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2018 PICE Qatar BODs being sworn into office at Oryx-Rotana Hotel last February 16, 2018.

PICE Qatar inducts new officers

Alfonso Betita

The Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Qatar Chapter (PICE-Q) finally inducted its new set of officers that leads the organization for the year 2018 in a simple ceremony held last February 16, 2018 at Oryx Rotana Hotel in Doha, Qatar. The set of officers was elected into office last November 24, 2017 during the 11th PICE-Q General Assembly.

Sworn before Hon. Rousel R. Reyes, First Secretary and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Qatar were: Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor – President; Engr. Alden P. Cayaga – 1st Vice President; Engr. Luisito S Carlos – 2nd Vice President; Engr. Elvin D. Fajutagana – Secretary; Engr. Ma. Michelle A. Revillosa – Treasurer; Engr. Sheila L. Medel – Auditor; Engr. Felipe D. Catinoy

– Business Manager; Engr. Russel F. Flores – Public Relations Officer; Engr. Belinda E. Dela Cruz – Sergeant-At-Arms; Engr. Medel F. Dalida – Chairman, Committee on Membership; Engr. Newcesar T. Templonuevo – Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means; Engr. Emilio M. Manalo – Chairman, Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs; Engr. Bernard Y. De Vera – Chairman, Committee on Honors and Professional Licensure Examination; Engr. Loraine C. Radan – Chairman, Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement; and Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita – Chairman, Committee on Publications and Information.

Hon. Reyes, who also served as the guest speaker during the Induction Ceremony, cited the organization's accomplishment during the previous years which

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OPINION



PICE Qatar: Advancing Civil Engineering Profession Through Global Recognition

It has been more than a decade since the organization was established and there are so many things that PICE Qatar contributed to its members and the Filipino Community here in the State of Qatar. By being an international professional organization is a tough commitment and responsibility to manage and keep the sublime milieu from 25 founding members to 3,000 plus members as of this date. Good leadership is a key to success, that's why it is the best challenge for every member to become one of those people who take the responsibility to lead the organization and become a life changer.

Last year has ended for PICE-Q with an award given by the PICE National Office as "Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service" which is a proof that all the hardships and sacrifices of the officers and members are all well paid off. It sets a standard for future leaders to strive and to be at their best to attain this kind of recognition and appreciation, internationally.

Last February 16, 2018, the 11th PICE Qatar Induction of Board of Directors and Recognition of Committee Members was held successfully in Oryx Rotana Hotel, Doha, State of Qatar. This gathering is a symbol of commitment and pride of the elected officials of the organization and the commendable members of the different committees for their involvement in the last year's activities.

It highlighted the turnover of duties and responsibilities from the 2017 Chapter President Engr. Allen L. Nacario to the newly elected 2018 Chapter President Engr. Aileen Abejero-Buenafior, as the first lady President to lead the organization, coinciding with the PICE National being headed by another lady for two years in a row Engr. Maria Catalina E. Cabral, Ph.D., CESO.

Engr. Buenafior, the newly inducted chapter president presented her plans and programs for the year 2018 during the event which focuses on empowering the civil engineering profession through global recognition. Helping the members to be on the list of various engineering registry in the ASEAN Region stretching within the vicinity of APEC countries and helping the members on renewing the professional license by conducting CPD accredited programs approved by the CPD council in Manila. Furthermore, PICE Qatar will continue to engage on different community services to help the fellow "kabayan's" through its outreach activities, promoting a healthy lifestyle on Qatar National Sports Day and conducting various sports activities which are open to all members, uplifting the social awareness on wildlife conservation on the beach clean-up activity, and having a blood donation activity for those who are in need.

There are indeed lots of issues and setbacks that the organization needs to hurdle. But with the help of the council of advisers which is composed of past



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chapter presidents, all the difficulties faced by the organization will be resolved. Every issue will be carefully planned and discussed by the officers, aiming for the transparency of the decisions for the benefit of the general membership.

PICE Qatar through the years has been steadily moving forward on an upward scale. This is because each year there are set of officers that show genuine concern and commendable attitude towards the organization. It is both a challenge and commitment that everybody takes without expecting anything in return. As a member of this organization, we are also encouraged to take the lead and be a life changer, the only thing you need to do is to step forward. Challenge yourselves to change and become a new version of you. Don't forget, you are a Filipino, we already have this in our blood and that is to stand out globally in everything that we do.

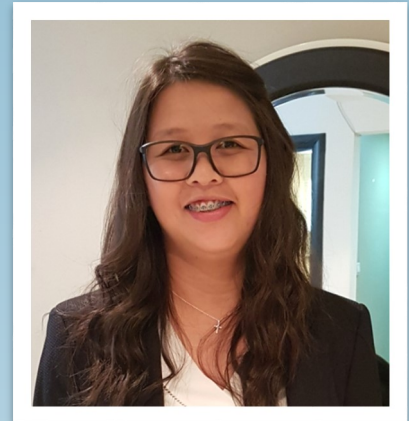
Mabuhay PICE Qatar!

THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

Message from the President

Aileen Abejero-Buenafior

**CEng, ASEAN Eng.
1st Female President of PICE Qatar Chapter**



First of all, I would like to greet everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. PICE Qatar has been at the forefront of spreading love and commitment to the Civil Engineering profession by synergizing its members through its various activities.

To start the year right, the induction of the Board of Directors (BOD) for 2018 was held last February 16, 2018 at Oryx Rotana Hotel. The event started with registration at 3:00 p.m. while the program proper promptly began at 4:00 p.m. and ended at 10:00 p.m. Hon. Roussel Reyes, the 1st Secretary and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy was the event's Guest of Honor, who was also the Inducting Officer who sworn into office the 2018 BODs. Hon. David Des Dicang, Labor Attaché of POLO, the number of attendees and the support of several fraternal organizations and sponsors, namely: Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines (ASEP) – Regional Coordinating Committee Qatar, Filipino Association of Materials Engineers (FAME), Filipino Planning Engineers Association (FPEA), Vibrant, Salad Master, Asian Chef, and Filipino Community Centre made the event a very successful one. The event was covered and live streamed thru the effort of Balitang-Q.

