the University of Rizal System. Selection of beneficiary student is on-going. The program will start this school $1^{\rm st}$ semester 2017. The budget for 2 semesters is already in place.
- **9.** To conduct a workshop in Doha on sustainability and focusing climate change (for Filipino senior high school level).
 - The program is under preparation.

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PICE QATAR UPDATES

PICE Qatar Founding President – Roy Baquiran Appointed as Deputy to the PTC Presidential Adviser and Coordinator for Middle East & North Africa Affairs (PTC-MENA)

John Cromwell Esclanda / Katrina Magsino

It is indeed an honor to PICE Qatar family that our very own Founding President – Roy Baquiran has been designated as Deputy for MENA region to the Presidential Adviser and Coordinator. It will then boost to the advance professional application of the engineers in different discipline in the region for the registry in ASEAN Engineers, ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers (ACPE) and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Engineers. The said registration bodies are the advance level of engineers which will greatly open opportunities within the ASEAN region and more importantly in the Asia-Pacific region.



The countries an ASEAN & ACPE Engineers can land a job with the same dealing are the following;



- 1) Brunei
- 2) Cambodia
- Indonesia
- 4) Laos
- 5) Malaysia
- 6) Myanmar
- 7) Singapore8) Thailand
- 9) The Republic of the Philippines
- 10) Vietnam

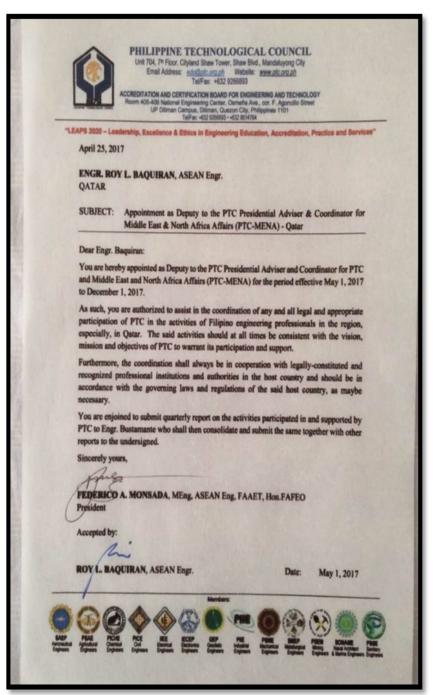
While the APEC countries composes of the following:



Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

- 1) Australia
- 2) Brunei Darussalam
- 3) Canada
- 4) Chile
- 5) People's Republic of China
- 6) Hong Kong, China
- 7) Indonesia
- 8) Japan
- 9) Republic of Korea
- 10) Malaysia
- 11) Mexico
- 12) New Zealand
- 13) Papua New Guinea
- 14) Peru

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SAFETY MATTERS

Alex Habal

8 DO'S AND DON'TS FOR YOUR CELLPHONE ETIQUETTE

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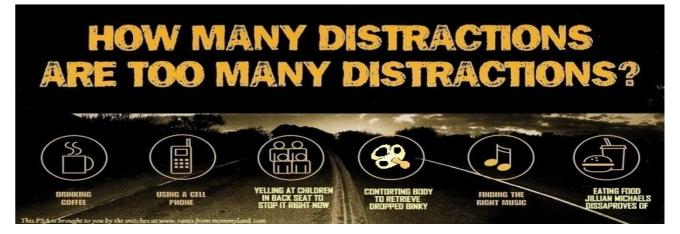


- 1. Keep your cellphone drama for yourself .
- Don't be on your phone when you are in class or in meetings.
- Don't forget that people might not really care about your "smartphonography".
- If you give your mobile phone to someone, make sure you know what's in your gallery.
- 5. Remember that if you forget your phone at home one day, it is not the end of the world.
- Don't text and drive.





- 7. Keep the volume down.
- 8. If you can't stay away from selfies, at least don't take them with bears like these people did.



INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS OF THIS UNSAFE ACT USING A MOBILE PHONE WHILE DRIVING.

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"Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't Task"

The UFOQ's Toughest Challenge......(Part 1)



If you are ask to handle a daring task with basically a given tight security in mind, limited crows selection, budgeted time, with vague details (no venue and system to implement) and looking for someone to be blamed / bashed? Will you accept the challenge?

