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Engr. Victor V. Juego Jr. received the award on behalf of PICE Qatar Chapter from the PICE Pres. Dr. Ma. Catalina E. Cabral during the Induction Ceremony of PICE National Officers 2018 held at Sofitel Philippine Plaza, Manila, Philippines.

## PICE Qatar now has two scholars

Alfonso Betita

Mr. Roberto Tanyag, a third year Civil Engineering Student of Bulacan State University in Malolos, Bulacan was the latest student to be added in the PICE Qatar's list of scholars bringing the number to two with Mr. Michael Catimon, another 3rd Year Civil Engineering Student from Eastern Samar State University being the first. The scholarship program just became available to poor but deserving civil engineering students during the last quarter of 2017.

Each scholar receives a monthly stipend of P 4,500.00 per month or P 22,500.00 per semester to cover their monthly allowances from the time they were admitted into the program until they finished their civil engineering degree.

The candidates are endorsed by their universities through the assigned PICE-Q coordinators and were chosen through a panel interview by members of the PICE-Q Board of Directors.

## PICE Qatar Named Best International Chapter

Alfonso Betita

Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – Qatar Chapter (PICE-Q) was named last year's Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service by the Institute during the Board of Directors' Induction Ceremonies held last January 13, 2018 at Sofitel Plaza, Manila, Philippines.

The award was received by Engr. Victor V. Juego Jr. representing PICE-Q from the PICE President herself, Dr. Ma. Catalina E. Cabral.

Though the idea of sending an entry for the award was envisioned in the year 2015 during the incumbency of Past President Ronald Nilo, it is only lately that the plan did materialize. It is noteworthy however that through the combined effort and cooperation from the 2017 Board of Directors, PICE-Q unanimously brings home the bacon at first try.

*Inside story regarding the award, see p.12 ("PICE Qatar, To The Filipino, Through The Filipino")*

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# OPINION



## PICE QATAR “Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service 2017”

PICE Qatar aims for the moon and got the star instead as it was named “Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Public Service” in 2017 by the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers last January 13, 2018, in Manila.

It was a long winding road that began in 2015 when then PICE Q President Engr. Ronaldo B. Nilo jumpstarted the PICE Qatar Chapter’s official “unofficial” newsletter called “the Tekton”. Ambitiously planned to be issued monthly, the aim was to make it an entry as “Best Newsletter” at the PICE National. Unfortunately, despite of the efforts and commitments of those involved, it came short with four regular and one special issues only for the whole year of 2015 because of technicalities.

While it was a disappointment for those who are involved, a flicker of hope was seen the following year of 2016. Efforts to align the newsletter to the existing constitution and bylaws (CBL) of PICE Q was put in motion with the selection for the newsletter’s name floated to the membership and eventually included in the CBL which was ratified by the general membership later that year. In year 2017, a more organized set of staffers was tasked to run and managed the official PICE Qatar mouthpiece. With the maiden issue of PICE Qatar Newsletter coming off the press in January of the same year, the rest is history.

On the other hand, the term “Public Service” was never a new vocabulary to PICE Qatar. From its



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conception in 2007, the organization has catered and benefited the members, the Filipino Community as well as the host country, Qatar. As the organization strives for the betterment of civil engineering profession, the host country will always be there as a beneficiary at the end of the line – with us professionals using our developed skills and knowledge here abroad.

As we begin our journey to a new year of 2018 under a new leadership, the award that was bestowed will serve as a challenge and a reminder to persevere and do much better. With that, let us carry ourselves and aim for more this year.....be it in awards or accomplishments.



# THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

## Message from the President

### Aileen Abejero-Buenafior

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



A new year for everyone is a new opportunity to learn and lead. PICE Qatar enters a new episode with its new set of Board of Directors (BOD) and new members, from where we can expect future leaders. With the new members being ably supported by the regular members, the chapter is assured of maintaining its strong and progressive image as an organization. First and foremost, as your 2018 President, I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2017 Officers & BOD who collectively served the Chapter honorably by volunteering thousands of hours for the betterment of our Chapter. With their dedicated service, the Chapter came out on top having been conferred the "Best International Chapter Award for Community Service and Newsletter". This is the fruit of the love and hard work given by the Officers and members to the Chapter. Secondly, I would like to welcome the new set of Officers & BOD for the year 2018. I am very sure that we will do many great things together for the Chapter in the months to come and will continue to serve our fellow members to the best of our skills and abilities.

I am not only honored and privileged to serve you as the first Female President that will lead this prestigious Chapter but I am also humbled considering that we have many outstanding, inspiring and tireless leaders who keep this Chapter like a well-oiled machine running day in and day out throughout the year. They are the Executive Committees (24 strong) namely: 1st VP Alden Cayaga, 2nd VP Luisito Carlos, Sec. Elvin Fajutagana, Treas. Ma. Michelle

Revillosa, Aud. Sheila Medel, PRO Russel Flores, Bus. Mngr. Felipe Catinoy, Sgt.-At-Arms Belinda Dela Cruz and the Constitutional Committees: Chair. Medel Dalida, Chair. Newcesar Templonuevo, Chair. Alfonso Betita, Chair. Bernard De Vera, Chair. Loraine Radan, Chair. Emilio Manalo and Immediate Past President Allen Nacario and the Council of Advisers PP Gilbert Lorenzano, PP Ronald Nilo, PP Noel Jumawan, PP Arnel Punsalan, PP Delfino De Leon, PP Geraldo Managuelod, PP Jose Panganiban, PP Eric Garcia and FP Roy Baquiran. This Group of Leaders are definitely the cream of the crop. I am very thankful that they will be here to provide support and give their very best.

This year, the Board's priority will be to focus on the welfare of our Members: (1) Ensure that we keep delivering the best quality of our programs and events; (2) Help our fellow professionals in advancing their knowledge by facilitating the continuing professional development (CPD) thru the provision of trainings, seminars/workshop and field trips; (3) Continue to provide community service and extending assistance to concerned members in time of needs; and (4) Promoting the achievements of the organization and each members through official documents or the newsletter of PICE Qatar.

