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Different PICE Qatar Sporting Activities TL: Tennis, TR: Chess, BL: Badminton, BR: Bowling, C: Basketball

standing is as follows:

SN	Team	Win	Loss
1	Gray	5	0
4	White	4	1
2	Cyan	3	1
5	Blue	3	2
3	Black	2	3
6	Violet	2	3
7	Green	0	4
8	Orange	0	5

## Bowling Tournament

The Bowling Tournament officially kickstarted on February 28, 2019 at the Qatar Bowling Center. There were 12 teams competing this year with a total of 60 members and their families participating.

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## PICE QATAR OPENS SPORTING SEASON

Alfonso Betita

**P**hilippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Qatar Chapter heats up the month of March as it officially started its sporting season with simultaneous opening of several sporting competitions leading to the celebration of its 12th Founding Anniversary on May 24, 2019.

Competitions in basketball, lawn tennis, chess, badminton, and bowling is currently in the peak with members and fans betting for their favorite teams with fingers crossed. Reports coming from the field indicated the various team standings in each of the on-going competitions.

### Basketball – President's Cup

The "Alaskadors" a.k.a. "Bully Bulls" now donning fuchsia colors trounces its old rival neon green "Goblins" in dominant fashion 4 games to "0" in the 4th Season's best of 7 series. After taking the first game in the opening round last March 1, 2019 at the Aspire

Ladies Sports Hall Basketball Court, the "Bullies" never looked back to take the next succeeding 3 games over their opponent who did not recover from the initial onslaught.

### Basketball – Inter-Color Basketball League 2019

The Inter-Color Basketball League 2019 held the soft opening game on March 1, 2019 and its official opening a week later, March 8, 2019. This year's ICBL is scheduled for an eight-game elimination round, a two-game semi-final round and 3-game championship matches which was being held every Friday at the Aspire Ladies Hall Indoor Basketball Courts. There were eight teams participating including the defending champion Green Team, Gray team, White team, Cyan Team, Blue Team, Black Team, Violet Team, Green Team, and Orange Team.

As of this writing, the teams

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# OPINION



## SPORTS - A WAY TO A HEALTHY LIFE, IMPROVED CAMARADERIE?

**M**arch is the traditional sporting month for PICE Qatar – a primer for its forthcoming foundation anniversary in May. From its early concept where basketball was the only big sporting competition it carries in its wing under the banner Inter-Color Basketball League, it slowly morphed into something bigger that now includes bowling, tennis and recently, the badminton and chess tourneys. Thanks to the former and current energetic sergeant-at-arms who also served or currently serving as chairman of the Sports, Leisure and Recreation.

**“Unless we learn to be true sportsmen and change the way we compete, the “sword of Damocles” will always be “hanging above our head”.**

PICE Qatar, in organizing these on-going sporting events, aims at fostering camaraderie among its members while encouraging its members and their families to have a healthy life and enjoy the benefit of being a member of this organization. Though the element of competition is an important

aspect of any sporting events that cannot be denied, the sporting committee is doing everything it can and in its hands to instill discipline in a friendly competition among the participants/competitors and let the competition's fire continuously burns but not become so hot that it goes out of control.

Several measures were installed in place by the committee to have a firm grip of the games. In basketball, for example, a new rule was enforced to guarantee the playing time for each player of the competing teams regardless of their playing skills. This was agreed upon, accepted by the committee and the team managers/coaches and included in the tournament's rules prior to the start of the league. During the actual game, however, the same rule brought confusions and delay in the games as arguments on the implementation of the newly agreed rules became frequent by those very same people who formulated and agreed to impose it. It seems that everything that was once agreed upon is just turning into another point of argument - call it a potential flashpoint in the heat of the game.

The way some people act on the



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playing court, however, causes concern on the part of the committee and the PICE Qatar Leadership as a whole. They are worried that some players in the court are losing their spirit of sportsmanship. They are worried that the misunderstanding in the court will lead to something that is bad for the organization's reputation and for everyone's safety and peace. Unless we learn to be true sportsmen and change the way we compete, the "sword of Damocles" will always be "hanging above our head".

The threat brought about by sports competition being undertaken by PICE Qatar will remain unless members/players learn the true meaning of sportsmanship. Everyone needs to put in mind that the objective of these sporting events is to foster camaraderie among the memberships. These on-going sporting events should be bringing members closer together and not separate them apart.



# THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

## Message from the President

**Helario S. Amoguis**

**CEng, ASEAN Eng.**

***The 12th President of PICE Qatar Chapter***



with COHOPLE Chairman Bernard De Vera for assistance.

**S**ignificant members of PICE Qatar were physically active during the month of March as our sports activities were in full swing. It was not only during Fridays but some weeknights as well that the sports games were held which aims to promote physical health, camaraderie, and sportsmanship among members. Currently, there are 5 different games being played that include Basketball, Bowling, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, and Chess. Over 200 active members participated in our ongoing sports game which will culminate on May 24, 2019 at Qatar Bowling Center.

As we move toward the 2nd Quarter of the year, allow me to manifest our Chapter's significant activities in the past weeks and contemplate what's best for the chapter and to our members.