Well, the UFOQ men and women despite these odds stand up to take the challenge presented by the Philippine Embassy, Qatar Authorities and the Advance Party of PRRD during his State Visit in Qatar on 15 April 2017.

Closed Door Briefing

The PE reps headed by Consul General Russel Reyes and Cultural Attache John Jiao met the UFOQ Council members headed by Chairman Ressie S. Fos to announce the incoming Qatar State Visit of President Duterte's Party one afternoon barely three (3) weeks before the said event. They only gave tentative instructions such that only 5,000 out of 230,000++ Filipinos population in Qatar might be accommodated to welcome the Philippine President that the venue will be decided later by the Qatar Ministry of Culture and Sports, tight security and protection to be managed by Emiri Guards and by our own Presidential Security Group (PSG) and that only thru online registration will the crowd be selected. No special entitlement for gender, profession or age will be given to anyone for the crowd selection – everyone must go online, exert extra efforts, patience and able to catch their luck. Sabi nga sa kawikaan natin "kapag ginusto may paraan ngunit kung sadyang ayaw maraming dahilan".

Online Registration

On April 9, 2017 @ 7:00 AM the online registration was opened for everyone after the Embassy issued a Circular and series of announcement from UFOQ FB page and other Social Media networks providing the web link to register, timing and finally the Venue. As expected by UFOQ Council members / the Information Management System (IMS) Committee Chairman Rovic Santos Cruz that because of the popularity of the President and the eagerness of the majority of Kababayans to get registered in the first 6,000 online registration, the server traffic, technical glitches and stand-by will regularly occur and experience by many registrants. Infact, I myself personally spent so many attempts during day time and failed until a lucky try during wee hours that I was finally and successfully registered. Announcement after announcements were made and posted in various social media networks by UFOQ Chairman Ressie Fos and IMS team concerning the numbers of confirmation notice in emails which were not delivered to successful registrants due to either they provide a wrong entry of email addresses or their box is inactive or its storage is full and some being held by BOX BE folder for approval and some went to SPAM folder, etc. In just two (2) days on April 11, 2017 in the early afternoon successful registrants had reached the maximum 6,000 numbers and simultaneously closed the online registration.

Successful Registrants without Confirmation Notice

Knowing the difficulties and sacrifices experienced by many registrants to get through, as a matter of UFOQ's fairness to assist the successful registrants in making their efforts worth, they sacrificed two (2) personal email accounts of UFOQ officers Chairman Ressie and Committee Chairman George just to make sure that everyone before the Big Day will receive their confirmation notice to be accommodated inside the venue. As expected despite the honest to goodness efforts of UFOQ Council members to comply with the Embassy's instruction and to manage firm but fair system for crowd selection and yet we cannot deny other's bitterness through their non-stop bashing and non-sense blaming to the online registration systems which they are claiming a Big Failure. Coolness and maturity among the UFOQ Council members prevailed as Chairman Ressie keeps reminding everyone to just focus on our objective and succeed do not mind the negatives to get free from being affected. On our part being a representative to various organizations like PICE Qatar, we opt to volunteer and facilitate the acceptance of complaints from our own members through our own viber group communication then relay it through the UFOQ chatroom for easy, prompt and accurate sending of their confirmation notices.

(Part-2 series to be continued)

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FEATURE

PLUS AND MINUS

Ronaldo Nilo

Life is plus and minus. Sounds mathematical. Engineers want to put some amount of technicality in everything they do. Life is negative and positive. Whilst it's common that people want only the positive things in life, would life be complete without the negative things? Life cycle's components are directly opposite things. The unnoticing mind sees totally different things but take a closer look, and you would realize that these components actually complement each other. Yes, they are so interdependent that one cannot exist without the other. A day for instance would not be complete without a night. A day is not only sunrise to sunset. A day is composed of 24 hours, and in a normal world, half of a day is 12 hours of daylight and another half will be the remaining 12 hours of dusk to dawn. A day is actually day-and-night complementing each other.