If you have found value being a member of this Chapter, I am encouraging you to get involved. We will listen and respond – that I promise. On the other hand, if you have an idea, comment, or wants an improvement in the Chapter, you may contact any

“*Together we will strive to maintain and further improve the standards of this organization.*”

member of the Board of Directors and convey your thoughts to them. Also, if you want to join any of the committees thru the spirit of volunteerism, you may do so. Such committees include the following: Membership, Ways and Means, PICE Qatar Affairs, Honors and Special Professional Licensure Examinations, Continuing Professional Advancement, Publication and Information and other Standing Committees. This is my call to each and every one. Be the rough diamond that will be polished thru your active participation in our Chapter. If you want to make a difference, reach out to the respective Chairs of the committees and let them know you are answering my call.

Again, it is with great pride and humility, that I am accepting the mantle of leadership which you have entrusted to me. With your support my fellow Civil Engineers and with the support of the past presidents and officers, together we can continue the success of this organization and leave its mark as an organization worth emulating. Together we will strive to maintain and further improve the standards of this organization. This will be all possible - with your support, dedication, and hard work.

# PICE QATAR UPDATES



## PICE-Q EXECOMM 2018 Holds First Monthly Meeting

*John Cromwell Esclanda*

The Executive Committee (EXECOMM) of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – Qatar Chapter (PICE-Q) held its first monthly meeting last January 12, 2018 Friday at the Rotana - City Center, Doha, Qatar.

Presided by the newly elected chapter president, Engr. Aileen A. Buenaflor, the 7-hour joint meeting between the 2017 and 2018 Board of Directors discusses issues pertaining to handover of power and

responsibilities to the current EXECOMM as well as activities planned for the year 2018. It also features the closing-out of the remaining issues by the out-going officials.

The EXECOMM meeting is held once a month at every first Friday unless a special motion to change the date due to unavoidable circumstances is approved by the Board of Directors. This is as mandated

by the latest adopted Constitution and By-Laws. The EXECOMM is composed of the 15 elected members of the Board of Directors, the elected representative of the council of advisers plus the appointed heads of the different committees.

## Continuing Professional Development Programs for 2018

*Meliza Oritiguerra*

In order to fulfil the expectations of our members, it was not enough to focus our efforts and attention exclusively on our traditional tasks. Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers Qatar (PICE Q), were called to better support the needs of our members by improving the promotion of the seminars and the use of professional education.

As part of our professional development and advancement, PICE Q will be having series of seminar and workshops for this year. Below is the upcoming schedule of seminar for 2018.

- March 2 & 9 - Training/Workshop on Basic Project Management by Engr. Arnold M. Puy
- April 6 & 13 - Training/Workshop on Advance Project Management by Engr. Arnold M. Puy
- April 20 - Seminar on Quality and Safety by Engr. Zaldy G. Alino
- April 27 - Seminar on Quality Management System in Construction Business by Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita
- May 18 - Seminar on Foul Water by Engr. Henrik Gal M. de Ocampo
- June 1 & 8 - Seminar on Extension of Time by Engr. Arnold M. Puy

### NEWSBIT

#### 7th INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE (ITC) IN KUWAIT

*Invitation for Delegates to the 7th International Technical Conference (ITC) in Kuwait to be hosted by: PICE Kuwait Chapter, conference date to be finalized but it would be within the Eid-Al-Adha Holidays on August 2018.*

- June 29, July 13, 20 & 27 - Training/Workshop on Basic Structural Analysis & Design Using Autodesk Robot Structural Analysis Professional by Engr. Alden P. Cayaga
- Aug 20 & 27 - Seminar on Civil 3D by Engr. Arnel P. Punsalan
- September 14 & 21 - Seminar on Estimation and Cost Control by Engr. Delfino C. de Leon



# PICE NATIONAL UPDATES

## 2018 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Elvin Fajutagana



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/picenational>

The Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers National conducts its induction of 2018 Officers and Directors held on 13th January 2018 at the Panay Function Room, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila, Pasay City.

The new set of Officers are Dr. Maria Catalina E. Cabral (President 2017 and 2018), Dr. Robert S. Licup (1st Vice President), Engr. Dimas S. Soguilon (2nd Vice President), Engr. April Frances Agatha G. Flores (Secretary), Engr. Lea N. Delfinado (Treasurer), Engr. Ronnel M. Tan (Business Manager), Engr. Albert A. Perfecto (Auditor), and Engr. Daisy B. Toledo (P.R.O.).

The roster of Directors includes Engr. Ixoperio R. Bonzon, Engr. Evelyn B. Cayat, Engr. Isaac S. David, Engr. Bernardo C. De Guzman, Engr. Edgardo A. Ong, Engr. Melchor L. Peralta, and Engr. Angel T. Torrejon.

The new set of Officers and Directors were inducted by Hon. Teofilo S. Pilando, Jr. the

Chairman of Professional Regulation Commission.

The National Executives consists of Dr. Ernesto S. De Castro (2016 President), Engr. David G. Sanchez as National Executive Secretary, and Engr. Erdsan Rene S. Suero as National Executive Director.

The program also featured the induction of New Chair Members of the 2018 PICE National Committees by Engr. Praxedes P. Bernardo, Chairman of Professional Regulatory Board for Civil Engineering and the

Conferral of Awards for ASEAN Federation of Engineering

Organization (AFEO) Honorary Fellow to Dr. Maria Catalina E. Cabral (PICE National President) and Engr. Romulo R. Agatep (PTC Country Register) presided by Engr. Federico A. Monsada - President of Philippine Technological Council (PTC).