### March 1

- ◆ 3rd EXECOMM Regular Meeting was held at PICE Qatar Headquarters. The meeting was attended by all of the 15 Board of Directors (BOD), the Immediate Past President (IPP), 5 Past Presidents and 2 Standing Committee chairmen.

- ◆ The culmination of Career Seminar Simulation Workshop with PSD Senior High School held at the Philippine School Doha Gymnasium. PICE Qatar, thru its Support Program and Events Committee for Students (SPECS), actively supported this workshop by sending several of our members as Resource Speakers. PICE Qatar's delegation in the awarding ceremony includes our 1VP Sheila Medel, 2VP Elvin Fajutagana, and SPECS Chairman Arman Tolentino. Our 1st VP received the Plaque of Appreciation in behalf of the Chapter.

- ◆ The soft opening of the 9th Inter-Color Basketball League (ICBL) and 4th Presidential Cup was held. The latter was participated by officers and committee members for entertainment and camaraderie among the group.

### March 8

- ◆ Beach Cleanup activity in Al Wakra family beach was conducted and spearheaded by the Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA) Chairman Emmanuel German Boceta. The community service activity of the chapter intends to inspire other people to take care of the environment and instill a sense of social responsibility. The event was participated by all past presidents of the chapters, officers, and members.

- ◆ The grand opening of the PICE Qatar Inter-Color Basketball League (ICBL) 9th Season and President's Cup 4th Season was held at the Aspire Ladies Sports Hall. The grand opening was graced by ten beautiful ladies who respectively acted as Muses of the competing teams. The event was participated by over a hundred PICE Qatar members, families and friends. Past Presidents were also present acting as Judges and later presented the trophies and medals to the winners of the different individual and team competitions.

### March 11

- ◆ Together with 1st VP Sheila Medel and 2nd VP Elvin Fajutagana, Past President Geraldo Managuelod, and Committee on Honors and Special Professional Licensure Examination (COHOPLE) Chairman Bernard De Vera, we attended the 3rd PPO-Qatar meeting held at POLO-OWWA Office. The monthly meetings are set every second Monday of each month in preparation to SPLE 2019. An official announcement for 2019 Board Examination in Doha for different discipline was released by PRC and the examination dates will be on August 12-14, 2019. The deadline for online application and the submission of documents will be on May 10, 2019. For PICE Qatar associate member who wants to grab the opportunity to take the board examination, please coordinate

### March 15

- ◆ The Seminar / workshop on Recycled/Re-use Water Distribution System Design for Mega Cities was conducted and presented by Henrik Gal De Ocampo which the Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement (COCPA) Chairman Loraine Radan spearheaded and organized the activity. There were 21 active members participated in the seminar, learning and earning CPD units approved by the CPD Council. The next seminar on the lineup is APEC / ASEAN Engineer Application Write Shop to be held on April 12, 2019.
- ◆ PICE Qatar has received a plaque of appreciation from ASEP RCC Qatar on its 5th Technical Summit 2019. During the occasion, we were also given a chance to deliver an inspirational message to participants who are all PICE members.

### March 22

- ◆ Spearheaded by the Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA), we conducted our first outreach program to our distressed OFW at POLO-OWWA shelter. There were about 126 fellow OFWs and 8 infants benefited to our program. Thanks to all members who shared their time and resources by contributing cash, and in kinds as well as the 18 volunteers who attended and assisted in the program preparation.

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AS OF WEEK 5 OF 10 - March 28, 2019

RANK NO.	TEAM NAMES	LAST WEEK TOTAL TEAMPOINTS	REGRESSIVE POINTS	THIS WEEK'S RESULT						TEAM STANDING		
				POINTS		PIN FALLS	Bonus	Minus	PTS. WON	TOTAL POINTS		TOTAL PIN FALLS
				WIN	LOSS					WIN	LOSS	
1	TEAM 1 - MARCEL	100	12	16	0	1956	3		31	131	12	9164
2	TEAM 3 - ROY	87	9	16	0	1731	1		26	113	16	8687
3	TEAM 9 - JHUN	76	11	16	0	1777	1		28	104	20	8495
4	TEAM 6 - RONALD	88	2	0	16	1445	0		2	90	36	8515
5	TEAM 4 - SONNY F	74	3	4	12	1509	0		7	81	32	8208
6	TEAM 5 - HENRY	69	8	0	16	1719	0		8	77	40	8506
7	TEAM 8 - ROMEO	62	7	4	12	1672	0		11	73	38	8166
8	TEAM 7 - SONNY O	61	6	0	16	1665	0		6	67	46	8272
9	TEAM 11 - LESTER	33	10	12	4	1744	0		22	55	48	7589
10	TEAM 2 - HENRIK	36	4	12	4	1560	0		16	52	52	8070
11	TEAM 10 - BOBBY	21	5	16	0	1649	1		22	43	60	7772
12	TEAM 12 - RESERVE	4	1	0	16	1080	0		1	5	80	5400

At the time of this writing, the tournament is in its 5th week and the team ranking are on the table above.

