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## Second Outreach for Distressed OFW held

Alfonso Betita

**The Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA)** successfully conducted the second Outreach Program for the year 2018 for the distressed OFWs housed at the old POLO-OWWA at 827 Al Furat Street, Doha, State of Qatar last June 21, 2018. Engr. Emilio Manalo, current PICE-Q Auditor and former COPA chief initiated the event in behalf of Engr. Emmanuel German V. Boceta currently COPA chairman who is on annual vacation. COPA Vice Chairman Engr. Mark Anthony Abendan assisted in the event which is also under the supervision of outgoing PICE Qatar 1st Vice - President, Engr. Luisito Carlos.

The program which was attended by 22 PICE Qatar members together with their families and guests started at 6:30 PM and concluded at around 9:00 PM. The event benefited

123 distressed women and 6 babies who are currently under the care of the POLO-OWWA Office.

During the event, foods, bottled water, used clothes and toiletries from different donors within PICE Qatar were distributed to the beneficiaries. Inspirational messages of hope and prayers were shared by PICE Qatar President Aileen Abejero - Buenaflor, Founding President Roy Baquiran, CoPA Vice Chairman Mark Abendan, Auditor Emilio Manalo and chapter's Secretary Elvin Fajutagana.

Engr. Buenaflor encouraged our distressed "kababayans" to save first whatever amount they could before buying anything else. She emphasized on having separate marked envelopes as their budget banks.

In a show of gratitude for the generosity of PICE Qatar, the 2-hour program

was capped by a "Thank You" song offered and sung whole-heartedly by the 123 distressed women.

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# OPINION



## PICE Qatar – Weathering the Storm

The recent turn of events may have scraped the surface of PICE-Q leadership and put the organization to test but not enough to put a dent on its ever resilient body – of members and leaders who were bound not only by common goals and interest but by friendship, camaraderie, strong will, and leadership. The same wind that pushes the organization to soar high for the past eleven years of its existence since its foundation in May 2007.


The resignation of key officers one after the other due to one reason or another, three times in a row in the past six months, coupled with other haunting issues may have put a simple and ordinary organization in a

downward spiral into a pit where recovery is difficult.

PICE Qatar, however, is not a simple and ordinary organization that just succumbed to trials and die a natural way. It is an organization that was shaped to weather the storm and survive intact, ready to face another setback that will come on its way. For it is an organization that is inspired by the unwavering support of its members and selfless leaders who put their personal interests aside to forge a strong durable bond necessary to survive and hurdles challenges head-on.

PICE Qatar is an organization of Civil Engineers who put their trust on each other and

rely on its others' ability to survive. We are a family and that alone makes us strong. Comes early next month, the month of July, another election will be held to choose from among the interested officers/candidates, the 2nd Vice-President that will serve until the next set of officer takes over next year. And from then on PICE Qatar move on as resilient and as strong as ever.



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# THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

## Message from the President

### Aileen Abejero-Buenaflor

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**1st Female President of PICE Qatar Chapter**



While in the process of drafting this message, I realized that we have so much to do for so limited time available. It is a realization that we already had completed the first semester of the year and we still have many more planned activities for PICE Qatar Chapter. We already finished the conduct of many activities and allow me once again to mention some, such as: PSD Career Simulation, PISQ College and Career Fair, Fun Run, Beach Clean-Up, Foundation Day Celebration, Mobile Photography Contest, Live Webcast of Meetings, Dinner for a Cause, Outreach Programs, SPLE Regular Review, 3rd Batch MME Refresher Course, & the regular meet-ups that we are having every Wednesdays. We also completed the conduct of technical seminars such as Basic Project Management using Primavera and Quality and Safety Seminar. Also, while reviewing the contents of the previous newsletters, I am very much elated and thankful to the Board of Directors to include all the members who have participated in all the activities and events of PICE Qatar Chapter. Yours truly and the 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) will continue to provide what is best for the welfare of our members. We will continue to undertake activities that will put into fruition all our primary objectives as mentioned in our website: <http://www.piceqatar.com/objectives>.

Allow me to report to you the PICE Qatar Chapter accomplishments for the month of June 2018:

- A. June 1, 2018 – We held the continuation of our Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE) Refresher Course. With seven (7) Fridays left in our calendar for the SPLE Refresher Course, we have an average of 40 reviewers attending the same. The activity is led by Chairman Engr. Bernard De Vera with his supporting COHOPLE committees.
- B. June 7, 2018 – COHOPLE Chairman Engr. Bernard De Vera submitted the final list of SPLE Aspirants at the office of the POLO -OWWA in time with the announced deadline for submission of the PRC. One hundred three (103) aspirants will
- C. June 11, 2018 – The Committee for School Building Project had its meeting and discussed about the progress of the proposed 5th School Building Project in Leyte. Engr. Helario "Larry" Amoguis, our coordinator for the said project already met with the principal and the DepEd Supervisor and agreed that the mobilization for the project will start on July 2018 after the newly-elected Barangay Officials assume their posts.
- D. June 7, 2018 – The Philippine Professional Organization in Qatar held its 5th Monthly Meeting which was presided by Chairman Voltaire Cabrerros of IIEE. The discussions focused on the determination of possible venue and budget allocation for the upcoming SPLE Exam. 1st VP Luisito Carlos and yours truly represented the PICE Qatar Chapter in the said monthly meeting.
- E. June 14, 2018 – The BOD, committees and FPEA held its 1st Batch Get Together with fraternal/affiliate organizations. The Batch Get Together activities are aimed at building a stronger camaraderie among fraternal / affiliate organizations. The 2nd Batch Get Together with other fraternal / affiliate organizations are still in the process of planning.
- F. June 15, 2018 – The Ad-Hoc Committee on Continuing Professional Education chaired by 2nd VP Engr. Sheila Medel started the 4th Batch MME Refresher Course. The refresher course will run for six (6) Fridays as requested by our members in consideration with the latest announcement made by MME. Speakers for the refresher course are Engr. Helario "Larry" Amoguis, Engr. Jeffrey Cimagala and Engr. Nasser Sanoh.
- G. June 17, 2018 – PICE Qatar Chapter joined in the celebration of the 120th Philippine Independence Day. This year's celebration, with the theme "Hatid Saya Para sa OFW Handog ni President Duterte" was organized

take the SPLE for Civil Engineers slated on August 24-25, 2018.

by the Philippine Embassy and POLO -OWWA in coordination with the different Filipino organizations in the State of Qatar. PICE Qatar Chapter volunteered and sent a team tasked to man the registration of participants and attendees. The team is composed of BOD members Engr. Elvin Fajutagana, Engr. Alfonso Belito Betita, Engr. Emilio Manalo, Engr. Newcesar Templonuevo, & Engr. Michelle Revillosa. The team was ably supported by 1st VP Luisito Carlos, 2nd VP Sheila Medel, FP Roy Baquiran and yours truly.