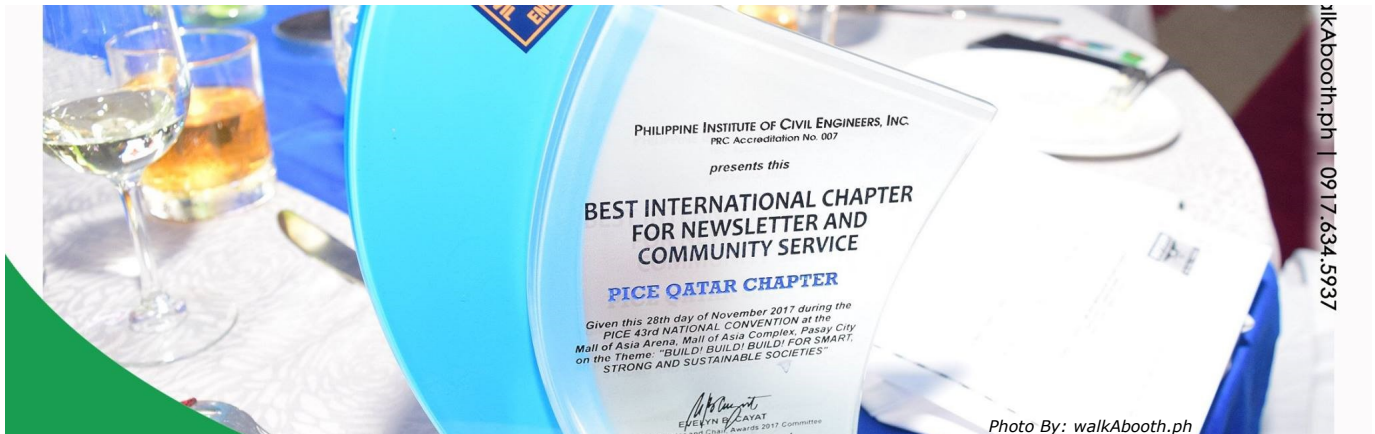
Source: PICE Event Programme & Website



### MESSAGE FROM PICE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

“My colleagues in the profession, We are all aware that there is a rapid change on how we manage to deliver our roles as civil engineers – the challenge of modern engineering practice. In fact, if the more seasoned civil engineers do not take seriously this trend, there, surely is, a digital divide between the sensor, but, well – experienced civil engineers, from the new and appropriate technologies in the making their a job, a walk in the park, so to speak.”

# FEATURE



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## And the Award Goes To: ... PICE Qatar Chapter

Del De Leon

### “FOR THE BEST INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER FOR NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE”!

All of us have watched the making of this movie as it unfolded from a concept story and eventually culminated into its being acknowledged by the award-giving body PACAR (PICE Assembly for Chapter Achievement Recognition) which I suppose coined its name from its equivalent award-giving bodies - P(F)AMAS and OSCAR!

And after watching any good movie, we would like to share the end credits - “to give honor where it is due”:

**Best Concept Story** – PP Engr. Ronaldo B. Nilo who during his term as PICE Qatar President that the idea of participating in international awards was coined up and thus, he and the 2015 BOD initiated the documentation of PICE Qatar’s first entry to the annual competition.

**Best Writer** – 1VP Engr. Alden Cayaga for painstakingly and meticulously documenting the activities of the Chapter that became the basis for the award.

**Best Performers** - to the following teams whose efforts became the basis for the awards:

To the Newsletter team headed by Engr. Felipe D. Catinoy and Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita and ably supervised by 1st VP Alden (then 2nd VP), who jointly steered the whole editorial staff in making sure that the monthly newsletter will be off the press on time and with contents that are really newsworthy that presented real happenings and events of the Chapter, creatively designed layouts, and other noteworthy features that tickle the minds of the members.

To the COPA team chaired by Engr. Emil Manalo with then 1st VP Engr. Aileen Abejero-Buenafior (now current President) as the Supervising officer, for their efforts in managing the monthly outreach programs for the distressed OFW’s housed in POLO-OWWA, not only serving meals but more importantly providing hope and inspiration to our less-fortunate “kababayans” in this part of the globe.

To the Green School Building team handled by Engr. Eric Reprima as Chairman and actively overseen by Engr. Arman Tolentino as the

Supervising BOD member. The team successfully implemented various community projects not only restoring but also building new green school buildings. Three projects of this kind were completed – the restoration of a School building in Catanduanes with Engr. Newcesar Templonuevo as project coordinator, the construction of 3rd Green School Building in Tarlac that has PP Engr. Gilbert Lorenzano as Project Coordinator, and the 4th Green School Building in Leyte and facilitated by Engr. Lito Betita.

**Best Director** – IPP Engr. Allen L. Nacario whose tireless efforts and persistence made it sure that every task is accomplished with efficiency and these leadership qualities paved the way for the Club to successfully bring about this milestone.

**Best Producer** – PICE Qatar Members, without whose generous and selfless contributions to each and every activity of the organization, the milestone would not have been achieved.



## COPI Corner

### Maiden issue of PICE-Q Newsletter 2018 is off the Shelves

*Alfonso Betita*

The first issue of the PICE-Q Newsletter for the year 2018 is off the shelves on the second week of February 2018, this is according to the Editor-In-Chief of the publication, Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita.

This is one of the twelve

monthly issues to be published by PICE-Q this year. According to Engr. Betita, the publication intends to come up with the soft copy of the monthly issue every 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the covered month of the newsletter.

PICE-Q Newsletter publication is under the responsibility and management of the Committee on Publications and Information also headed by Engr. Betita.

*(See Page 2 "Editorial" for 2018 Editorial Staff of the PICE-Q Newsletter)*

### COPI holds Journalism Workshop

*Katrina Magsino*



*In this File Photo: COPI Editorial Staffs attended the Workshop on Journalism*

The Committee on Publication and Information (COPI) conducted a Journalism workshop on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Oryx - Rotana Hotel, Doha, State of Qatar.

The whole day event was spearheaded by the 2018

understanding about journalism to the PICE-Q Newsletter Staff and to create a sense of professionalism from among the COPI members.

The workshop kicked-off with a brief introduction of the history of the PICE Qatar Newsletter and the

Chairman Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita and attended by the editorial staff of PICE Qatar's official publication unit and some guests from the PICE-Q Board Of Directors.

Speaking as the incoming Editor-In-Chief of the PICE Qatar Newsletter, Engr. Betita said that the objective of the workshop was to provide basic training and

understanding about journalism to the PICE-Q Newsletter Staff and to create a sense of professionalism from among the COPI members.

The workshop kicked-off with a brief introduction of the history of the PICE Qatar Newsletter and the

designation of the 2018 editorial staff. Among the journalism topics discussed were Feature Writing with 1st VP Engr. Alden P. Cayaga as the speaker; Sports Writing, News Writing and Editorial Writing by Engr. Betita; Basic Photography by Engr. Henrik Gal De Ocampo; and, Layouting (through Microsoft Publisher) by Engr. Jerick A. Lising.

In 2017, PICE Qatar Chapter bagged the "Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service" and it is this year's committee objective to attain the same feat as its predecessor.