Considering that February is a month reserved for our hearts, we started the same with a series of activities involving the heart, mind and body. We started the month with a "Fun Run for a Cause" led by COPA Chairman Engr. Emilio Manalo and his team held last February 13, 2018 at Al Wakrah Sports Club to celebrate the Qatar National Sports Day with 71 participants. In addition to the fun run, the attendees also

had a great time, while at the same time shedding off unwanted pounds, as Sgt. At Arms Engr. Belinda dela Cruz gracefully led the group into moving and swaying with the beats and rhythm of Zumba music.

PICE Qatar was also invited to the Philippine School of Doha (PSD) Career Simulation for K-12 students as Resource Speakers to Senior High School students planning to take up the Civil Engineering course. We gave the students a preview of what we do as Civil Engineers by presenting basic lessons on Road Construction, House Construction, and Cost Estimation. These were discussed for six (6) Fridays (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) that started on January 12, 2018 and culminated with the evaluation of the participating students on February 23, 2018. The PICE Qatar lecturers for the said career simulation are Engineers Nasser Sanoh, COPI Chairman Alfonso Belito Betita and PP Delfino De Leon. Engr. Larry Amoguis, Chairman of the Students Programs and Events Committee for Students (SPECS), and 2VP Luisito Carlos were also present during the entire session to oversee and supervise the conduct of the activity.

On February 4, 2018, PICE Qatar was also invited to join the College and Career Orientation at the Philippine International School in Qatar (PISQ). Yours truly represented PICE Qatar in the said career orientation which was held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the basketball court of PISQ. Students from K-10 to K-12 were lectured about the Civil Engineering course by the undersigned. Moreover, some leaflets pertaining to the Civil Engineering course were also

distributed to the students to aid them in choosing their career paths. And to cap the month, PICE Qatar, in partnership with Qatar Petroleum, conducted a community service project with the "Beach Clean-Up" activity. PICE Qatar and QP, thru the efforts of former BOD member, Engr. Pol Catabay, embarked on the project last February 23, 2018, with the common goal of raising public awareness regarding the environmental damage caused by littering near water areas and in the process "save lives below water". A total of 47 participants joined the said event which was again spearheaded by COPA.

Finally, we take pride in reporting to you that COHOPLE Team of Engr. Bernard de Vera are still diligently conducting review classes in preparation for the upcoming Special Professional Licensure Examination in August 2018. We are encouraging members to provide moral support to the Associate Members by visiting the review classes being held every Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Oryx Rotana Hotel, Old Airport Road, Doha, Qatar.

Again, the undersigned invites everyone to actively participate in all the activities of PICE Qatar in the following days to come. Together we can make a difference in this part of the world. Let us continue to show our enthusiasm, dedication and passion that makes every PICE Qatar activity such a success.. Thank you very much for your continued support.

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earned them the 2017 Best International Chapter Awards for Newsletter and Community Service. He also lauded the organization's support to the government and to its fellow countrymen as evident by its various public service programs including the scholarship and the green school building to name a few.

The event was highlighted by the symbolic handing over of the organization's banner by outgoing PICE-Q President, Engr. Allen Nacario to the newly installed PICE-Q President, Engr. Aileen Buenaflor.

At the same event, the newly installed PICE-Q president led the charging of the constitutional, standing and ad-hoc committee members. These active members once again pledged to dedicate their time and to serve the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Qatar to the best of their abilities.

PPO-Q finalizes the list of prospective number of examinees for SPLE 2018

Alden Cayaga



Chairman Voltaire Cabrerros, presided the meeting at POLO-OWWA Office on Feb. 19, 2018. Photo courtesy of Engr. Aileen Buenaflor.

Members of the Philippine Professional Organization - Qatar (PPO-Q) submitted their respective prospective number of examinees for the Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE) 2018 during the meeting at POLO-OWWA Office on February 19, 2018.

2nd PICE Qatar EXECOMM regular meeting held

Elvin Fajutagana



The PICE Qatar EXECOMM at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Doha, Qatar on 2nd February 2018 for the second regular meeting. Photo courtesy of Susana O. Nacario.

The PICE Qatar EXECOMM convened for its 2nd monthly regular meeting on the 2nd of February 2018 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Doha, Qatar.

The meeting was presided by President Aileen A. Buenaflor and attended by the majority of BODs, Council of Advisers, and the Standing Committees Chairpersons.

The meeting discussion highlights the forthcoming activities such as the Qatar National Sports Day, Beach Cleanup and PICE Qatar Foundation Day.

The EXECOMM has decided to organize a Fun Run to commemorate and celebrate the Qatar National Sports Day on the 13th of February 2018, which will be participated by its members, families and friends.

The Beach Cleanup will be arranged at the Dukhan Beach Shoreline on the 23rd of February 2018 in cooperation with Qatar Petroleum.

PICE Qatar Chapter has estimated that about 70 aspiring civil engineers will be taking the SPLE in the month of August during the Eid Al Adha holiday in Qatar.

Concerns to be raised by the PPO-Q to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) includes the request for the inclusion of the board examination for Physical Therapists, Geodetic Engineers

Both of these events will be spearheaded by COPA Chairman, Engr. Emil Manalo.

Engr. Belinda E. Dela Cruz on the other hand reported that the Foundation Day will have a series of sporting events such as Inter-Color Basketball League (ICBL), Bowling, Tennis, and many more during the Foundation day.

The meeting also deliberated the constitutional and standing committee reports by its respective Committee Chairmen.

First VP Alden Cayaga presented to the EXECOMM the preparation for the Induction of PICE Qatar 2018 Officers and Directors, Recognition of Committee Members and Oath Taking of New Members which will be held on the 16th of February 2018.

The meeting lasted for 7 hours which was adjourned by the President at exactly 4:30 P.M. on the same day.

Most of the activities mentioned have been concluded at the time of this writing.

and the Dentistry in this year's coming SPLE.

Chairman Voltaire Cabrerros will be finalizing the official letter to PRC in coordination with Labor Attaché David Des Dicang to give vital inputs for planning during the PRC's Consultative Meeting next month.

Present during the meeting were President Aileen Buenaflor, 1st Vice-President Alden Cayaga and 2nd Vice-President Luisito Carlos for PICE Qatar Chapter.