- H. June 20, 2018 – After a month's break due to the observance of the Ramadan period, PICE Qatar commenced its Wednesday Meet Ups during which the COME team and BODs welcome the new members and attended to concerns of existing members at the Filipino Community Centre (FCC).
- I. June 22, 2018 – COCPA Team held a blockbuster seminar on Quality Management System in Construction Business. There were 64 participants who listened and learned from the Resource Speaker which was no other than our very own COPI Chair and PICE Q Newsletter's Editor-In-Chief, Engr. Alfonso Belito Betita.
- J. June 28, 2018 – The BOD for 2018 prepared and held an Appreciation and Farewell Party for those who had tendered their resignations as BOD members primarily due to work crisis issues. This is our way of saying "thank you" in appreciation for their services rendered to PICE Qatar Chapter.

Let me close with the hope that 2018 will continue to be a productive year for PICE Qatar Chapter. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has contributed to the success of our organization. With your support, I am very confident that the next semester will also be a fruitful one.

# PICE QATAR UPDATES

## 5th Green School Building Project of PICE Qatar Soon to Rise



Conceptual Drawing: 5th Green School Building Project

The PICE Qatar's 5th Green School Project located at San Isidro National High School, Barangay San Isidro, Sogod, Leyte is soon to be realized with the upcoming groundbreaking ceremonies slated on the afternoon of July 7, 2018. This will coincide with the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the same day by the PICE Qatar and Department of Education's (DepEd) representatives.

Fund drive for the mentioned project started last year during the term of then PICE Qatar Pres. Allen L. Nacario, though final planning, design and construction fall under the incumbency of Pres. Aileen A. Buenaflor.

The location and beneficiary of the 5th Green School Building was endorsed by Engr. Helario Amoguis – PICE Qatar Project Coordinator, to the Green School Building Committee headed by Engr. Eric Reprima early this year. Endorsement to and consequent approval by the 2018 Board of Directors for the project was also made early this year.

Engr. Amoguis worked with different stakeholders to secure approval of the site inspection to identify the

most suitable location for the proposed school building undertaken by DepEd.

The construction of the 5th Green School Building involves support and participation of DepEd and other stakeholders in site clearing and grubbing, provision for temporary water & power connection, building permit and supply of aggregates.

To ensure the quality of construction, PICE Qatar has appointed Engr. Jonathan Corpin, as the supervising engineer. PICE Qatar wishes to complete the project early without compromising the quality and safety aspects of the work.

The proposed project is designed to provide significant support to the locality that is currently experiencing an enormous shortage of classrooms. This will be the first permanent single classroom constructed in the newly approved San Isidro National High School that has a current enrollee of almost 200 students.

## 1st Vice President Resigns, 2nd VP Position Declared Vacant

During the 6th EXECOMM regular meeting on June 1, 2018, Engr. Luisito S. Carlos, 1st Vice President, has tendered his resignation from the position and from the Board of Directors citing work-related issues. With June 30, 2018 as his last day of office at PICE Qatar, he decided to go back to the Philippines for good.

Engr. Sheila L. Medel, the current 2nd Vice President is poised to automatically take over the position left by Engr. Carlos by virtue of Section 5, Clause 5.2.6 of the latest PICE-Q Constitution and By-Laws.

In the Memorandum No. 2018-007 dated June 25, 2018 addressed to Engr. Allen L. Nacario, NOMELEC Chairman and Immediate Past President, PICE-Q Secretary Engr. Elvin D. Fajutagana informed about the Vacancy within the Board of Directors. Consequently, the election was scheduled on July 4, 2018 with Engrs. Newcesar Templonuevo and Alfonso Belito Betita signifying their interest to vie for the position.

On June 28, 2018, PICE Qatar hosted a private thanksgiving event at Rotana City Center where Engr. Carlos together with Engr. Medel Dalida were presented with certificates of appreciations by Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor, PICE-Q President.

## PICE National Awards 2018 Announced, PICE Qatar Created Adhoc International Award

Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers on May 24, 2018 announced the launching of the annual institutionalized search for 2018 Outstanding Chapters through the PICE National Awards Committee via PICE Circular No. 2018-16 addressed to all PICE Regional Coordinators and Chapter Presidents.

PICE National Awards are open for the following categories based on given classifications:

1. Most Outstanding Chapter Awards
2. Chapter Special Awards

2.1 Most Outstanding Community Project

2.2 Most Outstanding newsletter

Classifications:

- A. Chapters with more than 900 members on record
  - B. Chapters with more than 400 but less than 900 members on record
  - C. Chapters with less than 400 members on record
  - D. International Chapters
3. PICE Outstanding Civil Engineer Award
  4. PICE Special Awards

4.1 Most Outstanding Chapter President

4.2 Most Outstanding Regional Coordinator

Deadline of submission of entries is on August 31, 2018, 5:00 PM Philippine Time though postmarked from carriers will be accepted as long as dated on the deadline of submission and received by the National Secretariat prior to the deliberation of chapter awards committee. Cash prizes and trophies await the winners which will be announced during the National Convention Fellowship Night on October 29, 2018 at the SMX Convention Center, Seashell Lane, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City.

In this connection, Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor, PICE-Q President 2018, announced the creation of the Adhoc Committee on International Award to oversee the preparation of the entry on the said award. In an e-mail dated 24 June 2018, she appointed Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita, current Chairman on Committee on Publication and Information to head the newly created ad-hoc committee. She further requested all members of the EXECOMM to support the committee in providing the required information and documentation.

It can be recalled that PICE Qatar previously won the coveted 2017 Best Community Service and Newsletter Award. It is the goal of the organization to bag another award for the year 2018.





# PICE NATIONAL UPDATES

Elvin Fajutagana

## PICE VIES FOR OUTSTANDING ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD 2018

Source: [www.pice.org.ph](http://www.pice.org.ph)

The Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE) under the leadership of the first female PICE President and DPWH Undersecretary, Dr. Maria Catalina E. Cabral submitted its entry for the Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization of the Year Award under the auspices of the Professional Regulation Commission.

The awards are classified into three categories namely Category A – with 100,000 and more registered professionals, Category B – with 10,000 but less than 100,000 registered and Category C – with less than 10,000 registered professionals. PICE is among the Accredited Professional Organizations (APO) competing in Category A.

There are other seven accredited professional organizations in the country vying for the said awards in various categories.

The awarding of the 2018 Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization Awards was held on June 21, 2018 at the Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel.