Others who were present in the said event were Past COPI Chairman Engr. Felipe Catinoy, Engr. Christine Diosan, Engr. Meliza Ortiguerra, Engr. Emmanuel German Boceta, Engr. Newcesar Templonuevo, Engr. Katrina Magsino, Engr. John Cromwell Esclanda, Engr. Emilio M. Manalo and Engr. Aileen Buenafior.

### COPI Plans for 2018

*John Cromwell Esclanda*

Committee on Publication and Information (COPI) announce its plan for the year 2018 that it has submitted during the first PICE Qatar BOD 2018 meeting on 12 January 2018 at City Centre Rotana, Doha, Qatar.

With new set of PICE Qatar Newsletter Staff named and Committee members appointed by Chairman Alfonso Belito C. Betita, COPI targets to have a regular monthly issue for the whole year of 2018. The regular issue will be off the press at every seventh day of the month. Furthermore, two special issues for PICE Qatar Foundation Day

and General Assembly are also targeted for release.

A total of 30 copies of the regular issue are to be printed for the different important offices it marked for circulation while Soft copies will be sent to general membership through group email and posted also in PICE Qatar website at [www.piceqatar.com](http://www.piceqatar.com).

Regular sections of the PICE Qatar Newsletter are news section, regular columns (Editor-in-chief, Managing Editor and Sports Editor), feature articles (Safety, Sports, Membership, Community and Announcements),

featured BOD of the month, technical section, centerfold / Events and Faces (photographs), editorial staff box, editorials, editorial cartoons, president's corner, sports page, and advertisement.

PICE Qatar Chapter won the "Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service" during the PICE 43rd National Convention at Mall of Asia Arena, Pasay City, Philippines dated 28 November 2017. COPI together with other committees and members are targeting the same award for the year 2018.

# PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

## The Epitome of APEC Engineer's Charging and Conferment of Title

Luisito Carlos

During the APEC Engineer Conferment Ceremony initiated by the APEC Engineer Register Philippines on January 26, 2018 held at AG New World Manila Bay Hotel, Pedro Gil corner M. H. Del Pilar, Manila, the importance of "charging" has been defined and completely explained by no other than Engr. Romulo R. Agatep, Country Registrar for Engineering of Philippine Technological Council. Charging is a duty or responsibility being granted to someone and to appraise the duties and responsibilities being in the engineering register. Before bestowing or conferring the title to any potential APEC Engineer, he/she must undergo first the ceremonial charging.

The mission in the APEC Engineer Register is based on the qualifications & expertise or field of specialization. Being in the APEC Engineer register is an honor and privilege but involves corresponding duties and obligations.

Being an APEC Engineer is not only an additional page in the Curriculum Vitae, and those responsible for getting you in the APEC Engineer Register expects something from you. You will be charged to what you have done and what will not have done. As an APEC Engineer, you are required to practice only within the limits of your competency. In the practice of your profession, you must be guided always by the Code of Ethics, Honesty, Justice, and Courtesy. You must recognize such standards not in the passive observance but as a dynamic principle guiding your conduct and way of life.

The keystone of professional conduct is integrity, hence, you will discharge your duties to the public, your employer and clients with fairness & impartiality. You should uphold the honor and dignity of your profession and avoid association with any enterprise & people with questionable character. In dealing with your fellow engineers, you should be fair and tolerant.

You should undergo Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at a satisfactory level and to maintain a record of your CPD for all purposes. You must submit a certified independent engineering practice during the last three (3) years which commence from the day of the conferment and after three (3) years



Top Photo: PICE Qatar Engineers conferred as APEC Engineer (Engr. Nilo (left), Engr. Baquiran (middle), Engr. Carlos (right))

Bottom Photo: Oath of Membership by PTC President and NMC Chairman Engr. Federico A. Monsada

when you will renew your registration you have to submit the Engineering Practice Report and the 150 CPD units.

Being in the APEC Engineering Register, something more has been done than merely being in the register, you've been made an ambassador of APEC Engineer ideals. Those who know you will judge APEC Engineer by your conduct and you are expected to guide those who'd like to be in the register. Conferment of the title is bestowing an honor to somebody receiving that title.

APEC Engineer Register has two (2) virtues - Involvement and Commitment. Involvement means being in the forefront and center of APEC engineering programs and projects and not being on the receiving end and watching on the sidelines. Commitment means accepting other responsibilities when your participation & services are being tapped in the fulfillment of

its mission and advocacy.

If you think you cannot live up to these requirements, relinquish the position.

Immediately after the charging, follows the Oath of Membership to the APEC Engineer Register Philippines and in the fulfillment of professional services shall:

1. Always hold responsible for the welfare, health, and safety of the community before responsibility to sectional or private interests, or to other members;

2. Act with honor, integrity and dignity as to merit the continued trust and confidence of the community and, thereby, enhance the honor, reputation and usefulness of the profession;

3. Act with honesty, good faith and equity and without discrimination towards all in the community;

4. Act and perform services only in areas of competence and in a careful and diligent manner;

5. Apply skills and knowledge in the interest of the employer or client for whom I shall act as a faithful agent or trustee with integrity and without compromising any other obligation under these Tenets;

6. Where relevant, take reasonable steps to keep myself, the clients and employers properly and continually informed of the social, environmental, economic and other possible consequences which may arise from my action;

7. Express opinions, issue public statements or give evidence with fairness and honesty and only on the basis of adequate knowledge and facts established through diligent and careful research;

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**The epitome.....**(Cont. from page 9)

8.Continue to develop relevant knowledge, skills and expertise throughout the professional career and shall actively assist and encourage those with whom associated with to do the same; and

9.At all times, avoid deceptive acts and not assist in or induce any breach of these Tenets and the codes of the legal professional affiliations, but rather, endeavor to support those who seek to uphold them if called upon or put in a position to do so.

After completing the Oath of Membership officiated by the National Monitoring Committee from PTC, PRC and CHED; then followed the awarding of certificates and medallions, wearing of the APEC Engineer sash and pinning of the APEC Engineer pin.

Among the conferees are civil engineers from PICE Qatar namely Engr. Roy L. Baquiran, Engr. Ronaldo B. Nilo and Engr. Luisito S. Carlos. Engr. Eduardo V. Francisco is also one of the conferees but missed to attend the ceremony. PICE Qatar has now a total of five (5) APEC Engineers including Engr. Eddie B. Naldoza.