Everything in the world is plus and minus. We add some now and sooner or later we would have to deduct. The cycle won't be complete if we are only taking or receiving. We have to give back. The more we give, the more comes back to us. This is a universal law. It applies to banks. It applies to businesses. It applies to negotiations. It applies to life. Sometimes we are so blessed that what we give comes back greatly multiplied. We need not wait for the vessel to be full where deduction will become inevitable. If the vessel is closed, pressure will cause damage to the weakest part, if not to the entire vessel. Literally, the human body is the same. You cannot just eat and eat. You also have to defecate. And what you bring out is what you take in after processing. Computers are the same. GIGO – garbage in garbage out. What we sow shall we reap. The Golden Rule.

"Let us be open vessels, ready to take and overflowing in giving back".

Life is happiness and loneliness. Now you are the happiest person in the world. Later you are lonely for one reason or another. Only then would you appreciate the true meaning of happiness. Happiness cannot exist without loneliness. You would never understand things until you complete the cycle of things. Positive and negative make up the whole. Opposite poles attract.

Take the case of a light bulb. You would not appreciate its importance at daytime. No one turns on the external lights during day time. Apart from energy conservation issues, you would not see any effect if you turn it on at day time. But wait till the sun sets and it gets dark. Only then you would realize the importance of light. Just as light needs darkness to shine, you would not enjoy the beauty of being in the light if you do not share it with people in darkness. We all have experienced darkness at some point in our lives. Trials, struggles, tribulations, failures - these are all dark parts of life. But as they say, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. Have faith. As a kid, I was so afraid of the dark. When I wake up in the middle of the night with no lights on, I would scream to the top of my voice "Lights! Lights!". I would not stop until somebody puts light on the gasera. And there, it seems like I have passed on from death to life.

Life and death. Life is plus and death is minus. Or is it the other way around? When you come into this world, that's positive. You have been added to the world's population. Everyone in the family is happy. It's the first day of your life in this world; it's your birthday. It is easy to talk about life, especially the good things in life. Death is negative. It's hard to talk about it, even just to think that it is inevitable. Everything that has life will experience death so we say. Death is a reality of life. Life cannot be complete without death. Death brings grief. It is exodus from this world, the world where loved ones will stay behind. Does death complete the cycle of life on earth? Earth to earth, dust to dust. Will death end the pain, the suffering and the misery of this world? Will it end the attachment to worldly things? Will it mean rest from the agonies of life? If yes, then would death be a better option? God knows best.

Or is death just a beginning of another cycle? Will it be another cycle of pluses and minuses? Will it be another cycle of positives and negatives? Will it be another cycle of gives and takes? Will it be another cycle of ups and downs? Will it be another cycle of toils and rests?

Ecclesiastes 12:7.... "and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."

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Teachers of Bote Integrated School at Catanduanes taking a pose during the handover ceremony last March 2017.

Members of the organization and the Board of Directors of PICE Qatar had contributed a total of Php 50,000 as financial assistance for this school repair project thru its representative, Newcesar Templonuevo, current Committee on Ways and Means (COWME) Chairman.

The school repair was completed in March 2017 and was greatly appreciated by the students, parents, and teachers of Bote Integrated School as the newly refurbished classrooms are ready to be used by the community.



Teachers of Bote Integrated School at Catanduanes taking a pose during the handover ceremony last March 2017.



PICE Qatar Chapter logo to commemorate the school repair project drawn at the school building.



Photo of the affected school building at Bote Integrated School in the aftermath of typhoon Nina last

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PICE Qatar helps repair school in Catanduanes

Aurora Asda

PICE Qatar Chapter had initiated a donation campaign during the months of January up to February 2017 to help in the repair of the buildings and roofs of Bote Integrated School which is located in the mountainous area of Brgy. Bote, Bato, Catanduanes.

Bote Integrated School, a combined school for primary and secondary education, is among the five heavily damaged schools when typhoon Nina hit Catanduanes last December 27, 2016.



Photo of the affected school building at Bote Integrated School in the aftermath of typhoon Nina last December 2016.



MEMBERS' PAGE



Membership Watch

Belinda Dela Cruz

As of 30 April 2017, our last issued Chapter Membership ID No. was 2970 with a cumulative total of 142 new members for 2017. Indeed, PICE Qatar membership is constantly growing. Looking forward to the 3000th member to join next month.

We hope that everybody can participate in the activities and affairs of the organization.