## 2018 PRC Awards Night

Source: [www.pice.org.ph](http://www.pice.org.ph)  
& [www.prc.gov.ph](http://www.prc.gov.ph)



The ceremonies was headed by Chairman Teofilo S. Pilando, Jr. with Commissioners Yolanda D. Reyes and Jose Y. Cueto, Jr. Former Pres. Fidel V. Ramos was the Guest of Honor together with Undersecretary Jacinto Paras of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

The highlights of the event includes the awarding of the Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization to the 8 Professional Organizations in recognition of their services and commitments to their profession. The Outstanding Professional of the Year Awards were given to the 33 professionals who have shown

excellence in their respective fields of expertise, and the esteemed Nubla Excellence Awards were given to honor the five (5) professionals who best embodies the values of professionalism, integrity, responsibility, competence, and excellence. PICE Past President **Engr. David G. Sanchez** was named the 2018 Most Outstanding Civil Engineer.

To see full list of awardees, please visit [www.prc.gov.ph](http://www.prc.gov.ph).



## PICE Q President Graces IECEP Mid-Year Convention

On June 29, 2018, PICE Qatar President, Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor graces the Mid-Year Convention and Technical Conference of the Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines (IECEP) – Qatar Chapter, held at Oryx Rotana Hotel in Doha, Qatar.

Engr. Abejero during the event, joined the Resource Speaker and Guest of Honors from the Philippines' Professional Regulation Commission - Chairman of the Board of Electronics Engineering, Dr. Alnar Detalla and Globe Telecom Director for Access Network Technology Strategy and Planning, Engr. Gerhard Tan.

## Seminar on Quality Management System is a Hit

The Seminar on Quality Management System in Construction Business held on June 22, 2018 at Rotana City Center Hotel in Doha, Qatar was attended by 64 members of the PICE Qatar - this was announced by Engr. Loraine C. Radan, Chairman of PICE Qatar's Committee on Continuing Professional

Advancement (COCPA 2018). Each attendee earned a 4-unit CPD credits that they can utilize for the renewal of their Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) licenses.

Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita, Chairman of the Committee on Publication and Information (COPI) and the current Editor-In-Chief of the PICE Qatar Newsletter served as the Resource Speaker.

During the said seminar, Engr. Betita discusses the Quality Management System and its importance, and provide pointers on how to develop the Quality Policy, Quality Manual, Quality Management System Procedures, Quality Control Procedures, Method Statements, Inspection and Test Plan and the different tools and Formats used in its implementation. He also touched about quality audits and the qualification of auditors. The lectures were backed by presentation materials and the experiences he gained from 24 years of professional practice.



Photo taken during the IECEP Mid-Year Convention held at Oryx Rotana Hotel, Doha, Qatar

# TECHNICAL SECTION

## APPLICATION OF BIM TECHNOLOGY FOR THE WATERFRONT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT – JUNCTION 9 PERGOLA BRIDGE (Part 2)

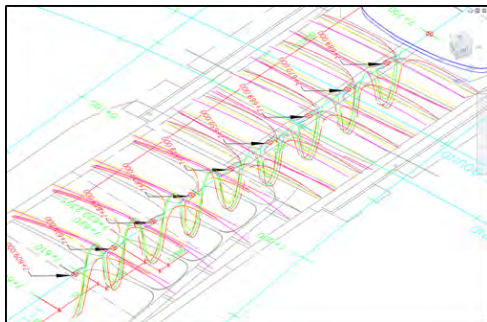
This technical paper was delivered by **Engr. Alden P. Cayaga, M.ASEP, ACPE, ASEAN Eng.** as one of the Key Note Lectures during the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Concrete and Steel Technology Engineering and Design (CASTED2018) on May 24-26, 2018 at Manila Marriott Hotel, 2 Resorts Drive, Pasay City, Philippines

### 3.3 Modeling Workflow

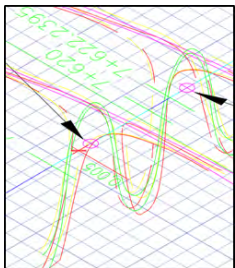
Preliminary verification and validation of the pergola bridge geometry tables were done using hand calculation and MS Excel. AutoCAD Scripts were then engaged to plot the generated coordinates of the Pergola Bridge outlines in CAD file format (see Fig. 7a and 7b). For those segments of the reference outline curves which have gaps, as per the provided information in the IFC drawings, interpolation of the data is required in order to provide the best fit curve to join the reference outlines into one seamless polyline (see Fig. 7c).

To facilitate the traceability of the resulting reference curve outlines of the Pergola Bridge, all polylines were properly tagged and differentiated by means of layers and color schemes.

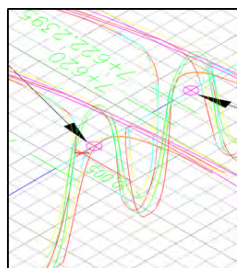
The Pergola Bridge faces are created using Autodesk Revit based on the completed reference outlines. The Solid 3D Model will be extracted from the Autodesk Revit file which will be checked by the consultant/reviewer (see Fig. 8). Revisions made by the consultant/reviewer to the Solid 3D Model will be exported back to Autodesk Revit for the modification of the faces. Thus, the cycle continues until we reached a finalized Solid 3D Model in AutoCAD file format.



(7a)



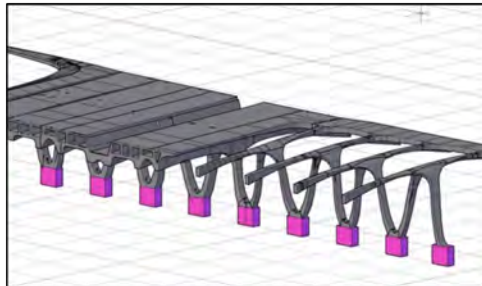
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**Fig. 7** Pergola Bridge Reference Outlines

(a) Overall Layout; (b) Outline without Interpolation; and (c) Outlines with Interpolation