Below is the table listing all APEC Engineers in the Philippines including the recently conferred APEC engineers.

**APEC Engineer Register Philippines**



Discipline	Up to 2017	2018	Total	PICE Qatar
Geodetic	2	-	2	
Civil	14	7	21	5
Mechanical	12	-	12	
Electronics	7	8	15	
Electrical	12	-	12	
Sanitary	8	1	9	
Chemical	1	2	3	
Metallurgical	2	-	2	
Mining	7	-	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>83</b>	

Sources/References:  
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**SIDELINES**

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

*It's been 28 years since the last time I write a "column" and that was in 1991, back in my college days when I was the Managing Editor of the TIP Voice, the official school and student publication of the Technological Institute of the Philippines. Entitled "On the line" back then, that was the space where I freely write my opinions on issues in and out campus and other topics under the sun. It is an opportunity that I still feel grateful until this day.*

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*Fast forward to the present day....as the Chairman of the Committee on Publications and Information 2018 of the PICE Qatar and the Editor-In-Chief of PICE Q Newsletter, I again have this opportunity of writing a new column which now will be known as "SIDELINES" - the intention of which is to highlight and give my personal takes on events and current issues within the organization. This column will be a one of the many voices of ideas and opinions within the organization.*

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*This month of January, we have a new batch of PICE Qatar Board of Directors taking the helm of the organization for the year 2018. And for the first time in our history, we have elected a lady president that will lead our chapter in the person of Engr. Aileen Abejero-Buenafior. Coincidentally, PICE National is also headed by another lady for two years now - Dr. Maria Catalina E. Cabral. May their tribe increase!!!*

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*The BOD 2017 has launched and accomplished projects for the general membership and the Filipino community in large scales not previously seen before. This batch of officers just raised the bar for the 2018 BOD to hurdle. Kudos to Past President Allen Nacario and BOD 2017 for a Job well done. We gladly accept the challenge that was raised.*

*In January 13, 2018, another feather was added to PICE Q's hat as it was branded "the Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service" by PICE National during their induction ceremony held in Sofitel Philippine Plaza in Manila. Finally, our dream of being recognized as such just came true - thanks to the men and women of PICE Qatar who made this feat a reality. Truly PICE Qatar is an organization worthy of emulation.*

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*A new set of PICE Q Newsletter's Editorial Staff has been appointed to run the newsletter for 2018. They are the crème de la crème of last year's editorial staff who were given a fresh mandate. These writers and editors were tasked to serve the organization by bringing fresh and precise information to the general membership in a timely and professional manner. No delays please!!!*

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*Last January 26, 2018, COPI launched it's 2018 program by hosting a seminar/workshop in Journalism which is designed to hone the skills of the newsletter's staffs on news writing, sports writing, feature writing, editorial writing, lay-outing and photography basics. It also touches on journalism ethics - an element of professional journalism that is almost forgotten nowadays.*

*It follows a workshop on adobe photoshop held a week before - a brainchild of our president, Engr. Aileen Abejero-Buenafior.*

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*The current plan of COPI to come off the press with the newsletter at every seventh of the month might be a bit tiring and will not be a walk in the park - it will drain lots of energy and maybe resources as well. Nevertheless, if done with great planning, effort, dedication and cooperation from among the players, the reward will be there at the end. And I say let's go for the national award again this year.*

# KNOW THE BOARD

*Alfonso Betita*

PICE Qatar is one of the biggest, if not the biggest Filipino organization in Qatar with a registered member numbering more than 3,100 civil engineers based on the latest count. Our organization is alive and very active when it comes to the welfare of its members and the Filipino community alike. For that very reason, the chapter was bestowed with the "Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service" in 2017 – a proof how dynamic PICE Qatar is. Though we all deserve the accolades because of our cooperation and support to the organization, it is also a fact that the success of our organization is partly because of our dynamic leaders whose acts of selflessness and untiring dedication stirs the chapter in the right direction. These men and women of PICE Qatar are the epitome of leadership that is worth emulating and the envy of other organizations.

Just last November 2017, we elected a new set of Board of Directors (BOD) that will run the chapter's affair for 2018. We at PICE Qatar Newsletter feels that is our duty to introduce the "who's who" of the BOD to the General Membership. In doing so, we will feature no more than two BODs in each monthly issue of our Newsletter beginning with the President and the 1st Vice President:

## THE President

Our very first lady president is a Specialist in Project Management who has more than 12 years of experience as a Civil Engineer wherein almost 9 years of it is in Qatar. She is a Life Member of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers and is a registered ASEAN Engineer.

She completed her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE) Degree in 2001 Western Mindanao State University where she also earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology in 2000 and her Diploma in Civil Technology in 1999. She placed 8th in Academic Excellency.

She previously worked with Lara Construction in Dumaguete City, Philippines as Project Engineer from to August June 2002, with Jay Art Construction in Zamboanga City, Philippines, as Project Engineer from July to December 2013 before working as administrative assistant for the Department of Interior and Local Government – Zamboanga City from August 2004 to April 2007.

She started her career in Qatar as Office Engineer / Quantity Surveyor for JV Bilfinger Berger – Al Hamed from May 2007 to November 2009. She then transferred to HOCTIEF Solution Middle East in Doha, State of Qatar as Office Engineer from November 2009 to February 2014.

Currently, she is working for Salini Impregilo – ISG JV as Quantity Surveyor for the Red Line North Underground (Qatar Rail Project) since March 10, 2014.



**Engr. Aileen Abejero-Buenafior**  
PICE-Q President, 2018



**Engr. Alden P. Cayaga**  
PICE-Q 1st Vice President, 2018 and  
Managing Editor – PICE-Q Newsletter

## THE 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Our 1st Vice President is a civil/structural engineer by profession with eighteen (18) years of work experience in the field of civil/structural engineering (design); construction supervision & project management; and geotechnical engineering. He is also the current Regional Coordinator of the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines (ASEP) in Qatar.

He is an Accredited Engineer by MMUP-Qatar, an ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer, ASEAN Engineer, Filipino ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer and a Regular Member of ASEP.

Engr. Cayaga completed his degree in Civil Engineering in the year 2000 from the University of the Philippines – Los Baños, Laguna.