PICE NATIONAL UPDATES

PICE NATIONAL LAUNCHED TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

The 19th Region IV-A and IV-B Technical Conference will be held in the heart of the Philippines, Province of Marinduque, on 22-24 March 2018. This was announced by PICE National through their website www.pice.org.ph and facebook page www.facebook.com/picenational. The venue of the event is the Marinduque Convention Center and Balar Events Place, Boac, Marinduque. The theme of the technical conference is "Civil Engineers in the Build! Build! Build! Environment". The host of this event will be the Marinduque Chapter while the participating Chapters are Cavite, Batangas, Laguna, Quezon Province, Rizal, San Pablo City, Romblon, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, and Palawan.

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March 22-24, 2018, Marinduque Convention Center & Balar Events Place, Boac, Marinduque



REGIONS 4-A & 4-B TECHNICAL CONFERENCE



Then from 13 to 14 April 2018, the 16th Region III Technical Conference will be held in Subic Bay Peninsular Hotel, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Zambales, Philippines with the theme "Central Luzon Civil Engineers Building a Better Future Today". The participating chapters are Angeles City, Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Cabanatuan-Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Olongapo City and Zambales as the host Chapter.



Elvin Fajutagana

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING ON CPD LAW (RA 10912)



The Committee on Civil Service Commission, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation of the senate conducted the Senate Hearing on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) on February 14, 2018, Wednesday at the Session Hall of the Senate of the Philippines regarding the issues on the implementation of CPD Act 2016 (RA 10912) or CPD Law.

PICE National was represented in the Senate Committee hearing by 1st VP Dr. Robert Licup and Secretary Engr. April Flores.



In the photo from left, Engr. April Flores (PICE National Secretary), Engr. Peter Ureta (PRB-CE CPD Council), Sen. Trillanes, Dr. Romeo Estañero (PRB-CE CPD), and Dr. Robert Licup (PICE 1st Vice President). Photo Source: <https://www.facebook.com/picenational/>

RESERVE THE DATE!

When: **June 13 - 15, 2018**

Where: **Iloilo Convention Center, Megaworld Blvd, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Iloilo**

REGISTRATION starts from APRIL 1, 2018 up to MAY 15, 2018

This technical conference was organized by PICE National headed by Chairman Engr. Daisy B. Toledo, D.M. - National P.R.O. and the Vice-Chair is Engr. April G. Flores - National Secretary.

PICE QATAR UPDATES

Three Specialist Members and 26 Life Members of PICE Qatar were recognized and awarded with certificates and ID's during PICE Qatar's Induction for 2018 Board of Directors, Recognition of Committee Members and Oath Taking of New Members held at Oryx Rotana Hotel, Airport Road, Doha, State of Qatar last February 16, 2018.

Life Member (LM) certificates and ID's, were awarded to: Engr. Leonilo R. Revilla, Engr. Jireh Silvester T. Sulit, Engr. Jane S. Pangan, Engr. Abner G. Adarlo, Engr. Rommel A. Abenoja, Engr. Christian Mark B. Tizon, Engr. Deolito S. Paña, Engr. Eduardo V. Francisco, Engr. Christopher A. Amores, Engr. Danilo F. Suralta, Engr. Nida A. Tagtag, Engr. Armando M. Tagtag, Engr. Marvin D. Cruz, Engr. Frederick E. Fuentespina, Engr. Rodel O. Arnaiz, Engr. Mark C. Lepiten, Engr. Roberto E. Tapa, Engr. Salvador G. Morata, Engr. Jose Rene Ronil G. Somera, Engr. Ignatius G. Singayan, Engr. Elenie E. Nicomedes, Engr. Leizel T. Mendoza, Engr. Regie C. Tobias, Engr. Sonny M. Obdin, Engr. Manuel C. Lu, and Engr. Arnold M. Umantal.

In addition, the following members were awarded with their Project Management & Construction Engineering (PMCE) Specialist Member certificates and ID's, namely: Engr. Nasser K. Sanoh, Engr. Meliton M. Rizal, and Engr. Angelo B. Alieto.

PICE Qatar Chapter thru the Committee on Life Membership and Specialist Applications (CoLSA) encourages all qualified members to prepare and submit their PICE Life Membership & Specialist application and avail assistance in upgrading and leveling up their competencies in order to be recognized in the ASEAN arena as well as in the international world of engineering professionals.

PICE Qatar Life Members and Specialists recognized

Emmanuel Boceta



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PICE QATAR UPDATES

Through PICE Qatar's - Support Programs and Events Committee for Students (SPECS) 2018 and full support of its President Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor, the chapter has successfully participated in the 1st College and Career Fair held at Philippine International School - Qatar (PISQ) covered court on February 4, 2018 with participants from Grade 10, 11 & 12. This is in accordance with the invitation received by the chapter from the same school on January 4, 2018.

The event was represented by PICE Qatar President, Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor, with the assistance from Ms. Lizette Liane A. Lao. They conducted registration for students who are interested to the path leading to civil engineering profession and distributed flyers as well. Presented to the students - prospective civil engineers through videos and flyers are the skills necessary to succeed in taking up civil engineering course, the challenges, the time needed to complete the degree, the different fields of specialization, jobs awaiting successful examinees, jobs for non-board passers, and career opportunities abroad. The PICE

PISQ's 1st College and Career Fair

Luisito Carlos



Qatar booth was visited by 47 students.

After the event, PISQ awarded PICE Qatar with the Certificate of Appreciation for participating and sharing insights during the event which was handed over by

Mr. Jason Iyas (PISQ Principal) and Ms. Neuwee M. Martinez (PISQ Guidance Counselor). The certificate was received by Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor in behalf of PICE Qatar.

Tagged with "Nakatulong na, Healthy ka pa!", the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers Qatar Chapter joined the celebration of the 7th Qatar National Sports Day (QNSD) with a Fun Run for a Cause on February 13, 2018, a public holiday, at Al Wakrah Sports Club, Saoud bin Abdulrahman Stadium.