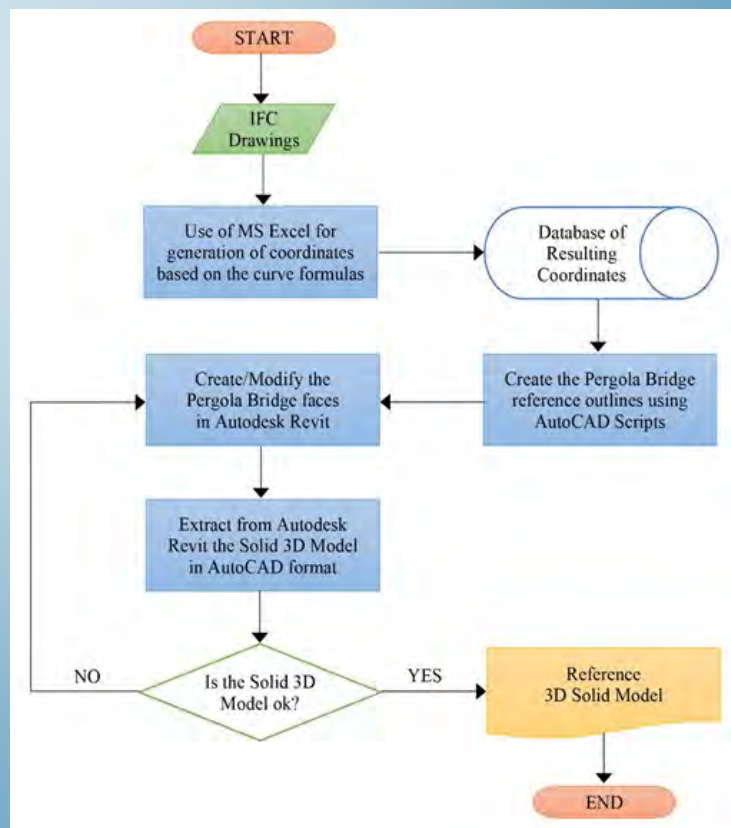


**Fig. 8** Pergola Bridge Solid 3D Model

Checking of the surfaces of the Solid 3D Model will be based on the following conditions as specified in the IFC Drawings' General Notes of the project:

- Maximum angle break on formed surface shall be less than 2 degrees; and
- Maximum deviation from the theoretical formed surface on approved 3D geometric shop drawings shall be less than 6mm.

The flowchart shown in Figure 9 gives the simplified modeling workflow of creating a 3D model for BIM along with the validation process as implemented in the BIM project execution process.



**Fig. 9** Junction 9 Pergola Bridge Simplified Workflow for creating a 3D model for BIM

The resulting reference 3D solid model will then be used in both Autodesk Revit and Tekla Structures software to generate the General Arrangement (GA) drawings of the Pergola bridge concrete shell and the reinforcements bending schedules/drawings respectively (see Fig. 10).

For actual construction photos of the Pergola Bridge, refer to Fig. 11 and Fig. 12.

### 4. BIM TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION

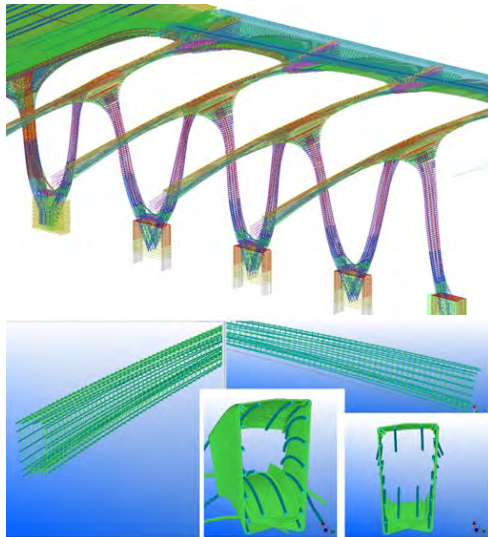
Based on the Pergola Bridge project scope of work, the utilization of BIM technology will be most advantageous given that the geometry of the structure is relatively complex. In addition to this, the provided reference IFC drawings will require the proper interpretations of curve equations in order to create a well-coordinated 3D Model for BIM.

Among those advantages and disadvantages encountered with the application of BIM technology for the Pergola Bridge project are shown in Table 3.

**Fig. 10** Pergola Bridge Reinforcements



# TECHNICAL SECTION



Modeling

**Fig. 11** Aerial View of Pergola Bridge



Construction

**Fig. 12** Close-up View of Pergola



Construction

## CONCLUSION

The application of Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology has become an indispensable tool in the construction industry, but only if used effectively. Given the complexity of the Waterfront Commercial District – Junction 9 Pergola Bridge at Lusail City proves that there is still no universal BIM tool that can be utilized especially with the listed scope of work for the project.

In general, a 3D model created for BIM clearly improves collaboration within project teams, along with the quality and reliability of the intended outputs (i.e. Solid 3D Model and shop drawings) of the project.

Although BIM technology involves an initial cost for the software platform and in the training of the operators, the benefits of adopting BIM in projects outweighs the disadvantages in the end.

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**Table 3** Advantages and Disadvantages of BIM Technology

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIM accelerates collaboration within project teams</li> <li>All reinforcement drawings and the concrete shell geometry are integrated into a BIM Model. Thus, any changes in the 3D Model created for BIM will automatically change</li> <li>Review of the BIM Model allows early detection of problems</li> <li>Chances of manual errors, especially in the preparation of the bar bending schedules, were significantly reduced</li> <li>Faster project delivery and a reduced risk factor for rework of the construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIM initially may add cost to the project</li> <li>BIM platforms are still limited when it comes to their capabilities</li> <li>BIM platforms will require experienced operators to fully maximize its potential</li> </ul>

The presented advantages of utilizing BIM technology for the Pergola Bridge project significantly outweigh the disadvantages encountered during its implementation.

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*Elected officers are resigning one after the other due to personal reasons or another. It happened for the third time already in the past six months with our new 1st VP Engr. Luisito S. Carlos leaving his post end this month of June.*

*Hush!!! Somebody is coming to fill the void he left.*

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*Engr. Luisito Carlos tendered his resignation last June 1, 2018 during the 6th EXECOMM Meeting. It is to take effect on June 30, four days before his flight home on the 4th of July 2018.*

*He was awarded with certificates for his short stints as 2nd and 1st Vice Presidents respectively – a way to say thanks and acknowledge what he has given and accomplished for our beloved organization. Good luck Engr. Lui and kudos for a job well done!!!*

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*The recent seminar for Quality Management System on Construction Business on June 22, 2018 at Rotana City Center Hotel has attracted 64 participants.*

*This is the first for the year 2018 that we have that much attendees in a day's event. Can't help but be proud of this seminar being a*



# SIDELINES

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

*blockbuster especially that it is yours truly who was the event's Resource Speaker.*

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*Last June 29, the second "Outreach for Distressed OFW" by PICE Qatar was held at the "old" POLO-OWWA Office. Again, words of encouragement, as well as groceries and foods, were distributed by our engineers and donors to more than a hundred distressed "kababayan" temporarily housed at POLO-OWWA.*

*Once again, we PICE Qatar brought "joy and high hopes" to our unfortunate compatriot who once dreamt of getting a "green pasture" in the desert land.*

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*The 5th Green School Building construction is due to commence on July 7, 2018, at San Isidro National High School, Barangay San Isidro,*

*Sogod, Leyte. This came just a few months after we have formally handed over the 4th Green School Building way back in May this year!!!*

*Let's pray that we will have enough funding for future community projects like this. Isn't this something to be proud and bragged about PICE Qatar?*

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*Another noble undertaking is coming our way on July 13, 2018, Friday. PICE Qatar in collaboration with HAMAD Medical Corporation, PNAQ (Philippine Nurses Association Qatar), and FMAQ (Filipino Medicine Association Qatar) will host a bloodletting activity to help those patients and would be patients that are in immediate need of blood transfusion.*

*Everybody is encouraged to participate and give the gift of life.*

## COHOPLE Updates on SPLE Refresher Course

*Luisito Carlos*

The Committee on Honors and Special Professional Licensure Examination (COHOPLE), Chaired by Engr. Bernard De Vera, is continuously conducting the refresher course every Friday at Oryx Rotana Hotel.