### Lawn Tennis

The Lawn Tennis Competition commenced on the 1st of March 2019 with four teams competing every Friday and/or Monday Night. It is scheduled to complete after 7 days of competition. As of Week 4, the Team No. 1 are on the lead while Team No. 3 closely follows at second place. Teams No. 2 and 4 are on the 3rd and 4th places respectively. The composition of the teams are as follows:

#### Team 1

Ariel G. Calatrava  
Johnson A. Sanchez  
Simplecio L. Rojo Jr.  
Dante Doronilla

#### Team 2

Felix B. Loquente

Noriethom A. De Guzman  
Elvin D. Fajutagana  
Christopher A. Amores  
Mark Anthony Santa Maria

#### Team 3

Martzon T. Edeza  
Alfonso Belito C. Betita  
Rolan E. Nevado  
Roberto T. Coruna  
Elenie L. Nicomedes

#### Team 4

Jeffrey M. Tugano  
Marvin C. Quiocho  
Arnel R. Melendrez  
Carlos R. Catubig

### Chess Tournament

The chess tournament, on the other hand, held its opening competition on March 22, 2019 and to be held at every Friday with the Championship game scheduled on the 24th of May 2019 during the PICE Foundation Day

Celebration. After the 2nd day of the tournament, the following emerged as tournament's leading players and might be standing among the top favourites after completion of the single round elimination at the third day.

1. Jasper Javier
2. Pedro Espinas
3. Jerome Sta. Maria
4. Robel Villanueva

### Badminton

The Badminton Competition officially opened last March 9, 2019 at Al Attiya Badminton Courts. Since then, competitions in doubles are held twice a week - every Thursday and Saturday at any available courts. There were 12 teams who will slug it out in the semi-final rounds out of the original 23 competing teams.

## PICE Qatar Conducts Seminar/Workshop on Recycled/Re-Used Water Distribution System Design for Mega-Cities

Shielu Manantan

**P**hilippine Institute of Civil Engineers Qatar (PICE-Q) Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement (COCPA), chaired by Engr. Loraine Radan conducted a CPD SEMINAR / WORKSHOP ON RECYCLED / RE-USED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DESIGN FOR MEGA-CITIES on March 15, 2019 at City Center Rotana Hotel, West Bay, Doha, State of Qatar and was attended by 21 PICE Qatar Members.

It was called to order by PICE-Q 2nd VP, Engr. Elvin D. Fajutagana, while the welcome address was delivered by the PICE-Q President Engr. Helario Amoguis. The Resource Speaker was then introduced by Engr. Elizabeth Beltran.

Engr. Henrik Gal De Ocampo, the

Resource speaker gave emphasis on the following topic for the whole day event:

- Introduction of Re-used water distribution system
- Wastewater process from collection of sewage water up to discharging of treated and potable water
- Enumeration and definition of sources of water
- Categories of wastewater re-use and global wastewater application including actual wastewater application in Qatar.
- Discussion of re-used water potential constraints.
- Discussion of re-used various waste including a video showing an example of re-used process from collection of waste up to final

production of solids (charcoal) in Africa.

- Discussion of design procedure adopted by Qatar's public works authority Kahramaa (Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation) and Qatar Construction Specifications including project implementation of different demand categories.
- Conventional wastewater treatment plant simulation process
- Problem solving and calculation of TSE demands
- Discussion, definition, comparison, and layout of different water distribution network system including sources, storage, pumping facilities, pipe network, and distribution network
- Discussion of hydraulic design criteria and its standard value
- Pipe network analysis overview
- Pipe network analysis using EPANET software

The seminar was conducted under the observation of PRC designated CPD Monitor, Engr. Meliton M. Rizal.



# THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

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All goods generated from cash donations were properly handed-over to POLO shelter management. Our fellow "kababayans" housed in POLO, expressed their appreciation for the generosity displayed by PICE Qatar members.

## March 31

♦ Together with IPP Aileen Buenaflor and 2ndVP Elvin Fajutagana, we were given a chance to witness the signing of MOU between The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) at Shangri-La Hotel. The event was attended by around 25 selected personalities including the presidents of CIOB, QGBC, and ASGHAL.

Aside from the above activities, the Committee on Membership (COME), Committee on Ways and Means (COWME), Committee on Life Member and Specialist Application (COLSA), have been continuously conducting meet-ups every Wednesdays and Sundays to provide assistance to members. Meanwhile, the Committee on

Publications and Information (COPI) has successfully released the official newsletter for the month of February while the Committee on Sports headed by Sgt.-At-Arms, Michelle Revillosa has been occupied in overseeing the different sports activities.

We would like to thank also the following sub-committee chairmen of the different ball games who had been instrumental in ensuring the success of the program: Marcel Ramos for Bowling; Rolan Nevado for Basketball; Newcesar Templonuevo for Badminton; Alfonso Belito Betita for Lawn Tennis; and Edgar Domingcil for Chess.

On the other hand, the implementing rules and regulation for CPD act of 2016 has been recently amended by PRC and took effect on the 1st of March 2019. The changes are the provision of transition period prior to the full implementation of CPD law (R.A 10912). Some relaxation includes the non-requirement of CPD units upon renewal of license for OFWs, presumptive approval of programs under section 14 and others. These provisions may somehow affect the attendees of our seminars; However, PICE Qatar vows to conduct training for our members for professional development and skills. CPD law is not about the renewal of PRC ID card. With the Philippine Qualification

Framework Act (R.A 10968) signed last year which was aligned to international standards, all Filipino professionals are encouraged to be globally competitive and adaptive to new technologies.