The said event, initiated by the Committee of PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA), is the first activity of the PICE Qatar Chapter for the year 2018. Aiming to raise support for the upcoming outreach program at POLO OWWA, a minimal fee was collected from all participants inclusive of registration fee, Fun Run T-shirt, PICE Qatar cap and bottles of water. Assembly time was 6:00 am at Dairy Queen

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PICE Qatar Chapter celebrates QNSD 2018 with a Fun Run

Katrina Magsino



Engr. Aileen Buenaflor, PICE Qatar Chapter President, leading the morning fun run for a cause held at Al Wakrah Sports Club, Saoud bin Abdulrahman Stadium on QNSD 2018. Photo courtesy of Engr. Newcesar Templonuevo.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Update on Philippines' Qualification of Engineering Program and Professional Competence in the International Engineering Agreement

Luisito Carlos



During the APEC Engineers' Conferment Ceremony held in Manila, Philippines on 26th of January 2018, Engr. Federico A. Monsada, PTC President and the outgoing National Monitoring Committee Chairman gave updates on the qualification of engineering programs of the Philippines with respect to the International Engineering Agreement. He said that one of the things that was probably assessed in the qualifications is the educational preparation which was taken care of by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). It is noteworthy that one of the major requirements is that the educational preparation must be approved by the state authority providing higher education. If it is lacking, then it must be compensated with CPD points, that is Track No. 5 in the educational qualification for APEC Engineers. On the other hand, Tracks No. 3 & 4 requires that if the individual does not qualify under Track No. 5, then he must pass the examination of Japan or NCES in the United States.

Engr. Monsada intentionally omitted Tracks No. 1 & 2 qualification as far as education is concerned on his discussion simply because these are the tracks that PTC are doing in close coordination with CHED. Prior to the conferment ceremony, there was a meeting with CHED on these qualification tracks and these are:

1. Washington Accord which would eventually qualify graduates to

the APEC Engineer Registry in the future.

2. FEIAP Guidelines.

PTC and CHED are working on these two (2) tracks even as they foresee that about 25 countries in the Washington Accord and 21 countries in the APEC community will take out the following three (3) tracks:

1. Track No. 3 – Japan
2. Track No. 4 – NCES USA
3. Track No. 5 – State Authority approved educational program + CPD points.

There will only be two (2) tracks remaining for educational qualifications and it is suspected that those leading the International Engineering Alliance will eventually retain the Washington Accord and the FEIAP Guidelines - the reason why PTC is working closely with CHED and PRC to enable PTC to become a full signatory to the Washington Accord.

PTC formally applied to the Washington Accord in 2013 and became Provisional Member on the same year. It applied as full signatory in 2014. Most of the members of the Washington Accord became full signatory after four (4) years. Engr. Monsada reported that while PTC is still a provisional member of the Washington Accord, on 17

November 2017 the Philippines, through PTC, has been recognized by the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) - comprising of 22 member countries and as one of the accrediting bodies for engineering education.

It simply means that engineering program that has been assessed, evaluated, qualified and accredited by PTC Accreditation Board will be recognized as having met the educational qualifications for inclusion to APEC Engineer wherein the Philippines have passed track no. 2 and hopes to be admitted fully in the Washington Accord comes either June 2018 or June 2019 during the meeting of IEA, Engr. Monsada elaborated.

APEC Engineer recognition is an individual qualification recognition. PTC together with well-known engineering consultants in the Philippines developed a mechanism and started to register a body that will not only market individual engineering professional but hopefully will be able to market Filipino engineering services. PTC will be the marketer.

PTC formed a group called AESOP, Association of Engineering Services Outsourcing of the Philippines, and have gone through by clearing this out with PRC and all the twelve (12) engineering boards. The group will promote not only the individual Filipino engineering professional but the service organization that can eventually provide engineering services and help get employed through business proposal.

Engr. Monsada shared that in one of PTC's meetings in Taiwan, the construction magnate of Taiwan and one of the major force behind the APEC Engineering Agreement said that they need Filipino engineers in their projects in the ASEAN and in Asia. Engr. Monsada encourage them not to hire Filipino engineers but instead deal with Filipino companies that will provide engineering services where they can work together.

This will not only have our qualifications recognized but will help in promoting the Filipino capabilities through Engineering Services Organization.

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1. Excerpts from Engr. Federico A. Monsada's, PTC President and Outgoing NMC Chairman, report during the APEC Engineers Conferment Ceremony held on 26 January 2018.

For us BOD members, it seems that the holiday is finally over. It's working time again and surely, we will have our hands full.

Kudos to the PICE-Q Newsletter Editorial Staff for the maiden issue of the paper last month. Though there are some issues that still need fixing, we managed to come off the press on time and just in time for the 11th PICE-Q Officers and BOD's Oath Taking Ceremonies. Truly, good things always come up when there is cooperation.

Job well done!!!

During the oath-taking ceremonies, Hon. Rousel R. Reyes – the Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Doha and the Guest Speaker at the ceremony congratulated PICE Qatar for winning the International Chapter Award for Best Newsletter and Community Service. He complimented the PICE-Q Newsletter for being "maganda" and informative. His speech is full of appreciations of what we have recently accomplished as an organization in terms of professional advancement and community services. His reference? The PICE-Q Newsletter of course.

Our newsletter is informative indeed!!!

This month's most active committee is the Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs chaired by Engr. Emilio Manalo – a veteran PICE-Q Board Member. How active is this group? Well, for the month of February alone, they have initiated and successfully completed the: (1) Fun Run during Qatar National Sports Day last February 13; and (2) The Beach Clean-Up drive in Dukhan last February 23.

The committee is on a mission to fund the PICE-Q's Outreach for the Distressed "Kababayan" currently housed at POLO-OWWA and waiting for their deportation.



SIDELINES

By: Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita, PE M.ASCE
2018 PICE Qatar Newsletter Editor-In-Chief

Truly these unfortunate OFWs need our assistance to lessen the burden that they are carrying. As the saying goes "It is better to give than to receive". The organization alone however cannot sustain this without your help so everybody is encourage to participate either giving or assisting directly in the program or participating in our events for a cause. By attending our CPD seminars, you are also indirectly giving to our distressed fellow countrymen.

If this month's most active committee is the COPA, wait until the Committee on Sports, Leisure and Recreation headed by our able Sgt.-At-Arms, Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz show their stuff with the opening of the "summer" game next month of March. Truly a fun-filled months of hot summer is set to begin with the traditional sports festival that includes basketball, bowling and lawn tennis competitions. Surely, our lady "peace maker" will not be outdone. She is not just your ordinary civil engineer, as she is a sportswoman and a good Zumba practitioner as well.

What about the Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement? Engr. Loraine Radan and her committee will conduct the first CPD accredited seminar for 2018 on March 2 & 9 with Engr. Arnold M. Puy as Resource Speaker. Dubbed as Seminar on Basic Project Management using Primavera Project P6, this is the kind of opportunity that all aspiring

planners are looking for. So, what are we waiting for? Earn your CPD Points while advancing your professional knowledge!!!