This month of June, Engr. Jeffrey Cimagala, Engr. Helario Amoguis and Engr. Rufino Baustita have completed and provided review on Engineering Math, Surveying and Transportation, Ports and Harbor / Highway Engineering, Strength of Materials, Engineering Mechanics, and Hydraulics. On an average, 40 number of reviewees were present per session.

The SPLE Refresher Course will continue until the 17th of August 2018.

The committee has also completed the compilation of SPLE applications and submitted the final batch on 07 June 2018 at POLO OWWA office at Al Jazeera Tower, West Bay, Doha, Qatar. With a total of 111 examinees, the first batch of

documents has already been received by PRC.

Philippine Professional Organization in Qatar (PPO-Q) has initially agreed to conduct this year's SPLE at PISQ. However, as suggested by Labor attache David Des Dicang, the discussion is still open before finalizing the venue in consideration of the cost and convenience of the examinees.

The below table shows number of submitted documents as per discipline as of the final day of submission:

No.	Profession / Discipline	Submitted Documents
1	Physical Therapist	1
2	Dentists	3
3	Teachers (Elementary)	14
4	Teachers (Secondary)	17
5	Mechanical Engineers	33
6	Master Plumber	39
7	Electronic Engineers	21
8	Electronic Technicians	11
9	Architects	81
10	Environmental Planners	50
11	Accountants	40
12	Civil Engineers	111
13	Electrical Engineers	38
14	Master Electrician	93
15	Geodetic Engineers	24
16	Radiologic Technologist	3
17	Nurses	96
18	Respiratory Therapist	12
<b>Total as of 07 June 2018</b>		<b>687</b>

## COPI Meets at Al Bidda Park

*Alfonso Betita*

The Committee on Publications and Information (COPI) members and PICE-Q Newsletter Editorial Staff, together with PICE-Q President, Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor, spent the morning of June 29, 2018, Friday at Al Bidda Park for an early walk and get-together breakfast from 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM.

This is to forge a greater camaraderie and cooperation from among its committee members for the successful and smooth undertaking of its planned upcoming activities, especially the monthly PICE-Q Newsletter issues.

Those who attended the early walk and breakfast were Engr. Aileen Buenaflor, Engr. Ronald Nilo, Mrs. Maflor Nilo, Engr. Alfonso Belito Betita, Engr. Alden Cayaga, Engr. Felipe Catinoy, Engr. Luisito Carlos, Engr. Meliza Ortiguerra, Engr. Russel Flores, Engr. Henrik Gal De Ocampo, Engr. Christine Diosan, Engr. Newcesar Templonuevo, Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz, Engr. Jerick Lising and Engr. Elvin Fajutagana and his wife, Christine.



# KNOW THE BOARD

Alfonso Betita

This is the sixth 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).

## The COCPA Chairman

The lady in-charge of our advance education and career development is single and ready to mingle, hails from the town of Pililla, Rizal, Philippines. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree in March 2004 from the University of Rizal System. She was a consistent scholar by the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers during her college days. In PICE Qatar, she is known as soft-spoken and a woman of few words. She loves to face challenges and is always ready to share her knowledge and ideas to those who need it.

Loraine is a professional civil engineer certified by the Professional Regulation Commission and Registered ASEAN Engineer recognized by the Philippine Technological Council who currently worked as Project Engineer in Ultracrete Contracting L.L.C in Qatar.

She is a 13 year veteran in the field of Civil Engineering whose expertise, she already shared with companies such: 1). H.R.D. (S)

Pte., Ltd. in Rosario, Cavite, Philippines as Encoder / Designer from 2005 to 2006; 2). EEI Corporation in Quezon City, Philippines as Structural AutoCadd Operator from 2007 to 2008; 3). Khalid Cement Industries Complex W.L.L. / Decoration World W.L.L. - GRC Division, Qatar, in various capacity as Quantity Surveyor, Structural Engineer and Division Manager from 2008 to 2012; 4). Khalid Cement Industries Complex W.L.L. - FCP Divison, Qatar, in various capacity as structural



**Engr. Loraine C. Radan**

PICE-Q Chairman, Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement (COCPA), 2018

engineer and Senior Estimation Engineer / Quantity Surveyor from 2012 to 2015; 5). Speed House Group of Companies, UAE, as Project Manager / Project Coordinator, and: 6). Ultracrete Contracting L.L.C., Qatar, as Project Engineer from 2016 to present.



**Engr. Bernard Y. De Vera**

PICE-Q Chairman, Committee on Honors and Special Professional Licensure Examination (COHOPLE), 2018

We have another man in the House in Engr. Bernard Y. De Vera. Though he is a neophyte in the Board of Directors, he is a veteran in his trade with 28 years of experience.

Bernard is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Divine Word University in Tacloban

by the Professional Regulation as both Civil Engineer and Master Plumber having passed the Board Examinations given in this fields. He is also a registered civil engineer of MME in Qatar.

Engr. De Vera started his career

## The COHOPLE Chairman

City Philippines from 1989 to 1993 as Project Engineer. He completed his Master in Business Administration (Academic Excellence Awardee) in 2015 from Lyceum of the Philippines University, Batangas City, Philippines.

Bernard is accredited

with Markbilt Construction, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines from 1989 to 1993 as Project Engineer. This was followed by a career as Senior Civil Engineer in Financial Building Corporation, Metro Manila, Philippines from 1993 to 1997, then as Project Engineer in Punzal Steel Corporation, Quezon City, Philippines from 1997 to 1998, as Project Manager in J. Santos Construction Incorporated, Makati City, Philippines from 1998 to 1999, Project Manager in Vivra Builders and Supply, Mandaluyong City, Philippines from 1999 to 2008 and finally as Manager Projects in Imperial Trading and Contracting Company WLL, Doha, Qatar from February 23, 2008 to April 26, 2018.

Aside from being an active member and Board of Directors of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Qatar Chapter, Engr. Bernard is also a member of Filipino Planning Engineers Association - State of Qatar and Filipino Association of Materials Engineer - State of Qatar.