One of the primary objectives of PICE Qatar is to assist the associate member to pass the Civil Engineering board examination while working abroad. We have over 400 associate members in our register, although some had left Qatar. I would like to encourage all associate members currently working in Qatar to take the board exam whenever there is a chance. You surely need the PRC registration in the future if not now. Even in Qatar, PRC board certificate is a prerequisite for registration at the Engineers Committee. Thus, at any time, strive to take and pass the CE board exam. Our COHOPLE team composed of previous SPLE passers are willing to assist you at any time.

Finally, I would like to thank all the support and contribution of everyone during the past weeks. You all have been part of the existence and success of our chapter. Let's continue to move forward and develop our potentials that can be a source of inspiration to others. Confucius once said, "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence".



## Message from the President

**Helario S. Amoguis**

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# PICE QATAR UPDATES

## PICE Qatar in Motion: Beach Cleanup Drive

Emmanuel German Boceta



friends have joined the PICE Qatar "Beach Clean Up cum Picnic/Bonding" activity on March 8, 2019, Friday, 6:00 AM-10:00 AM at Wakra Family Beach, Al Wakra, State of Qatar. There were 36 total attendees for the said event.

The Beach Clean Up has become a yearly activity which has been organized since the start of PICE Qatar to promote awareness in environmental preservation and at the same time foster camaraderie/bonding among its fellow members.

Several members of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE) Qatar Chapter Board of Directors (BOD), Executive Committee (EXECOMM), Past Presidents (PP), members, family and

This kind of activity also aims to inspire others to do the same, sending a

message to the host country that we Filipino Civil Engineers do really care for our environment and have a sense of social responsibility.

The activity ended at 10:00 AM after partaking a simple brunch.



# PICE QATAR UPDATES



## 3<sup>rd</sup> EXECOMM Regular Meeting Held

PICE Qatar Headquarters, Fereej Bin Omran, Doha, State of Qatar

Alfonso Betita

**F**irst Friday of the month, 1st day of March 2019—The 3rd Executive Committee (EXECOMM) Regular Meeting was conducted at the PICE Qatar Headquarters in Fereej Bin Omran, Doha, State of Qatar.

This monthly meet-up of the chapter's hierarchy is aimed at discussing the progress of ongoing projects as well as to plan for future activities of the organization. Currently, the PICE Qatar Chapter is embarking into several sporting events in anticipation of the upcoming 12th founding anniversary

celebration on May 24, 2019. The meeting presided by President Helario S. Amoguis.

The meeting was attended by 1st VP Sheila L. Medel; 2nd VP Elvin D. Fajutagana; Sec. Alfonso Belito C. Betita; Treasurer, Rolan E. Nevado; Auditor, Emilio M. Manalo; P.R.O. Belinda Dela Cruz; Business Manager; Mark Anthony P. Abendan; and Sgt.-At-Arms, Maria Michelle A. Revillosa. Also with the Committee Chairmen for CoME, Rogel B. Banal; for COHOPLE, Bernard Y. De Vera; for CoCPA, Loraine C. Radan; for COWME, Newcesar T. Templonuevo;

for CoPI, Jerick A. Lising; and for CoPA, Emmanuel German V. Boceta. The meeting was also graced by IPP Aileen A. Buenaflor, FP Roy L. Baquiran, PP Geraldo T. Managuelod, PP Ronaldo B. Nilo, PP Noel T. Jumawan, PP Allen L. Nacario and PP Arnel P. Punsalan.

Standing Committees were also represented by its CPD Chairman, Ausford O. Acera and CoLSA Chairman, Alnovar S. Abubakar

The meeting started at 9:05 A.M. and was adjourned by the President at exactly 12:15 P.M.

## PICE Qatar Members now at 3,409

Russel Flores

**T**he Committee on Membership (CoME) through acting Chairman Engr. Rolan Nevado discloses that as of March 31, 2019, our organization has:

- ◆ 10 new members, one of them is under validation from our National office in the Philippines. This process is to ensure that we have all the records of the members who join our organization.

- ◆ 98 individuals updated their membership dues mainly taken during the various sporting events of our organization.
- ◆ Eight regular meetups to cater to the membership needs of all PICE Qatar members. These are done at the Big Diners restaurant during Sundays and at FCC during Wednesdays.

The committee is also in the process of revising the

Implementing Rules and Guidelines for the membership process. Hopefully, the revised IRG will be issued and implemented by next month.

The committee continues to call on chapter members to update their dues in addition to encouraging other Filipino Civil Engineers to join the organization. Bring home a friend and let us all have fun together!





## GIVE ME A MOMENT

by Engr. Alden Cayaga

**A**s registered professionals, one of our concern is the renewal of our Professional Identification Cards (PIC) so that we could practice our professions.

In order to renew our PICs, we will need a minimum of 15 CPD units within the three-year compliance period as per the latest IRR of RA 10912. But where can we get CPD units aside from the Accredited CPD Programs listed in the PRC website (<https://www.prc.gov.ph/cpd-programs-and-providers>) under the Professional Track?