The above-mentioned CPD Seminar will be followed by another CPD accredited seminar designed for Quality Practitioners on April 20, 2018 on the venue which is yet to be announced. Once again, I will have the honor to conduct this seminar as Resource Speaker.

So why don't you come and attend this seminar? More Quality Knowledge will be shared to you fellow civil engineers.

For everyone's information, the PSD Career Simulation Seminar Workshop (PSD CSSW) for Grade 12 students aspiring to be a Civil Engineering professional was successfully completed under the leadership of our own PICE-Q President Engr. Aileen Buenaflor and 2nd Vice President, Engr. Luisito Carlos. These two officers tirelessly worked for the successful conduct of our part of the bargain.

Well, those were PICE-Q missions accomplished. We were able to impart our knowledge as Civil Engineers and at the same time, propagate our cherished civil engineering profession – our bread and butter.

Engr. Del De Leon says, the only way to get rich is to.....!!! I leave to sir Del De Leon to complete.

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(DQ) near Ramada Signal where carpool was provided for those members in need of transportation.

The programme kicked-off with a welcome remark from the COPA Chairman, Engr. Emilio Manalo. Three laps were the minimum requirement for each participant to complete the run. During the event, a live TV interview was conducted by Alkass Sports Channel on PICE Qatar Chapter President, Engr. Aileen Buenaflor. The president talked about the concept and purpose of the activity. At the end of the interview, the participants showed their sup-

port for Qatar by yelling "We are PICE Qatar, we love Qatar!" Following the run and the interview, a Zumba exercise led by the PICE Qatar Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms, Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz, took place and further lifted up the mood of the day. The event ended with closing remarks from the 1st Vice President, Engr. Alden Cayaga and President Aileen Buenaflor.



Engr. Buenaflor being interviewed by Alkass Sports Channel. Photo courtesy of Engr. Templonuevo.

The successful event was attended by 67 participants of which 52 are PICE Qatar Chapter members and 15 are combined family members, guests and friends.

PICE QATAR EVENTS & FACES

2nd EXECOMM Meeting



PICE-Q Induction of Board of Directors



PSD CSSW



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PICE QATAR EVENTS & FACES



Fun Run for a Cause



Beach Clean-up



KNOW THE BOARD

Alfonso Betita

This is the second part of the series "Know the Board" wherein we feature the who's and who of the current Board of Directors of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – Qatar Chapter (PICE-Q).

During the previous January 2018 issue, we have featured the first and second highest officers in the organization. In this February 2018 issue of our newsletter, we are going to feature the third and fourth highest officers of PICE-Q 2018.

THE 2nd Vice President

The current 2nd VP is a veteran with over 26 years of work experience in the fields of civil engineering specifically on project management and cost management of construction projects. His projects ranges from residential, commercial and industrial both in local and overseas.

Engineer Carlos is currently involved in the construction of Msheireb Downtown Doha Project here in Qatar as Senior Quantity Surveyor for RIDER LEVETT BUCKNALL with office listed at Office 32, 2nd Floor, Al Mirqab Complex, Al Mirqab Al Jadeed Street, Al Nasr Area PO Box 26550, Doha, Qatar from from April 18, 2010.

Prior to his employment by Rider Levett Bucknall, Engr. Carlos also worked for GLEEDS GULF ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS for Al Waab City Development Project also in Doha, from July 27, 2008 to April 10, 2010. He also worked for DAEWOO E & C in Doha as QA Expert from Feb. 25 to May 2008 for the "CONSTRUCTION OF ETHYLENE DERIVATIVE COMPLEX FOR QATAR CHEMICAL COMPANY II" project.

From September 01, 2006 to December 27, 2006, he was deployed

in Tripoli, Libya as Civil Engineer (Planning) for AL NAHR Co., Ltd. for the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. He also worked for DONG AH CONSORTIUM in Tripoli, Libya as Civil Engineer (Planning) for the Construction of the Great Man-Made River Project from May 1, 1995 to May 28, 2000 and December 27, 2001 to August 31, 2006.

In the local construction industry, his stint includes being a Civil Engineer - Cost Estimator / Designer for HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL TRADING & CONSTRUCTION from Jan.1991 to Nov.1994.

Engr. Luisito S. Carlos completed his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Degree from Bulacan State University (formerly Bulacan College of Arts and Trades) in Malolos, Bulacan. Philippines in March 1990.

He is a Life Member of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers Qatar Chapter, Technical Member of the Philippine Institute of Certified



Engr. Luisito S. Carlos
PICE-Q 2nd Vice President 2018

Quantity Surveyors Qatar Chapter (PICQS) and Regular Member of Filipino Planning Engineers Association (FPEA),.

He is an ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer - ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer Registry (ACPER), ASEAN Engineer - ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organization (AFEO), Filipino ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer - Philippine ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer Registry (PACFER) and APEC Engineer - APEC Engineer Register Philippines.



Engr. Elvin D. Fajutagana
PICE-Q Secretary 2018

Engr. Elvin D. Fajutagana completed his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering at Technological Institute of the Philippines, Manila in the year 2000.

He is an MMUP Qatar Certified Civil Engineer – Grade A with extensive experience in the field of Construction and Project Management, Contract and Commercial Management, and Claims Management.

Engr. Fajutagana is the current President - Filipino Planning Engineers

Association (FPEA), Qatar International Chapter (2017). He is a Life Member - Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE), Active Regular Member - PICE Qatar International Chapter, a former Board of Director - PICE Qatar International Chapter (2016), former VP PRO - PICE Qatar Toastmasters Club (2015 & 2016), Member - Philippine Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors (PICQS), Qatar International Chapter, Member - American Concrete Institute and Member - Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering.

He landed his first job as a Restaurant Crew at Kenny Rogers Roasters for more than a year in 1996 when he was a College Student. Upon graduation in the year 2000, He immediately worked in the same year as Administration/Project Engineer at Quickbuild, Inc. until 2004 and then became the Operation Manager from 2004 until 2005. Right after, he

worked at NBSF Builders as the Operation In-Charge for 2 years. In April 2007, he decided to establish his own construction company, the FDE Konstrak.

In early 2009, he decided to accept new challenges to work in the Middle East and in April 2009, he got his first job as Contract and Technical Manager at AL HUDA Engineering Works until June 2011 but then joined Smeet Precast from June 2011 until January 2012 as a Construction Engineer.