# PICE-QATAR UPDATES

## PICE Qatar hosted a Get-Together Event

In a gesture of friendship and camaraderie, PICE Qatar holds an informal get-together event with its brother in profession, the Filipino Planning Engineer's Association (FPEA) at Oryx - Rotana Hotel, Airport Road, Doha, Qatar last June 15, 2018.

The event was organized by PICE-Q President Engr. Aileen Abejero - Buenaflor and run from 7:00PM to 10:00 PM. Civil Engineers from the mentioned group attended the event where food and drinks were served in great abundance in a suite rented for this special purpose. Attendees enjoyed the fun-filled night of chatting and fun games.

## PICE-Q Announced Bloodletting Drive

PICE Qatar through its Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA 2018) announced on June 26, 2018 a blood donation campaign under the banner "Help save a LIFE! Give the Gift of Blood" to be held on July 13, 2018 at Hamad Hospital from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

This humanitarian event is a joint undertaking of PICE-Q, Philippine Nurses Association in Qatar (PNAQ) and HAMAD Medical Corporation.

PICE-Q has been very active for the past years on this noble undertaking and so all members and their families and friends are encouraged to support and join the drive knowing that a drop of blood will be able to save a life of our fellow men.

In donating blood, would be donors are expected to:

1. Be in good health and feel well on the day of the donation.

2. No chronic diseases of the heart, lungs or circulatory system.
3. At least 18 years old, and you weigh at least 50 kg.
4. Have a haemoglobin level at least 12.5 grams/decilitre.
5. Have blood pressure systolic between 100 and 160, diastolic 60 to 100 torr.
6. Have a regular pulse between 60 and 100, and oral temperature less than or equal to 37.5°C.
7. Inform the medical staff if you are taking any medication.
8. Have a minimum of 6 months residency in Qatar (6 months no exit from Qatar)
9. Bring with you your Qatar ID or passport as proof of Identity.

Interested parties may contact the any of the members of the Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs for additional information.

## Seminar for Advance Project Management Announced

Engr. Loraine C. Radan, Chairman - Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement (COCPA) recently announced that the two-day *Seminar for Advance Project Management using PRIMAVERA P6 PROFESSIONAL V17.7* will be held on July 6 and 13, 2018 at the Rotana City Center Hotel, Doha, Qatar from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM with Engr. Arnold Medalle Puy, as resource speaker. This seminar will earn each participant with a 4 CPD credit units.

This seminar is strongly recommended to those have the knowledge or have attended previous seminars on basic project management.

The speaker, Engr. Puy is currently working as Senior Planning Engineer / Delay Claims Analyst at AECOM Middle East. He is a post-graduate of Master in Business Administration (MBA), and

currently taking up his Ph.D, Major in Business Management. He has more than eighteen (18) years working experience in the international construction industry including stints in Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar. His previous experience for the last Three (3) years is in the Philippines where he worked as Civil / Site Engineer involved in the construction of roads, bridges school buildings in different part of Zamboanga City, Philippines.

## Committee on Membership (COME) Updates

*Belinda Dela Cruz*

From last year's figures, we had already gone far during the first six months of active information drive by the committee.

New members can get the most out of membership by participating in seminars and activities of the chapter.

As of 30 June 2018, a cumulative total of 102 new members for 2018 were recorded aside from those who were issued temporary membership as per the IRG (Implemented Rules & Guidelines) of PICE Qatar.



# STAFF... Look and Listen

*Belinda Dela Cruz*



Miss Gen as she is fondly referred to in the COPI Viber group for her "Gentle Reminders".

A full-blooded Igorot from Kalinga and a Civil Engineering alumna of Saint Louis University Batch 2009.

She is a former employee of E.H Sison Engineers Co. and ESCA INC. Both of these companies are owned by Past Presidents of PICE National.

She is currently working at Sabihat Engineering Consultancy as a Structural

Design Engineer.

She envisions herself achieving the ASEAN Engineer certification. Moreover, she hopes to tour other countries for leisure. Time and employment permits, she will continue to support our organization and ASEP Qatar.

**That's Engr. Christine Diosan.**

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# PPO-Q Corner

Luisito Carlos

The 5th Monthly Meeting of the Philippine Professional Organization in Qatar was held at the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO-OWWA) at West Bay area on 07 June 2018. The meeting was presided by Chairman Voltaire Cabrerros and attended by 19 other representatives from different professional organizations. PICE Qatar was represented by Pres. Aileen Buenaflor and 1st VP Luisito Carlos.

Engr. Cabrerros updated the body with the result of the consultative voting with regards to the SPLE Venue with PISQ getting the highest vote of six (6) and PSD with one (1) vote, three (3) have abstained; one (1) had inhibited; while three (3) others have not voted.

PPO-Q Chairman will communicate with PISQ and PSD to further discuss the details (facility, cost, etc.) with regards to the upcoming SPLE.

It was also discussed that PPO-Q will prepare an overall SPLE budget to be sent to PRC for review and hoping to minimize the cost.

On 14 June 2018, the PPO-Q conducted a special meeting led by Labor Attache David Des Dicang at POLO OWWA, Al Jazeera Building Office. The special meeting is all

about the current issue posted by the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME), **"warns and states the urgency of all non-registered Engineers, working in the engineering consultancies and contracting firms as well as engineering professionals working in the private sector to hasten their registration in the engineering records of the Committee"**.



Due to this announcement, many of the Filipino Engineering Professionals were alarmed and requested the Philippine Embassy to assist them. Therefore, the Philippine Embassy and POLO-OWWA requested a meeting with the PPO-Q for further inquiries of the following: (1) number of Filipino Engineers eligible to take the exam; (2) number of Filipino examinees; (3) number of Filipino passers and passing rate of examinees for them to understand the issue and be able to act accordingly.

Labor attache Des Dicang requested each organization to email their comments and recommendations to PPO-Q Chairman Voltaire Cabrerros for him to be able to include in his report to the Philippine Ambassador.

PICE Qatar submitted their reports (list of schools, MME FAQ, guide on how to add the unlisted schools in MME and list of Passers for Civil Engineers) and recommendation to Labor attache Dicang and Chairman Voltaire last June 20, 2018.

The meeting was attended by the leaders of the different professional organizations such as UAP, GEP, IECEP, IIEE, IECEP, PSME and PICE Qatar.

## 120th Philippine Independence Day Celebration

Luisito Carlos

Through the initiative of the Philippine Embassy (PE) and Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) to the State of Qatar, the 120th Philippine Independence Day was celebrated with great success at Al Rayyan Sports Club Multipurpose Hall on 17 June 2018. The event was attended by almost 2,000 Filipinos from the different community organizations accredited by the Philippine Embassy, as well as their families and guests.