Other options are available and are identified under the Self-Directed Program and Other Activities as a matrix for points. These programs can be applied for and be awarded CPD units by the CPD Council of the PRB-CE.

Here is my top 5 list of alternatives into getting your CPD credit units. Note that the creditable CUs presented herein are based on the current IRR as of this writing.

### (1) Study Tours/Visits

As the name implies, these study tours or educational tours are visit programs that normally take more than a day and include visits to different institutions or even construction projects. Also called study visits or technical visits – including expert lectures or workshop about civil engineering that most interest the group.

A certification from the sponsoring institution is required to be submitted. A report would also be nice along with lots of photos of the tour with a complete itinerary. You can earn a maximum of 20 CU per tour considering 2 CU per day.

### (2) Socio-Civic Activities using profession

For civil engineers, socio-civic activities or volunteer works related to design, construction, and other relevant civil engineering practice or activities. A good example would be volunteering for “Gawad Kalinga” by helping build homes thru the spirit of “Bayanihan”. Your time, talent and professional know-how will be put to good use for these types of endeavor.

As supporting documents, you will need to provide a report with plenty of photos. I guess you will also need to log the number of hours of your volunteer work since it will give you 1 CU per hour up to a maximum of 20 CU per compliance period.

### (3) Accreditation/registration as APEC, ASEAN, ACPE, etc engineer

Being recognized as an Advance Level Engineer requires that you have passed the set of requirements set by the governing institutions.

You are lucky if the approval of your accreditation falls within the compliance period of your PIC renewal.

With the growing number of applicants for these accreditations, it generally takes months or even years to get results. In addition to this, you will need to be conferred to get the certification required for CPD credit units. For 10 CU per certificate will be granted within the compliance period.

### (4) Article in Magazine or Newspaper

For your article to be considered, it must be related to the Civil Engineering profession and generally inclined to be technical in nature.

One instance is submitting a technical write-up in a magazine generally circulated for the civil engineering

## Top 5 alternatives in getting your CPD Credit Units

profession. This will not only serve as an avenue for the author/s to expound their skills on technical writing but will also grant you a maximum of 5 CU per article. However, for multiple authors, the CU will be equally divided among them.

### (5) Accredited Professional Organization (APO)

For this activity, you can earn a maximum of 10 CU per term for any Officer/Director of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers or any of their independent chapters. While the chairman/member of a standing technical committee can earn up to 5 CU per term.

Well, you need to be elected or appointed into position. Earning CPD units while serving is one great combination.

With these programs and activities available, you must take into consideration the maximum allowable creditable units for the alternatives listed here. Also, take note that you can only use them once in the renewal cycle and must be claimed within the compliance period.

As an advice, it would be sensible that we continue to learn and earn our CPD units – with or without the mandated requirement prescribed by the law. The benefits still outweigh the disadvantages when it comes to professional growth and development.

But for now, let us enjoy the privilege of being an OFW as having been exempted from the CPD requirement – then again remember that this is only during the “transition period”. For how long it will last, no one knows.



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



# PICE QATAR EVENTS & FACES



**PICE Qatar Sports**





# FEATURE

## Civil Engineering - A Tribute of the Students

Jovandrei G. Del Rosario



**S**kyscrapers, dams, bridges, houses, even this school (Philippine School Doha) were built by Civil Engineers. Without them, the technological advancement in our modern homes and offices would have never existed. Because the world needs a new generation of the so-called “fighters and creators” who will continually shape and create the place we are used to live, the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – Qatar Chapter has once again inspired and motivated seven students to be part of building the future through Civil Engineering. As Engr. Arman has always said “Ang civil engineer ay isang masayang kurso pero napaka-challenging.” From your apprentices my dear Engineers, it is my pride and honor to represent the seven of us.

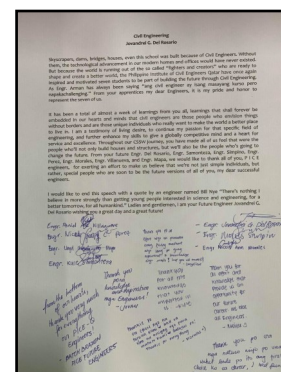
It has been a total of almost a week of learnings from you all, learnings that shall forever be embedded in our hearts and minds that civil engineers are those people who envision things without borders and are those unique

individuals who really want to make the world a better place to live in. I am a testimony of living desire, to continue my passion for that specific field of engineering, and further enhance my skills to give a globally competitive mind and a heart for service and excellence. Throughout our CSSW journey, you have made all of us feel that we’re the people who’ll not only build houses and structures, but we’ll also be the people who’re going to change the future. From your future Engr. Del Rosario, Engr. Samonteza, Engr. Simpino, Engr. Perez, Engr. Morales, Engr. Villanueva, and Engr. Mapa, we would like to thank all of you, PICE engineers, for exerting an effort to make us believe that we’re not just simple individuals, but rather, special people who are soon to be the future versions of all of you, my dear successful engineers.

I would like to end this speech with a quote by an engineer named **Bill Nye** “**There’s nothing I believe in more strongly than getting young people interested in**

**science and engineering, for a better tomorrow, for all humankind.**” Ladies and gentlemen, I am your Future Engineer Jovandrei G. Del Rosario is wishing you a great day and a great future!