His career in Civil Engineering spans 18 years beginning with Equipment Engineers, Inc. where he worked as controller from June 2000 to May 2001. In May 2001 to July 2001, he joined the engineering faculty of the University of Perpetual Help Rizal – Calamba Campus. He then served as Cost Engineer of Thermotec, Inc. from July 2001 to August 2001 after which he was transferred to its sister-company, Sterling Construction and Development Corporation as Engineer 1 from August 2001 to April 2005. He was promoted to Structural Engineer in May 2005 and worked until May 2008 in Carmona, Cavite.

He began his career in Doha, Qatar for MZ & Partners as Structural Engineer from May 19, 2008 to January 31, 2015. He is currently a Senior Civil / Structural Engineer of Neo Spectrum Engineering Consultancy since February 2015.



# PICE QATAR UPDATES

## PICE-Qatar to Induct 2018 BOD's and Committee Members

*Alfonso Betita*

On February 16, 2018, Friday, the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – Qatar Chapter (PICE-Q) will be inducting its 2018 Board of Directors, Committee Members and new members at the Oryx Rotana Hotel, Airport Road, Doha, State of Qatar. The program will be from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

WITH "PICE Qatar: Advancing the Civil Engineering Profession Through Global Recognition" as this year's theme, the Induction Program will be graced by Hon. Roussel R. Reyes, First Secretary and Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Doha, as Guest Speaker.

Also included in the program is the presentation of special awards to deserving committee members for their support and commitment to the organization.

To be sworn into office as 2018 PICE-Q Board of Directors are as follows:

**President:**

Engr. Aileen Abejero-Buenafior

**1st Vice President:**

Engr. Alden P. Cayaga

**2nd Vice President:**

Engr. Luisito S. Carlos

**Secretary:** Engr. Elvin D. Fajutagana

**Treasurer:**

Engr. Maria Michelle A. Revillosa

**Auditor:** Engr. Sheila L. Medel

**Business Manager:**

Engr. Felipe D. Catinoy

**Public Relations Officer:**

Engr. Russel D. Flores

**Sergeant – At – Arms:**

Engr. Belinda E. Dela Cruz

**Chairman, Committee on**

**Membership:** Engr. Medel F. Dalida

**Chairman, Committee on Ways and**

**Means:**

Engr. Newcesar T. Templonuevo

**Chairman, Committee on PICE**

**Qatar Affairs:** Engr. Emilio M. Manalo

**Chairman, Committee on Honors**

**and Professional Licensure**

**Examination:**

Engr. Bernard Y. De Vera

**Chairman, Committee on**

**Continuing Professional**

**Advancement:**

Engr. Loraine C. Radan

**Chairman, Committee on**

**Publications and Information:**

Engr. Alfonso Belito C. Betita

## PICE Qatar in Career Simulation Workshop

*Luisito Carlos*

PICE Qatar finally agreed to participate in the Philippine School Doha's (PSD) Senior High School Career Simulation Seminar Workshop after the last hindrance was finally hurdled during the meeting with Dr. Paulita D. Pal, Ed. D., representing PSD, at the PICE-Q Headquarters last January 14, 2018.

The simulation seminar workshop is a requirement for the final subject Research-Culminating activity-capstone project for STEM strand and work immersion-culminating activity-business simulation for ABM strand for grade 12 students.

PICE-Q provide lessons in the basics of vertical and horizontal construction for six consecutive Fridays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM beginning on January 12, 2018.

Engrs. Delfino C. De Leon, Nasser K. Sanoh and Alfonso Belito C Betita were tapped to conduct lectures on Estimates, Horizontal and Vertical constructions. There are currently 17 students enrolled in civil engineering simulation courses.

As of this writing, lectures on horizontal construction by Engr. Sanoh has been successfully completed.



*In this file Photo: Engr. Nasser K. Sanoh giving lectures to Senior High School Students of Philippine School Doha*

## Seminar on Photoshop Held

*Alfonso Betita*

A seminar on photo editing using adobe photoshop software was held last January 19, 2018 at the Oryx -Rotana Hotel, Doha, Qatar under the auspices of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – Qatar Chapter.

The brainchild of Engr. Aileen A. Buenafior, the seminar aims to augment the

Seminar / Workshop on Journalism which includes basic photography as one of its topic.

Mr. Lopena, an expert in photograph editing provides lectures on the use of adobe photoshop and editing techniques. The lecture started at 1:00PM until 5:00 PM.



*Participants to the photo editing seminar listens attentively to the pointers given by Mr. Rommel Lopena in this file photo.*

# PICE QATAR UPDATES

## Inside Story: PICE Qatar, To the Filipino, Through the Filipino

*Jerick Lising*

For the past decade, PICE Qatar demonstrates an exemplary and notable contribution to the Filipino Community here in the State of Qatar and most especially to our countrymen in the Philippines. Having the "Social Responsibility" as one of the five core values of PICE, the chapter upholds this value throughout the years with the help of the vigorous officials and members. These are the numerous program that PICE Qatar has started: bloodletting activity, outreach for distressed Filipino OFW in POLO-OWWA Office in Qatar and constructing green building school projects (5 nos. as to date), assisting in a toy library project and granting

scholarship program for selected Civil Engineering students in the Philippines.

PICE Qatar's primary concern is for the benefit of its general membership which all stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization. But as a naturally born Filipino, we are fond of lending a hand to each other through the tests of time. For that reason and thru the initiative of the chapter president and officials of the organization, they are coming up with the ideas on how to help without expecting anything in return.

Early this 2018, PICE Qatar received

an award from the PICE National for being the Best International Chapter for Newsletter and Community Service, as one of the greatest achievement the chapter has received since it was established last 2007. Aiming to be a channel of goodwill not only for Civil Engineer Professionals but for every Kabayans here in Qatar, building a better community among its members and being an inspiration to others, this is what PICE Qatar's driving motivation to continue what we have started - this is the legacy that we will continue to treasure for the years to come.

*Mabuhay PICE Qatar!*

## SPLE Updates - COHOPLE

*Felipe Catinoy*

Engr. Bernard De Vera chairs the Committee on Honors and Professional Licensure Examination (COHOPLE). As per Chair De Vera, there were 72 enrollees as to-date, but the attendance last session was only 34. He is still expecting new enrollees on February as there are still inquiries received in the Facebook Page and direct phone inquiries.