The celebration was dubbed as **HATID SAYA NI PANGULONG DUTERTE PARA SA MGA FILIPINO SA QATAR - "Kalayaan 2018: Pagbabagong Ipinagliaban, Alay sa Masaganang Kinabukasan"**.

PICE Qatar is one of the professional

organizations tasked to man the registration as early as 6:00 AM along with the other professional organizations that includes OFIE M, IIEE, ASEP RCCQ and FILTEQ. The program started at 9:00 AM and lasted until 2:00 PM.

The event was formally opened by H.E. Philippine Ambassador Alan L. Timbayan with his welcome remarks where he also read the message of Philippine President Rodrigo R. Duterte. Followed next were the messages from DFA Secretary Alan Peter S. Cayatano and OWWA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac, which was delivered by PE Doha Consul General Roussel R. Reyes and Labor Attache David Des Dicang respectively.

The Guest of Honor, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III, was introduced by H.E. Philippine Ambassador Alan L. Timbayan. The Qatar's Minister of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs, H.E. Dr. Essa Bin Saad Al Jafali Al Nuaimi also delivered his message to the Filipino Community

focused on the welfare of OFWs.

Filipino bands as well as Filipino artists and singers took turns in entertaining the crowd during the event.

The Philippine Airlines drew three (3) winning number from the registration and gave away two way tickets (Doha-Manila-Doha) to the lucky winners.

The major prize, sponsored by JC Premiere and represented by its Vice President and CFO Carlito Macadangdang, drew the lucky winning number and gave away one (1) Siomai King Food Cart Franchise. The lucky winner is one of the distressed OFWs sheltered at POLO-OWWA.

PICE Qatar was represented by its President Aileen Buenaflor, 1st VP Luisito Carlos, 2nd VP Sheila Medel, Secretary Elvin Fajutagana, Treasurer Michelle Revillosa, Auditor Emilio Manalo, COPI Chairman Alfonso Belito Betita, COWME Chairperson Newcesar Templonuevo and PICE Qatar Founding President Roy Baquiran.

# SAFETY Corner

Meliza Ortiguerra

## Routes to Safety Profession



Roles and responsibilities may increase over time.

### Careers in Safety

The primary focus of safety practice is to prevent incidents and accidents that may lead to injuries, illnesses, damage to property and equipment, or harm to the environment. Many companies have combined safety, health, and environmental matters into a single department.

While there are many opportunities for people to participate in safety matters on a part-time basis, most career positions are full-time positions. There are safety positions with different levels of responsibility in a safety career path. Each advancing level typically requires that one have higher levels of experience, education, and knowledge and skills in leadership, business practices, safety and health, and communication and information technology.

In the last few years, a huge increase in the number of certifications that occupational safety and health professionals are putting behind their names. But which ones are the most recognized, the most popular, and indeed the best? Below is the ranking of these 80 certifications based upon the number of times they turned up:

▶ 84 – CSP
▶ 26 – CHST
▶ 12 – CRSP
▶ 11 – CIH
▶ 9 – OHST
▶ 8 – ARM
▶ 8 – CHMM
▶ 7 – STS
▶ 6 – CRIS
▶ 5 – CSST
▶ 4 – CHSC, CET, GPS, CSHM, PE, COSS
▶ 3 – CSHO, ASP
▶ 2 – CUSA, CSM, SGE, CHSP, CSS, CHRP, CPEA
1 – COSHP, MPH, HRM, CSSH, REM, ASP, CXIT, OSHP, EHSM, CHSM, CHCM, CEES, COHN, CM, CPC, RSA, CPHRM, CESSWI, QSP, QSSP, CSSE, CSR, AIEMA, RIAD, CESCO, OHSW, EMT, OHS, CLSD, LGC, ASHM, CSHP, CBES, CFPS, SEM, CPE, RSO, NCCER, EES, MOS, OSH, CFPS, NCSO, MCP, CHSEP, CIT, NEBOSH, MSPH, NREMT, LPD, AEP, EMR, SMT, OSHT, OSHP

That’s sure a lot of acronyms!

How many of them had you heard of before? We were only familiar with 12 of the above 80 certifications.

Most people only listed one or two certifications behind their name.

The **CSP** (Certified Safety Professional) was in first place. **CHST** (Construction Health and Safety Technician) came in a distant second. **OHST** (Occupational Health and Safety Technologist) came in fifth place. All of these certifications are administered by the **Board of Certified Safety Professionals**.



In third place was **CRSP** (Canadian Registered Safety Professional). It is administered by the **Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals**. Fourth place went to **CIH** (Certified Industrial Hygienist).

The remaining certifications are either industry specific, discipline specific, risk specific, or second-tier certifications.

There are many ways to enter the safety field and advance along a career path. Here are a few routes of entry:

**Safety and Health Degrees.** A common career path is to obtain a **Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree in Safety** and enter the field as a professional. Some may begin with an associate degree in safety, health or the environment or a closely related field.

**Safety by Assignment.** Many people get involved in safety at various levels because their employer or union assigned them safety responsibility. The assignment may be on a safety committee, a plant safety committee, as a collateral duty or part-time assignment, or as a full-time safety person. These assignments often progress in responsibility. Some may start in other roles, such as human resources, with safety as part of their job. The responsibility grows with the effort to improve safety performance and compliance.

**Craft-to-Professional.** A number of people begin their involvement in safety through a leadership role in their craft or workgroup. As a supervisor or team leader, they may have responsibility for the safety of others. Interest in advancing safety may lead to a greater safety assignment.

**Safety by Experience.** Sometimes people get involved in safety because they were part of a significant incident in which they or others were injured or became ill. The experience moves them to pursue safety as a career field.

We suspect that many of the less popular certifications may be nothing more than certifications given by local organizations (or even employers) for completing a short course, conference, or seminar.

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# POTPOURRI

Danny Chan

## In Pursuit of Dreams

Is there any job or course of study you want to pursue but people are saying that you'll never get admission'?

Is there a new business idea that's been on your mind but you are being told that you'll never find the capital for it?

Often times when pursuing our dreams or wishes, we tend to face discouragement when we hear negative remarks from critics. Our natural reaction to such pessimistic words is to be upset and waste our precious time dealing with or thinking about what the naysayers are telling. These sap us of our energies and take us away from working on our goals.

We might as well ignore them, like the tiny frog in this story.



## The Frogs and The Tower



There once was a bunch of tiny frogs who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began. But honestly, no-one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower.

It is way too difficult! They will never make it to the top!

The tower is too high! There is no chance that they will succeed!

The crowd yelled.

The tiny frogs began collapsing one by one except for some who in earnest were climbing higher and higher.

It is too difficult! No one will make it!

The crowd continued to yell.

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up, but one continued higher and higher and higher. He wouldn't give up!

In the end, everyone else has given up climbing the tower except for one tiny frog who, after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top!