The speech was delivered by Mr. Jovandrei G. Del Rosario, a Senior High School Student of Philippine School Doha during the closing ceremony of the Career Simulation and Seminar/Workshop (CSSW) on March 1, 2019 at the school auditorium.



Actual speech manuscript signed by the author himself and the other students.



# PICE QATAR UPDATES

**P**ICE Qatar conducts 1st Philippine Overseas Labor Office - Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (POLO-OWWA) Outreach for Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers activity on March 21, 2019, Friday, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM at POLO-OWWA Shelter, Al Furat St., Doha, State of Qatar.

The Outreach Program for Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers is an activity which has been organized to enhance the social responsibility and community involvement of Civil Engineers, which is one of the PICE Core Values. This kind of noble activity also aims to inspire, motivate and give assistance to our fellow "Kababayans" who were distressed / maltreated or victims of unjust working norms. There were 126 wards and 8 babies housed at the shelter.

Inspirational messages were given by Engr. Mark Anthony P. Abendan, PICEQ 2019 Business Manager, Engr. Emmanuel German V. Boceta, PICEQ CoPA 2019 Chairman, Engr. Helario S. Amoguis, PICEQ 2019 President, Engr. Ronaldo B. Nilo and Engr. Allen L. Nacario, Past Presidents of PICE Qatar.

A word of thanks and gratitude came from POLO-OWWA Shelter

## PICE Qatar conducts 1st POLO-OWWA Outreach for Distressed OFW

*Emmanuel German Boceta*

Center Outreach Coordinator Ma'am Teresa M. Narag. During the closing part of the program, a "Thank You" song was rendered by the distressed OFWs which touched the emotions of all the activity volunteers.

The activity ended at 8:00 PM after partaking a simple dinner and

waste cleanup.

PICE Qatar BOD and EXECOMM 2019 thru CoPA extends its gratitude to all of PICE Qatar General Membership who in one way or another supported the activity. The 2nd POLO-OWWA Outreach for Distressed OFWs is scheduled on 20th June 2019.



## PICE Qatar President graces ASEP RCC Qatar 5th Technical Summit

*Jerick Lising*



Sustainability" that was attended by almost 60 participants including delegates from the Philippines and Singapore. Series of technical lectures were presented during the event that gives valuable and detailed information in line with the theme of this year's summit.

**T**he two-day ASEP RCC Qatar 5th Technical Summit was conducted on March 8 and 15, 2019 at Oryx Rotana Hotel, Old Airport Road, Doha State of Qatar with the theme "Structural Engineering: Designing for Resiliency and

Engr. Helario S. Amoguis, PICE-Q 2019 President delivered an inspirational message during the second day of ASEP RCC Qatar's 5th Technical Summit on March 15, 2019. He put emphasis on the importance and benefits of becoming a member of the specialized organization for structural engineers, as he himself

a member of ASEP. According to him, it is advisable to apply for membership here in Qatar with the help of the coordinating committee and having an endorsement from colleagues. After the delivery of his message, Engr. Alden Cayaga, ASEP RCC Qatar Chairman and Engr. Jeffrey Cimagala, ASEP RCC Qatar Immediate Past Chairman gives a plaque of appreciation Engr. Amoguis and PICE Qatar Chapter for participating in the event.





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## National Women's Month Celebration

Sheila Medel



Forum on Maximizing Women Potential hosted by The Philippine Embassy in Doha and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO). Photo with officials and staff, along with the forum speakers.

The Philippine Embassy organized a forum "Maximizing Women Potential" held at St. Regis Hotel last 30th of March 2019 as the highlight of the celebration of National Women's Month. It was a two-hour forum being organized under the Gender and Development (GAD) Program of the Embassy and was joined by an assemblage of Filipino Community leaders and representatives including PICE Qatar Chapter.

There were two speakers who presented interesting topics to empower not only the women but also men in terms of their investments and a stress-free lifestyle.



The first speaker was Ms. Mariam Nooh Al Mutawa, Executive Director of Nursing at Rumailah Hospital, the oldest hospital in Qatar established in 1957. She presented the topic "Importance of Psychological Wellness" emphasizing the importance of having a good working environment, and a good working relationship between colleagues to be free from the stress that may unshape our mental well-being. Based on her, "Women can handle stress lightly compared to men". Regular exercise and eating healthy foods greatly help to regulate stress levels and sometimes different colors may affect human moods, too.

The second speaker presented the subject, "How to be financially empowered". Ms. Evelyn Laranang, OWWA Welfare Officer, had a captivating opening statement about the Golden Rule, "Whoever has the Gold makes the Rule". During her talk, she highlighted the correct formula towards financial freedom to be:  $\text{Income} - \text{Savings} = \text{Expenses}$ . She also added that one must be SMART (Specific,

Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timebound) in putting up an investment.

The activity was graced by PE Doha and POLO-OWWA officials and staff led by HE Alan Timbayan, Consul Gen Roussel Reyes, Vice Consul Benjamin Celedio and Labor Attaché David Des Dicang.