Proactive team structure of the committee comprises of the following:

Vice-Chairman:

Rolando A. Conception

Vice-Chairwoman:

Elizabeth M. Beltran

Members:

Christopher Abenes

Airene M. Abenes

Susana O. Nacario

Irene B. Abeño

Angeliz I. Ebarle

Rogel B. Banal

Andy Armamento

Roumel Casinsinan

Mandy A. Vicente

Review Instructors:

Jeffrey P. Cimagala

Hilario S. Amoguis

Analiza Bettina T. Mamauag

Ideen C. Arcangel

Rolando A. Conception

Rufino F. Bautista

Mark Laurence De Guzman

Rey Denzil P. Obnimaga

## PPO-Q / UFOQQ Corner

### Chairman Cabreros presides first PPO-Q Meeting for 2018

*Alden Cayaga*



*Photo courtesy of Arch. Miggy Garcia*

*Labor Attache, David Des Dicang, delivering embassy news and updates to the PPO-Q representatives at POLO-OWWA Office on Jan. 08, 2018*

**Philippine Professional Organization - Qatar (PPO-Q)** conducted its first regular meeting for the year 2018 on January 8, under Engr. Voltaire Cabreros of IIEE-SQC as the new chairman.

Labor Attaché David Des Dicang of POLO-Doha was also present during the meeting to deliver timely embassy news and updates to the representatives of the different professional organizations who were present during the said meeting.

Several tasks were discussed, including the planning and

scheduling of all PPO-Q activities for the year and the proposed revisions and updates of the PPO-Q Memorandum of Agreement to include the professional organizations of Geodetic Engineering and Dentistry.

Chairman Cabreros also requested the list of representatives of each professional organization to update the PPO-Q directory.

PICE Qatar was represented in that meeting by President Aileen Buenafior, 1st Vice-President Alden Cayaga, 2nd Vice-President Luisito Carlos, Secretary Elvin Fajutagana and Past President Gerry Managuelod (former Chairman of PPO-Q).



# SAFETY Corner

## BEAT THE FLU BEFORE IT BEATS YOU

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

The "brrr" season that has started a few months ago will soon be over but as the ice in cold regions began to melt, the intensity of coldness could be more pronounced and experienced worldwide. For us who are from tropical countries of ASIA but who are currently living in the desert region of the Middle East, this can truly spell a disaster especially to our children.

As a civil engineer working as a safety professional, I normally come across with different safety bulletins that are accurate and "timely" to current safety, environmental and health issues. Through our field is in construction and we are no experts in health nor we are trying to be one, the "website" and bulletins are reach sources of knowledge that we can use as a precautionary measure and stay healthy and strong in our everyday life.

Let me share to you some of the ideas and tips that I got from our safety bulletin and from the "NET". This will give you ideas on how to stay away from sickness brought about by the changing but still cold weather that we are experiencing. Credit goes to the original writer/s.



**WHAT IS FLU?** A Flu is also known as influenza. It is a common respiratory (nose, throat and lung) infection. It can cause fever, muscle aches, extreme tiredness, sore throat, headaches and a runny or stuffy nose. During each Flu season, different flu virus strains spread and affect people differently based on their body's ability to fight infection. Even healthy children and adults can get very sick from the flu and can spread it to friends, co-workers and family.

Influenza Virus may be transmitted among humans in three ways:

1. Direct contact with infected individuals
2. Contact with contaminated objects
3. Inhalation

You can catch the flu, if a flu virus gets into your eyes, nose or mouth. This may

happen if an infected person coughs or sneezes near you or if you touch a surface (such as doorknobs or an elevator button) that has been touched by an infected person and then touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

What causes the flu and how does it spread?



**The Flu is caused by viruses. There are three main types of the flu viruses:**

1. Influenza A,
2. Influenza B and
3. Influenza C.

Influenza A and B are the most common. They cause the flu during the winter months - also called "Seasonal Flu". An influenza C virus is called a mild illness and not often infects people.

### WATCH OUT FOR SYMPTOMS:

Flu symptoms usually appears Two (2) to Three (3) days after you are exposed to the virus. Although they may appear anywhere from One (1) to Seven (7) days after you are exposed. The flu is highly transmittable and can spread very quickly through a group of people. Symptoms of flu include sudden onset of fever, sudden onset of cough, fatigue, sore throat, muscle or body aches, headache, runny nose, and loss of appetite.

### Flu Protection for yourself and others:

There are many simple things you can do to help in preventing flu infection. This is especially significant for people who are at risk of flu complications and more serious illness. Such people are also more likely to be hospitalized. At risk people includes children between the ages of Six (6) and Twenty three (23) months, pregnant, women people with medical conditions and people who are older than Sixty Five (65) years old.

**This Flu season, stay on top of your health by taking the following steps to prevent spreading the flu:**

**AVOID CONTACT:** Avoiding someone who has the flu is the most obvious way to protect yourself from the flu.

**WASH YOUR HANDS:** Frequent hand washing is simple way to reduce the spread of the Flu virus. Proper hand washing means washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

**WATCH WHERE YOU COUGH, SNEEZE and PLACE YOUR HANDS:** The Flu virus can enter the body through the mouth, nose or eyes, so avoid touching your face with your hands. In addition, you should cough and sneeze into a tissue and dispose of the tissue immediately.

**STAY HEALTHY:** Your immune system needs all the strength it can get. Keep it strong by eating healthy meals and staying physically active.

**CLEAN AND DISINFECT:** Since viruses can live on hard surfaces for up to Forty Eight (48) hours. Common surface area should be cleaned and disinfected regularly with household cleaners. Make sure you scrub down doorknobs, light switches, keyboards, computer mouse, telephone and remote controls.

**MANAGE YOUR MEDICAL CONDITION:** People who have chronic medical conditions should make sure they are managing them as well as possible. These people are at risk of flu complications. Follow all treatment options (e.g. medications, vaccines against certain diseases such as Flu or pneumonia) as recommended by your doctor.

"The annual seasonal Flu Vaccine is the best way to reduce the risk that you will catch the flu and spread it to your love ones"

Every Sixty (60) seconds, an office worker touches Thirty (30) objects which may be contaminated by bacterial or viruses.

Our hands are responsible for the spread of 80% of common infectious diseases. People normally touch their faces 18 times an hour.