All of the other tiny frogs wondered how this one tiny frog managed to do it.

A contestant then asked the tiny frog how he found the strength to reach the goal.

It turned out that the winner was deaf.

**Moral of the story:** Let us learn to ignore other people's tendencies to be negative because they can take us away from our cherished goals. We should always think of the power which words have because everything we hear and read can affect our actions. By being deaf to the pessimism of others, we will always be on track in realizing our wonderful dreams and wishes.

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](mailto:piceqatarnewsletter@yahoo.com)

# FINANCIAL LITERACY

Felipe Catinoy

## PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING

### Are we prepared for homecoming?

This is a question that everyone is hesitant to answer with YES. In most cases, a lot of Overseas Filipino Worker (OFWs) did not get into the right track of saving the right amount of money as **Emergency Fund, Investment Fund, and Revolving Fund**. Or more so, cannot handle financing in a lucrative way. Wide-ranging whys and wherefores involving in such cases, some is our families back home are overspending, not into business for building the extra money sent to them (rest assured doesn't know what to do and need workshops and training); no time for investing; other distant family members are requesting from time to

time monetary support; and many to mention.

**Emergency Fund** is an amount of money we can utilize during the time we don't have a regular income, in such cases, we are sick or retrench from employment. This should be sufficient for our daily expenses for 6 months. Therefore, let us start to calculate our expenses, for us to save this fund.

**Investment Fund** is an amount of money we save from our income to put into diversified investment, as many utter the so-called "Never put all your eggs in one basket, diversify it". Always bear in mind that never invest in something that you don't know. Always study first and make some research on it. Preferably, get some help from experts. Such investment to consider is paper assets (stock market, mutual funds, and the like). Gone are the days that our parents are always reminding us to save money in the bank. We must consider the inflation rate. Our 1M pesos now, will not have the same buying power at the present. Saving money is only good for a revolving fund. We can consider also real estate investing, those which will generate income for us (such as rental income or buy &



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xa4fhqMQrYQ>

sale profit). Traditional business is on the list as well, but be sure to study on it; you have an interest in it and practice hands-on on it.

Lastly, the **Revolving Fund**. As the term suggests, this fund must remain available to support our day to day expenses.

Therefore, we, the OFW's must change our ways of managing our finances in order to satisfy the question, "**Are we prepared for homecoming?**" without disinclination. Wherever we may be and at this present generation, several individual and groups are sharing their passion in Financial Literacy which we can reach them for coaching and guidance. And more importantly, let us share as well what we had learned in such a way, we, all reach to a so-called "Financial Freedom". *References: Tulong ko Pasa Mo with Vic Garcia*





# PICE-QATAR EVENTS & FACES



**COPI at Al Bidda Park  
Get Together**



**SPLE Refresher and MME  
Exam Review**





# PICE-QATAR EVENTS & FACES



**120th Philippine Independence Day Celebration**



**Seminar on Quality Management System**



# SPORTS

**GAMEBOY's** *(Russel Flores)*  
**All Right Stop, Let's Kick It!**

We just concluded our sporting season with the Foundation Day as the culminating activity. And so I am facing a lull in my sports columns, so what else to write? This I asked.

Fortunately, I am in constant communication with my family and my 2nd daughter – Maria Sophia Ysabelle, gave an idea of what to write this month – and so here goes our corroborative feature.

Filipinos are not so familiar with football and most of us confused football with soccer and probably heard only of the ASKALS (perhaps through the good looks of the Younghusbands?). For starters, football (or soccer when you are in North America) is billed as the most popular sport in the World. Hence, if you are in this part of the world or in Europe or South America, you can feel the festive spirit that accompanies the World Cup.

Football fanatics from all over the world was so hyped as the 2018 FIFA World Cup cordially started last June 14 in Russia. What makes it so interesting is that four years from now, by 2022 to be exact - Qatar will be hosting this big event.

As an insight, what is football, or some may call it, soccer? "a football is a family of team sports that involve to varying degrees, kicking a ball with a foot to score a goal". Players will play non-stop in the pitch (court in basketball lingo) with Manager (court in basketball lingo) controlling the games in the sidelines. The games are traditionally played in an open field with the crowds supporting a city comes in droves like the Santiago Bernabeu (for Real Madrid) or the Old Trafford (Home of Manchester United).

Unlike in other games, football may end in a draw and blow out are normally when the winning team wins by a score of 5 – 0. The player who scored three consecutive goals is said to have scored a hat trick and will surely be praised by the fans!

We are known to ride the bandwagon when it comes to supporting a team, so when the football fever finally catches up with us – Stephen Curry, with all his 3-point shots will be immortal compared to the rare hat tricks in football! Also, we can stay awake watching a game that the winning team wins by a score of 1 – 0! However, when we get used to jumping with each goal scored, I wonder if we feel a great work out watching again the NBA finals! Start jumping, shouting or celebrating with each Lebron or Curry "GOALS".

By the way, for 90's kid like me, the title may look familiar...I took it from Vanilla Ice's signature rap. So Chill UP and relax.

Postscript: As GAMEBOY in this generation becomes irrelevant and obsolete, and so does my column. However, before resting "my pen", I thank everyone in the news team especially Chief Lito and PP Ron for the memories...this is your GAMEBOY phasing out....

**PICE Qatar Announced  
 New Life Members for  
 2018**

*Eman Boceta*

Eight PICE Qatar Members were approved as Life Members by the PICE National for 2018 (released June 2018), summing up the total PICE Qatar Life Member's Approval of 41 for 2018. They are as follows:

<Date Approved: 08-Feb-18>

**Romeo E. Dominisac**  
 PICE-Q No.: 3061  
 LM No.: 8815

**Cid O. Camba**  
 PICE-Q No.: 2105  
 LM No.: 8782

<Date Approved: 07-Mar-18>

**Aldin T. Asaali**  
 PICE-Q No.: 2023  
 LM No.: 8952

**Maria Victoria C. Reodique**  
 PICE-Q No.: 1891  
 LM No.: 8950

**Vicente Jr. M. Timonan**  
 PICE-Q No.: 2950  
 LM No.: 8947

**Robert D. Acedo**  
 PICE-Q No.: 2563  
 LM No.: 8948

**Joseph Marius R. Macaraig**  
 PICE-Q No.: 2444  
 LM No.: 8951

**Victoriano P. Bago**  
 PICE-Q No.: 1781  
 LM No.: 8949

PICE Qatar Chapter through the Committee on Life Membership and Specialist Applications (CoLSA) and Committee on Membership (COME) encourages every qualified member to prepare and submit their PICE Life Membership & Specialist application and avail of assistance in upgrading and levelling up with their competencies to be recognized in the ASEAN arena as well as in the international world of engineering professionals.