# Road Construction Safety



Roads make a crucial contribution to economic development and growth and bring important social benefits. They are vital in order to make a nation grow and develop. In addition, providing access to employment, social, health and education services makes a road network crucial in fighting against poverty. Roads open up more areas and stimulate economic and social development. For those reasons, road infrastructure is the most important of all public assets.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, (BLS) 2015 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), there were 136 construction worker deaths caused by roadway incidents involving motor vehicles. Of those, 66 were collisions with another vehicle, 33 were collisions with objects other than vehicles and 37 were from non-collision incidents such as overturned or jackknifed vehicles. Of the 49 pedestrian vehicular incidents, 24 were the result of pedestrians being struck in work zones.

According to the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC of America) Highway Worker Safety Program, there are four basic hazards known as the Focus Four Hazards. These include:

- ◆ Falls, due to improperly constructed surfaces and unprotected edges
- ◆ Struck-by, due to vehicle strikes and falling or flying objects
- ◆ Caught-in-betweens, due to rotating equipment and unguarded parts
- ◆ Electrocutions, due to contact with utility lines and live circuits

The following conditions increase dangers for all construction workers:

- ◆ Constricted work sites
- ◆ Inclement weather
- ◆ Low light
- ◆ Reduced visibility
- ◆ Vehicle congestion

## SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HIGHWAY & CONSTRUCTION SITES

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) developed standards to improve workplace safety and health. Part 1926 addresses safety concerns for construction sites, specifically the use of danger signs, caution signs, exit signs, directional signs, and traffic signs. The following requirements are only a few examples:

- ◆ 1926.200(g)– Construction sites shall be posted with legible traffic signs at points of hazard.

- ◆ 1926.200(g)(2)– All traffic control signs or devices used for the protection of construction workers shall conform to standards set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- ◆ 1926.200(h)(2) – Accident prevention tags shall be used as a temporary means of warning employees of an existing hazard, such as defective tools, equipment, etc.
- ◆ 1926.201– Signaling by flaggers and the use of flaggers shall conform to standards established by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides additional guidance on standards for traffic signs, road surface markings and signals. Section 6D.03 requires the use of high-visibility safety apparel working on federal highways.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) provides standards for high visibility safety apparel and headwear, specifically through ANSI 107-2010. ANSI A10.47-2009 provides guidance on flagger safety, run-over/back-over prevention, equipment operator safety, and personal protective equipment.

The National Highway Work Zone Safety Program (NHWZSP) provides standardization of traffic control devices and traffic control plans in addition to worksite evaluation. NHWZSP also introduces innovative technologies to improve safety.

It's important that worksite safety plans consider the above standards and guidelines. All safety plans should include hazard assessments to identify risks and outline provides to mitigate them.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK ON HIGHWAYS

Given the dangers of roadside construction work, it's vital to know how to stay safe while working on a highway. Consider the following safety tips to protect yourself from work zone injuries:

- ◆ **High Visibility Clothing** – wear high visibility clothes, armbands, hats and vests, preferably fluorescent or reflective.
- ◆ **Be Observant** – Be sure to look before you shift your position. Pay attention to all potential hazards, particularly blind spots, for moving construction equipment.
- ◆ **Beware of Work Site Vehicles** – Understand channel lanes where walking is prohibited and where vehicles enter and exit the work site. Remain aware of any traffic in and out of the work site. Flaggers should be particularly vigilant when it comes to

understanding traffic flow and work zone set up.

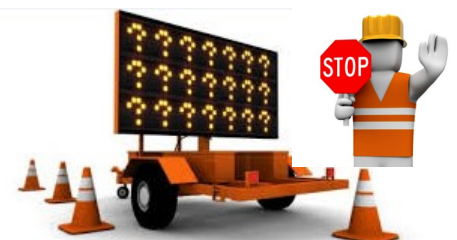
- ◆ **Use Spotters** – Use spotters to look out for danger, when loading and unloading equipment from vehicles. If you're a spotter, know where the best place to stand and confirm what hand gestures mean.
- ◆ **Understand Communication Signals** – Understand all communication signals used between equipment operators and workers on foot.
- ◆ **Don't Stand Under Suspended Equipment** – Never stand under suspended equipment like buckets, booms or arms. Be especially vigilant in areas that use buckets.
- ◆ **Apply Parking Brakes** – Be sure to apply all parking brakes on equipment. Vehicles parked on inclines should use appropriately-sized blocks placed behind or in front of the tires.
- ◆ **Use a Seat Belt** – Don't operate any vehicles (e.g. rollers) without wearing a seat belt.
- ◆ **Be Cautious When Approaching Vehicles** – Be careful about approaching machinery without first signaling the vehicle operator to shut down the equipment and getting an acknowledgment from the driver.
- ◆ **Make Eye Contact Before Moving Operating Equipment** – Equipment operators shouldn't move equipment without making eye contact with workers in the vicinity.
- ◆ **Don't Ride on Moving Equipment** – Never ride on moving equipment such as rollers.