In February 2012, he was again employed by AL HUDA Engineering Works as Project Manager and Commercial Manager at the same time until to-date.

Engr. Fajutagana was raised in a small town in the province of Odiongan, Romblon to Esdras Fajutagana and Lucy Fajutagana y Dalisay. He is the eldest of the 4 siblings that include 2 girls and 2 boys. He is married to Christine Fajutagana y Gaño, a Registered Nurse and is blessed with 4 children.

THE Secretary

PICE QATAR UPDATES

COPA leads PICE Qatar beach clean-up



PICE Qatar family posing with big smiles after the successful beach clean-up at Dukhan. Photo courtesy of Engr. Alfonso Betita.

John Cromwell Esclanda

PICE Qatar's Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA) on Friday, 23rd of February, led the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers Qatar Chapter to Dukhan beach for a clean-up activity under the theme, PICE Qatar Conservation 2018: Save Life below Water.

The event, in partnership with host Qatar Petroleum, was made possible through the assistance of Engr. Leopoldo Cabatay, former 2nd Vice President of PICE Qatar Chapter. The goal of the event was "to reduce litter, protect our ocean and raise awareness about litter and plastic pollution" said Engr. Emilio Manalo, COPA Chairman. He also added that

the event calls to promote a healthy lifestyle.

A breakfast of pandesal and coffee prepared by COPA was shared between members and families before the start of the "mission". This was then followed by an opening remarks by Engr. Aileen Buenaflor - PICE Qatar Chapter President, and Engr. Emilio Manalo. Founding President, Engr. Roy Bacquiran, who was also present at the event, provided safety reminders and guidelines prior to the two-hour beach clean-up initiative. Predominant trash found were bottle caps, barbecue sticks, cigarette butts and all sorts of plastics. Dance exercises came up

next led by the Sergeant-At-Arms of the PICE-Q, Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz and joined by the energetic men and women of the Chapter. The event was capped-off with a closing remark by 1st Vice President, Engr. Alden Cayaga.

The worthwhile fund-raising and conservation event was attended by a total of 44 participants including PICE-Q family members, guests and friends. A minimal fee was collected from all participants inclusive of registration, collared shirt and bottles of water. Carpooling was provided for those members in need of transportation for the approximately 85 km - 45-minute drive to Dukhan.

STAFF... Look and Listen

Belinda Dela Cruz



Let us know the staffs behind the news.

To start with, let's follow the saying "ladies first".

A strong lady with a soft heart, that's **Engr. Meliza Ortiguerra**.

She graduated from the Mapua Institute of Technology and during her college days, she was

part of the Mapua Judo Team and basketball team. She has completed her masteral units at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila for Master of Engineering with specialization in Structural Engineering.

She is an active member and officer of different organizations which includes: Lifetime Member of the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines, one of the founding officers as Secretary of ASEP Regional Coordinating Committee Qatar and currently the Finance Officer (Treasurer); Life Member of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineer and currently the Chairperson of the CPD Programs Accreditation; Member, Filipino

Planning Engineers Association; Member, Filipino Association of Materials Engineers.

She is currently working as a Lead QC Engineer at Al Shaqab Station for PSH JV Doha Metro - Green Line Underground.

For the coming years, she is looking forward to growing with the organization to serve to more members, hoping to promote integrity, leadership and camaraderie.

By the way, she does baking pastries during her free time while Raspberry White Chocolate Mocha is her most loved flavored coffee. She goes out strolling with lady friends whenever boredom strikes.

PICE QATAR UPDATES

PSD Senior High School CSSW Completion and Evaluation of Participants

Luisito Carlos

PICE Qatar Chapter's Support Programs and Events Committee for Students (SPECS) continues to uphold its commitment to the students of Philippine School Doha – Career Simulation Seminar Workshop (CSSW) and has delivered the last three (3) modules on February 02, 09 & 23, 2018, with Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita and Engr. Delfino C. De Leon as resource speakers, where the step by step process, costing and estimation in house construction were discussed.

This is pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding signed on February 9, 2018 between representatives of Philippine School Doha, Vice Principal Paulita D. Pal and Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers Qatar Chapter, President Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor. The signing of the MOU was witnessed by United Filipino Organization in Qatar (UFOQ) Professional Sector Representative, Ar. Michael Niño Garcia and other representatives from different professional organizations.

On the 23rd of February 2018, as part of the evaluation process for the participants, PICE Qatar's SPECS, headed by its Chairman Engr. Helario Amoguis and Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita conducted the examination on construction and estimation and also asked the participants to prepare a short narrative on what they have learned in the simulation program. The participants will be graded based on



PSD CSSW Final Day: Examination/Evaluation on 23 February 2018

their attendance record, results of the examination, and through the evaluation tool prepared by PSD.

PICE-Q is thankful to the lecturers and instructors who shared their insights, time, efforts and expertise to inspire and encourage these future civil engineers hence the simulation program has been

successful. Engr. Nasser Sanoh lectured on Road Construction, Engr. Alfonso Belito Betita discussed topics about house construction and Engr. Delfino De Leon shared his expertise on costing and estimation.

Kudos also to PP Eric Garcia, IPP Allen Nacario & Susana Nacario for their support.



PICE Qatar website gets a facelift

Alfonso Betita

The PICE Qatar website, www.piceqatar.com gets a facelift, courtesy of our able Public Relations Officer, Engr. Russel F. Flores who periodically updates the mentioned website.

Frontage of the current website shows the profiles of the 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) which not only offers a glimpse of who's and who are running the organization but also provide the general membership on who are they going to approach if they need something from the organization.

Incoming activities are also announced on the website so that the members will know information about incoming events which will allow them to prepare and eventually participate. Moreover, fresh information and snippets of the just-completed

activities together with photographs and accomplishments of the organization is timely published in the official website.

The previous issues of our newsletter as well as downloadable business/application formats, etc. are also made available for the members' consumption as it is part of the PICE-Q's commitment in serving its members.

The BOD wishes to convey to every member that the PICE-Q website is one of the many services that is being offered to the civil engineering community and that every member is invited to visit and be informed of what your professional organization is all about. Visit www.piceqatar.com and our PICE Qatar facebook page as they are made especially for you.