Again, welcome to PICE Qatar Chapter!



APRIL BIRTHDAY

PICE-Qatar Family would like to express our warmest greetings to the following, who are celebrating their Birthday this month of APRIL!!!

APRIL

- * Active and dynamic
- Decisive and hateful but tends to regret
- * Attractive and affectionate to oneself Strong mentality
- * Loves attention
- k Diplomatic
- * Consoling
- * Friendly and solves people's problems * Brave and fearless
- * Adventurous * Loving and caring
- * Suave and generous
- * Emotional
- * Revengeful
- ^k Agaressive * Hasty
- ^k Good memorv

- * Motivate oneself and the others
- Sickness usually of the head and chest
- * Easily get too jealous

Let happiness reach your eyes, enthusiasm reach your smile and resilience reach the temples of your face every time you look at someone. May you pass on your love and joy to everyone around you.

Wishing you all the great things in life, hope this day will bring you an extra share of all that makes you happiest.

Don't count the years, count the

Birthdays are a new start, a fresh beginning, and a time to pursue new endeavors with new goals. Move forward with confidence and courage

APRIL CELEBRATORS

April 1

AGUSTIN, AIAN MARC B. ESCABOSA, ELMER L. MASAJO, MARJORIE AHLEN C. MONTEHERMOSO, EDZEL M. SANCHEZ, RAQUÉL V.

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ABELLA, DONALD DICK C. AGUILAR, LORINA B. AGUSTIN, JUDIE B. ALMERO, CESAR P. CORTEZ, MICHAEL Y. FLORA, JOSEPH T. GUNTANG, ROGELIO T. MORALES, NORBERICK G. PILOTON, RUNOLFO M. PRISTIN, DORIE B UMADHAY, REMIE L

LUALHATI, JIMMY R. April 9

BELARMINO, RENCITO R. LAURE, CRISLEI T. MAMOKO, OMAR C. NATAD, GERALDINE O.

RETUTA, FRANCIS ALVIN L. REYES, EDWIN MELANIO Jr. SALDIVAR, RON WIAM P. SANGCOPAN, HASNOR D.

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PICE QATAR ACTIVITIES

SPORTS

PICE Qatar Bowling Tournament 2017 Qatar Bowling Center (QBC), Doha, State of Qatar

Luisito Carlos



Committee on Sports, Leisure and Recreation of PICE Qatar posed prior to Bowling Action in this undated photo.

PICE Qatar Chapter, in celebration of its 10th Founding Anniversary, has launched and formally opened its bowling tournament on 06 April 2017 at Qatar Bowling Center.

The said opening ceremony was attended by PICE Qatar 2017 officers and board of directors and anchored by Sports Committee Chairperson Alfonso Belito C. Betita assisted by Rico C. Dela Rosa.

The tournament logistic and schedules have been arranged by the Bowling Sub-Committee headed by Marcel G. Ramos.

This is a deviation from the traditional one day tournament that happens a night before the Foundation Day. The tournament will last until 18 May 2017 and will be played for seven (7) consecutive Thursdays with ten (10) competing teams. The opening game was attended by 37 participants out of 50 initially registered for the tournament with ten participating teams and it was indeed a successful opening games. Everyone is excited to play and experience the real excitement in bowling.

The bowling committee has adopted the rules and scoring system of one of the bowling clubs playing in QBC so that for those who may have extra time can continue playing and may find this a new sports career.

"Good Players Inspire Themselves. Great Players Inspire Others!!!"

Team 5 Bowlers lead the PICE Bowling Tourney

Alfonso Belito Betita

Team 5 takes the lead with 93-8 win-loss slate in the on-going PICE Q Bowling Tournament at the Qatar Bowling Center which is now on its 4^{th} day of competition. They are closely followed by Team 8 with 75-14 at second place. Team 1 trail behind at 3^{rd} place with 71-24 win-loss record.