# PICE QATAR EVENTS & FACES



## PICE-Q EXECOMM Christmas Party 2017



## 1st PICE-Q EXECOMM Meeting 2018



## PICE-Q Workshops and Seminars





# POTPOURRI

## Get into the Green Hobby

Danny Chan

Civil engineering is one of the more stressful jobs. It consists of completing projects by deadlines that cause mental or emotional stress. In addition to project deadlines, a Civil Engineer creates projects that affect people, requiring utmost care and due diligence in the design, review, and execution of the project. This further adds a layer of stress to a Civil Engineer. A great way to relieve stress is having a hobby. A hobby is a pursuit outside one's regular occupation for relaxation. However, for a number of Civil Engineers here in Qatar, it seems like the popular leisure activities are watching television and catching up on Facebook. It's a pity because having hobbies can have real benefits. An outside pursuit can be a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and experience new adventures, whether that's engaging in sports or joining arts or photography classes.



One of the more fulfilling and relaxing hobbies that is gaining popularity among Filipinos here in Qatar is the green hobby called Hydroponics. It is a soil-less, pesticide-free, water-based way of growing fresh vegetables outdoors or indoors using recyclable materials including Styrofoam boxes and cups. Instead of using nutrients in the soil, plants are grown in inert grow media such as coco peat, perlite, rock wool, etc. and roots directly immersed into a nutrient solution which contains the minerals that the plants need. Vegetables that are being grown in Hydroponics systems include lettuce, cabbage, tomato, water spinach among others. It is a hobby that not only helps one relax but also provides food on one's dining table.

Hobbies are important. It can provide a creative outlet for stressed Civil Engineers that one might not get in one's everyday life. It helps one forget the daily problems and unwind after a hard day's work and give one lots of pleasure and fulfillment. So why don't we give it a try?



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)

# WHAT'S TRENDING?

## Financial Awareness

*Felipe Catino*

As I browsed facebook a few days ago, I came across the post of Mr. Sid Luna and it certainly catch my attention being quoted at the end with **"Madami ang TAPOS, pero bakit madami ang KAPOS?"** in their locality before; and most importantly the sad truth is that a vast majority of us Professionals are not aware on how to have freedom in our finances.

Very true to mostly OFW's who decided to work abroad due to none sustaining work income available in the Philippines. Let's accept the fact that a lot of graduates worked as house helper abroad, even when in some instances, they were working as professionals



**Sid Luna**  
February 6 at 6:02pm · 🌐

#RealTalk 😊

If you put bananas and money in front of monkeys, they will choose banana because monkeys do not know that money can buy a lot of bananas.  
- Jack Ma

Let's take "Kuya" as an example. He sells buko for a living. He has no boss, he has no rent or utilities to pay. But he owns a small buko farm and he sells buko juice on the streets of Makati for only P15! 🙄

Aside from the juice, he also offers the meat of the coconut. He averagely earns P 2,500 DAILY, and that's WAY MORE than MOST EMPLOYEES earn in Makati (ie. minimum wage of P4,000-6,000 minus tax! 😊)

In reality, if you offer JOB and BUSINESS to people, they would choose JOB-- because most people do not know that businesses can bring more money than wages or job.

Reflect on this:  
Are you really doing something for your future? Or are you just working for you to pay your monthly dues?

"Madami ang TAPOS, pero bakit madami ang KAPOS?" 🙄

#BusinessVSJob  
#Perspective  
#LeveragedIncome

## Sports Corner: GAMEBOY

*Russel Flores*

### Title: Let the Games Begin

Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor Jr once said, "One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team".

The plan for sports activities for this year was already hatched under the leadership of the new Sergeant-At-Arms and concurrent Chair for Sports – Engr. Belinda Dela Cruz. Preparations are underway for the Inter-Color Basketball League (ICBL), Bowling and Tennis Tournament.

For the basketball league, a new breed of players joined the draft and the selection for teams was done on 31 January 2018. Coaches hoped to take players that could improve their team's chances of taking this year's crown. Can we have another Canlas or 2017's ROY Caguioa who energized their teams, can we see new shooters like the Espino or 2017's MVP Maldia, or see new bangers who will compete with Pedigloria or Martinez? Let us not forget, who will the teams parade as their muses in the opening day? Well, surely it will be an exciting day for all especially during the selection for the best muse! For this year's ICBL, here is my take on each team:

**Black Team** – being the defending champions, the pressure will be on them. They will be playing each game with a bullseye on their backs. Can they take the pressure, can the barangay black carry them through and defend

the crown? Key players will be Maldia, Canlas, Pedigloria ably backed by role players who are willing to dive and fight for each ball positions.

**Maroon Team** – Being the 1st runner-up, they will always be a favorite to win the crown. With their height especially their twin towers and the accurate shooting of Espino, they will definitely be difficult to match.

**Red Team** – A perennial contender with a dangerous mix of height and speed. The towering Dela Cruz manning the paint with a penchant for the perimeter shot and Paurco shooting the lights out? They can be champions this year if only they settle down and don't get distracted.

**Blue Team** – The only 3x Champions of the ICBL. This fact is sure enough to make us place our bets on them. Composed of seasoned veterans of various local leagues with former MVP's Caballero and Malabiga. With their teamwork and cohesion, they will always be a contender to reclaim their crown.

**White Team** – 2016 ICBL champions were depleted last year which hampered their campaign. shooting big man like unstoppable Paulin and If they fill the voids in their line-up, surely they can beat any team in the league.

**Purple Team** – last year's surprise team nearly went to the Semis. Let's see how they play this year.

**Yellow Team** – still an expansion team.

Will this year's draft bring the "franchise" a quality player for them? Let's find out!

**Orange Team** – For years, they were an epitome of sportsmanship. Win or lose, they will play their hearts out each game. Will the draft provide their main man, the sweet-shooting Banda his needed support?

As we start the games, let us not forget why we have this tournament – an avenue to strengthen the bond among members not to break noses, a chance to relax and mingle with our colleagues and not a time shout curses when a call is not in our favor, and lastly a time to be part of PICE Qatar activity and not to boycott a game for any reason that could taint our organization. Remember that the ICBL was created to "foster a spirit of pride, responsibility, and camaraderie in the Civil Engineering Profession".

With that said, let us all say LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

By the way, Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor Jr. is the legendary Lakers player who made the sky hook famous – he is known in the court as no other than the famous Kareem Abdul Jabbar!

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