FEATURE

GIVE ME A MOMENT

by Engr. Alden Cayaga

Are you like me, frequently asking yourself at the end of the day – what have I really accomplished? Whether it is just a simple task of getting grocery items, or trying to get through a pile of documents for review at the office, or even managing activities from different organizations; More often than not, that is how I try to evaluate my day-to-day undertakings.

I have listed here my top 5 Simple Tips to Manage Time. Although some items on the list are pretty obvious that sometimes we often take the simple solutions for granted. Let me remind you, that I have disregarded my own tips countless times than I could remember. Believe me, it is not always as simple as it seems when you try to apply sound theory into practice.

Make a list and set your deadlines

This almost certainly works best for me since I often forget things if I do not write them down. I regularly say to myself, make your deadlines work for you and not against you. Although, productivity increases three-folds when you are on a deadline. Doing tasks will be more enjoyable if you have sufficient time to think and be creative. Rushing things often lead to costly errors or embarrassing situations.

Prioritize tasks

Normally we set our priorities depending when each of the tasks will be due. But in my case, I try to insert small tasks which I could finish relatively fast before I go to the major items on my priority list. Why? You may ask. Doing those quick tasks will give you a sense of achievement which will fuel your desire to be more productive and try to accomplish more tasks from your list.

Try to disconnect

Distractions are all over the place such as your phone, the internet or your boss shouting at the workplace. Making your environment conducive to think and work will definitely help in making you focused throughout the day. When I am doing structural design works I usually listen to relaxing music. But when doing reports, I prefer to have a quiet setting since I try to think in my head a lot especially when I am typing.

Learn to say "NO"

It takes great personal willpower to say "NO" since we are afraid of disappointing someone else, whether it be an office mate or a friend. If you are in a situation, the best thing to do is to take a deep breath and give yourself some time to think before you answer. I normally refer to my tasks list to see if I can still manage my time if I agree to say "YES". Otherwise, being honest won't be that bad, especially if you are on a schedule and have no time to spare.

Reward yourself

I very much believe in the reward system for each accomplished task. Whether it be a modest coffee after browsing and replying emails, or in between walks and stretches after each run of your structural analysis model; rewarding yourself releases the stress in your body which will eventually help in motivating you to do more.

At the end of the day, the way we manage our time depends on each individual. It should not be a question of how productive we are in a day's work. The way I see it, the time spent does not really matter as long as you enjoy doing something worthwhile.



Alden Cayaga is a civil-structural engineer by profession. He is secretly an introvert, a former real-time strategy games enthusiast, and a graphics designer wannabe.

He would like to make this column a personal notepad for some odds and ends, tutorials and other tips or DIY projects which he hopes others will find interesting and useful.

SPORTS

GAMEBOY's (*Russel Flores*)

Under Siege

What do Steven Seagal and PICE Qatar Past President Ronald Nilo have in common? Apart from the signature smile and being soft-spoken, they are masters of the martial art – AIKIDO.

People who have watched Steven Seagal's movies (the column's title is my favorite – RF), will truly be in awe of how he fights the bad guys – throwing opponents with ease, foiling an attack and breaking a joint in one swift motion, it would be great to master such skill.

Aikido is derived from the kanjis: **Ai** which means harmony or love, **Ki** which translates to spirit or energy and Do meaning the way. Hence, Aikido is etymologically defined as "the way of developing harmony with one's energy or spirit. It is a Japanese martial art developed by **Morihei Ueshiba** (often referred to by his title 'O Sensei' or 'Great Teacher'). On a purely physical level, it is an art involving some throws and joint locks that are derived from Jujitsu and some throws and other techniques derived from Kenjutsu. Aikido focuses not on punching or kicking opponents, but rather on using their own energy to gain control of them or to throw them away from you. It is not a static art but places great emphasis on motion and the dynamics of movement (extract from "what is aikido – FAQ's").

In PICE Qatar, we are fortunate to have a master in our midst – Engr. Ronald Nilo, 6th dan black belt in Aikido. Being a good leader and a wonderful person, we were given chance to know more about this martial art form straight from the Sensei.

GAMEBOY: *Of all the sports and martial arts, why aikido?*

Engr. Ron Nilo: I consider aikido as special martial arts because of the inherent characteristics of this sport – to develop harmony, love, energy, and spirit. One basic principle of aikido is to get out the line of attack – that is to move out of harm's way, harmonized with the movement of the attacker before ultimately applying the martial art technique. Take note that the application of technique is the last resort.

GB: *How did you start with this sport?*

RN: It was in March 1993, when a master visited our camp in KSA and did some demonstration in aikido. It was pure fascination watching them execute a seemingly effortless form of self-defense hence I got hooked on this sport. Initially, I signed up merely for physical fitness and never imagined that it will play a vital role in developing who I am today. I pursued enhancing my skills in this sport and my train with my family as well.

GB: *Which brings me to my next question, who else practice aikido in your family?*

RN: We are all aikido practitioners

and we train together especially when my sons are here in Doha. My wife is a 4th Kyu practitioner, one of my sons is 2nd Kyu and two of them are 3rd Kyu. My brother who is also here in Doha is 3rd dan.

GB: *You are ranked higher than your wife, will that matter in the event of a heated argument at home?*

RN: Hahaha, I will have my wife throw me if that happens. However, with the basic principle of developing love and harmony, it will be a remote possibility or impossible.

GB: *Since martial arts is a sport where we live with the values acquired, how will it benefit your profession?*

RN: Since in our profession, we deal with so many individuals – Consultant, Contractors, Suppliers; the practicality of the principles of aikido will come in handy. Harmonizing with the movement of others will be essential in time of conflict of understanding between parties at work. Being able to deal with a serene state of mind that was developed in aikido training is an advantage in our profession.

To those interested to learn more about aikido and become a practitioner, you may contact Engr. Ronaldo Nilo (Shuseikan AIKIDO). Train to have a sound state of mind and a sound state of the body.

Shuseikan Aikido
We train at Generation Sports Training Center, Al Nasr District, Doha, Qatar every Friday, 5-7pm
We have branch dojos in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Uruguay, Spain & Ecuador.
(Visit us: www.facebook.com/shuseikan)

With the deadline for registration for the Tennis Clinic and Tournament passed on February 28, 2018, the Committee on Sports, Leisure and Recreation through its Chair, Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz decided to start firstly with the Tennis Clinic on March 17, 2018 followed by the Tennis Tournament at a later date after completion of the clinic. This is to let those who have undergone the tennis clinic to participate in the tournament.