The teams standing is as tabulated below:

AS OF WEEK 4 OF 7 - APRIL 27, 2017												
RANK NO.	TEAM NAMES	LAST WEEK TOTAL TEAM POINTS	REGRESSIVE POINTS	THIS WEEK'S RESULT						TEAM STANDING		
				POI	LOSS	PIN FALLS	Bonus	Minus	PTS. WON	WIN	LOSS	TOTAL PIN FALLS
1	TEAM 5 Henry	65	10	16	0	1987	2	0	28	93	8	7255
2	TEAM 8 Luisito	67	2	6	10	1707	0	0	8	75	14	6893
3	TEAM 1 Mina	65	6	0	16	1733	0	0	6	71	24	6954
4	TEAM 3 Marcel	53	5	12	4	1728	0	0	17	70	20	6914
5	TEAM 6 Raul	45	4	10	6	1719	0	0	14	59	30	6919
6	TEAM 4 Rico	30	7	16	0	1775	1	0	24	54	36	6826
7	TEAM 2 Henrik	34	8	4	12	1790	0	0	12	46	44	6768
8	TEAM 10 Sonny	20	9	12	4	1873	1	0	22	42	40	6580
9	TEAM 9 Rolan	17	3	4	12	1709	0	0	7	24	48	6330
10	TEAM 7 Arnel	16	1	0	16	1550	0	0	1	17	56	6294



Poow! This is how it is done!: A bowler shows his form during the PICE Q's 1st Bowling Tournament currently being held in Qatar Bowling Center.

PICE QATAR ACTIVITIES

It's Maroon and Black for the Basketball Crown



Calm before the storm: The Black Team and the Maroon Team will vie for the 2017 ICBL Crown.

The Maroon and Black Teams will be battle it out for the title of the PICE Q Inter-Color Basketball League 2017 on May 5, 2017 at the Al Arab International Academy, Al Saad, Doha, Qatar after each team won against its rival in contrasting fashion.

In the semi-final's first game last April 28, 2017 at the same venue, the Black Warriors won a free ticket to the finals via game forfeitures against the Blue Team. It was an unexpected turn of events but nonetheless a win for the warriors in a non-thrilling event.

On the contrary, the Maroons have to sweat it out to force a rout against the Reds 66 -54 and secure the remaining slots in the championships. It was a thrilling match that saw both teams took turns in hitting the basket ala seesaw in the first 30 minutes of the play. In the final stanza however, the Maroons slowly deliver the killing shots to outlasts the Reds with a 12-point deficit as the final buzzer sounded.

The final games on the 5th of May will start at 4:00 PM where the Blue and the Red Teams will battle it out for the third place. The final game between the main protagonist, the Maroons and the Black Warriors will start at 6:00 PM.

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- 15) The Republic of the Philippines
- 16) The Russian Federation
- 17) Singapore
- 18) Chinese Taipei
- 19) Thailand
- 20) United States of America
- 21) Vietnam

Green Smashes Blue, Grabs the Tennis Title

The greens routed the Blues 4 games to 1, to register 8-2, 8-0, 8-3, 8-4 and 4-8 record and grab the first ever PICE Qatar's Team Tennis Championships Title at the Al Jazeera Academy Tennis Court, Abu Hamour last April 27, 2017.

It was an expected win for the Green Team, grabbing the lead in the early days of the tournament, never looking back on the way to the Championships.

In the battle for the 3rd place, the Yellow Team prevail over Red Team 2 games to 1 (0-0, 0-0, 8-5, 7-8, 8-4).

Awarding of prizes for the winners will be held during the 10th PICE Qatar's Founding Anniversary on June 19, 2017 at the Qatar Bowling Center. Trophies will be awarded to the champion team. Individual players of the Green, Blue and Yellow Teams will receive trophies while individual players of the Red Team will be awarded with medals.

This year's team competition was participated-in by 36 Civil Engineers and their families who were distributed into 4 teams.



Team Tennis Tournament Finals: Blue Team Vs. Green Team at the Al Jazeera Academy Tennis Ground

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10. To facilitate Math Wizard Contest in Doha (for Filipino Senior high school level).

- The program is under preparation.

According to a known organization of civil engineering "Civil engineering is all about helping people and shaping the world. It's the work that civil engineers do to make our lives much easier". You will observe that the program of PICE Qatar 2017 very much relate to the statement. Therefore, I encourage everyone to continue to support and be part of the success of the programs of PICE Qatar. Be a genuine Civil Engineer.

"To lead people, walk behind them" - Lao Tzu.