Tennis clinic set to commence

Alfonso Betita

Clinic sessions are slated for Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The venue is initially planned at the Women's Sports Committee in Aspire Logistics area near the Khalifa Stadium.

There are currently 16 enrollees in the program thus the organizer is compelled to use at least two tennis courts during the entire duration of the clinic. Should there be any court vacancy, then it will be used as a practice court by interested participants of the tennis tournament. Availability of the court will be announced in advance, this is according to Engr. Victor Bago, the PICE-Q Committee on Sports Leisure and Recreation – Tennis Event supervisor.

Bowling tournament opening schedule announced

Alfonso Betita

The Bowling Tournament of the PICE Qatar (PICE-Q) will officially kick off comes Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Qatar Bowling Center from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This signals the start of the Months-long Bowling Tourney which will be wrapped during the PICE-Q 11th Foundation Anniversary celebration in May 11, 2018.

A total of 48 members and their families confirmed their participation in the event. They were distributed to 10 competing teams.

Last Wednesday, February 28, 2018, distribution of the bowling uniforms to the players started with the assistance of Committee on Ways and Means

(COWME) Chairman, Engr. Newcesar Templonuevo.

The Bowling Tournament is planned and initiated by the Committee on Sports, Leisure and Recreation headed by Chairwoman Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz with the assistance of Engr. Marcel Ramos.

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DON'T MESS UP WITH ELECTRICITY

Researched and Compiled by:
Engr. Alejo "Alex" P. Habal

WHAT WENT WRONG?

These two workers almost lost their lives because they hammered the rebar into the ground to stabilize the formwork wherein the existing electrical cable was obviously exposed.



LESSON LEARNED:

- Method Statement and Risk Assessment shall be approved prior to commencing of work.
- Work Permit to Dig shall be approved prior to commencement of work.
- All equipment to be used including Operators shall be certified by 3rd Party and have Valid Driver's license.
- Supervision on site shall be provided and inform workers of the potential hazards of electricity thru Task Briefing.
- Competent excavation Supervisor shall be provided.
- As per Kahramaa requirements, No digging shall start without an approved Service Information Sheet (SIS). This is to establish first the location of Existing U/G utilities prior to start digging.
- Existing Electrical cables shall be located by Survey Team based on the approved drawing.
- Calibrated Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT) with Genny shall be used to locate the location of existing underground utilities.
- Once the existing utilities are identified markings will be provided and trial pits will be done using hand shovel to expose underground utilities.
- Rebar shall not be used as peg and embed on the ground to stabilize the forms especially when the existing electrical cable is located nearby. Use a sharp wooden material instead.

FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

Five emotions that will kill your financial freedom

Felipe Catinoy

Right here and there, expenses on our finances most of the time are uncontrollable which leads to us to zero savings and zero investment in the long run. The worst-case scenario is that our cashflow is negatively affected.

By: Vince Rapisura

1. Takot
2. Galit
3. Konsensya
4. Hiya
5. Inggit

Below is one of my followed guru in financial management.

Ayon kay sir Vince, gamitin ang mga negatibong emosyon bilang inspiration and motivation para patunayan ang sarili.

Ang takot ay palitan ng tapang, para mabawasan ang takot, matotong manaliksik or mag research para magkaroon ng karagdagang kaalaman, kakayahan at kakilala.

Ang galit naman ay palitan ng kaligayahan. Palibutan ang sarili ng mga mabubuting tao at umiwas sa nega. Panatilihin din bukas ang komunikasyon sa pamilya at sa ating mga kaibigan.



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POTPPOURRI

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING ACRONYMS FROM A TO Z

Danny Chan



- ⇒ ASTM – American Society of Testing Materials
- ⇒ BM – Bench mark
- ⇒ CESMM – Civil Engineering Standard Method of Measurement
- ⇒ DPC – Damp Proof Course
- ⇒ EGL – Existing Ground Level
- ⇒ FM – Fineness Modulus
- ⇒ GRC – Glass Reinforced Concrete
- ⇒ HFL – Highest Flood Level
- ⇒ ISO – International Organization for Standardization
- ⇒ JMS – Joint Measurement Sheet
- ⇒ KPI – Key Performance Indicator
- ⇒ LL – Live Load
- ⇒ MDD – Maximum Dry Density
- ⇒ NCR – Non Conformity Report
- ⇒ OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration


Sometimes so much good subjects, ideas, and topics go through our minds that deserve to be shared with everyone. To address the matter, a Potpourri Page was created as a regular feature in our PICE Qatar Newsletter.

Why the name, Potpourri? According to Merriam Webster, the word has two common meanings in use today, one which refers to "a mixture of flowers, herbs, and spices that is usually kept in a jar and used for scent," and the other which refers to "a miscellaneous collection, or medley."

This Potpourri Page, therefore, aims to be a venue for the miscellaneous collection of creative or even flowery inputs from PICE Qatar members. It may be a short verse, a poem, a trivia, a news, a joke, an announcement, a story or just about anything under the sun. Please share your good thoughts and send to:

piceqatarnewsletter@yahoo.com

- ⇒ PERT – Program Evaluation and Review Technique
- ⇒ QA/QC – Quality Assurance/Quality Control
- ⇒ RFI – Request for Information
- ⇒ STP – Sewage Treatment Plant
- ⇒ TBM – Tunnel Boring Machine
- ⇒ USD – Ultimate Strength Design
- ⇒ VE – Value Engineering
- ⇒ WO – Work Order
- ⇒ XPS - Extruded Polystyrene Insulation
- ⇒ YS – Yield Strength
- ⇒ ZAP – Zero Accident Program



**DID
YOU
KNOW
THAT?**

1. All the planets in our solar system could fit inside Jupiter.
2. The most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E.
3. The average human brain contains around 78% water.
4. In a deck of cards the king of hearts is the only king without a moustache.
5. The word 'Strengths' is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel.
6. The most commonly forgotten item for travelers is their toothbrush.
7. A one minute kiss burns 26 calories.
8. Brain weights 2% of the body weight though uses 20% of all oxygen one breathe and 15% of the body's blood supply.
9. One (1) googol is the number 1 followed by 100 zeros.
10. The word laser stands for 'Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation'

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