Flaggers should keep enough distance from other highway workers to ensure they can be distinguished by passing motorists. Flaggers should also use good sight communication or two-way radios to communicate with fellow flaggers. This will minimize risk on highway work sites.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

If you're supervising or managing a highway construction project, consider the following tips on how to keep highway workers safe with administrative controls:

- ◆ **Complete a Risk Assessment** – A risk assessment, based on OSHA regulations and standards outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control





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Devices, will help identify the risks workers face. The plan should outline what measures are needed to eliminate or mitigate those risks.

- ◆ **Train Workers on a Safe Work Zone** – Be sure to train workers on how to set up and maintain a safe work zone. Anyone flagging traffic should know to follow the safest practices. When it comes to traffic control, it's important to warn motorists of traffic zones far in advance.
- ◆ **Require Equipment Training** – Be sure that employees know how to maneuver around equipment and take all precautions for their own safety and that of others.
- ◆ **Encourage Responsibility** – Encourage employees to take some time to walk around the site and check for hazards.

## ENGINEERING CONTROLS

You can also use engineering controls to protect your workers, such as:

- ◆ **Separate Workers from Traffic** – be sure to separate workers from traffic as much as possible; although some workers will need to be flagging traffic in the road. Flaggers should know never to turn their backs to oncoming traffic.
- ◆ **Establish Safe Traffic Flow** – To ensure that workers and vehicles move around the work site safely, it's vital to establish where workers can enter and leave the site. There should also be procedures for when construction equipment is backing up and where it could come into contact with workers.
- ◆ **Consider Which Vehicles to Use** – Traffic speed and the size of the work site are key factors in determining which equipment to use.
- ◆ **Improve Visibility** – It's important to ensure as much visibility as possible for workers. If visibility is low, use spotters to look out for potential hazards. Use of reflective uniforms also helps improve visibility. Additional work lighting may be necessary in addition to reflective tape on equipment.
- ◆ **Use Proper Safety Barriers** – While light traffic might call for orange safety cones, heavy traffic may require barrels or even temporary concrete barriers.
- ◆ **Mark Utility Lines** – Identifying utility lines will help prevent electrocutions.
- ◆ **Ensure that Employees Are Vigilant Around Moving Equipment** – It's important that employees never stand in front of or behind an operating vehicle since equipment can often block an operator's field of vision.
- ◆ **Manage Noise Level** – Be sure to monitor the noise level to prevent hearing loss. You should advise workers to wear earmuffs or earplugs to protect them from high-decibel noise.
- ◆ **Consider New Technology to Improve Safety** – Glass-beaded paint

better reflects oncoming headlights at night and makes it easier for motorists to exercise added caution. Electric signs with alternative warnings can give workers some warning when someone drives through a barricade. Rumble strips are a useful way to communicate caution and remind drivers that they're entering a work zone.

- ◆ **Make Sure Employees Wear Personal Protective Gear** – Construction workers should always wear appropriate protective gear such as hard hats, reflective clothing, and steel-toed shoes.
- ◆ With improved visibility, safe maintenance of traffic as well as sufficient planning and communication, many potential hazards can be avoided.

## 10 ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK ZONE SAFETY TIPS

1. **Have a Plan** – Every road construction project should have a transportation management plan. The plan should consist of a temporary traffic control plan to protect workers by safely conducting traffic around or through the work zone.
2. **Properly Control Traffic** – The work zone should consist of an advanced warning area with warning signs alerting motorists of upcoming changes in driving conditions, a transition area using traffic control devices for lane closures and traffic pattern shifts, a buffer area, the work area and a termination area to allow traffic to resume back to normal and a sign indicating that the work zone has ended.
3. **Create Separate Work Areas** – Road construction work zones are busy areas usually with several work activities taking place at the same time. To avoid accidents, use cones, barrels, and barriers to clearly delineate specific areas of the work zone such as material storage, areas where heavy equipment is being used, vehicle parking and safe areas for workers on foot to move about in.
4. **Wear Proper Safety Equipment** – Proper safety equipment should be worn by all personnel inside the work zone. Personal protective equipment (PPE) including hard hats, steel-toed boots, highly visible clothing, and depending on the noise levels, hearing protection. All PPE should meet or exceed the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) developed standards. All highly visible clothing whether it's a vest, jacket or shirt should be bright fluorescent orange or lime/yellow and have visible reflective material especially if working at night and should meet ANSI Class 2 or 3 standards.
5. **Be Aware of Your Surroundings** – Regardless of what your job duties entail in the work zone, you should always be mindful of what's going on around you. Avoid walking behind any vehicles that may be backing up or into the swing radius of heavy equipment. Whenever possible, face traffic while inside the work zone or have a spotter available when your back is turned.

6. **Avoid Blind Spots** – Vehicles and heavy equipment are constantly moving about inside the work zone including dump trucks, compactors, pavement planers, excavators, pavers, and rollers. Operators should ensure that all mirrors and visual aid devices are attached and operating properly including backup alarms and lights. If you are on foot and working near these machines while in operation remember that the driver has a limited line of sight. Always stay in visual contact with the driver. A good rule of thumb to follow is that if you can't see them then they probably don't see you.
7. **Have a Competent Person on Hand** – A competent person should be onsite whenever work is being performed. Per OSHA, a competent person is someone "capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has the authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them." A competent person is needed to conduct hazard assessments and regular inspections of the worksite. A competent person is also needed to select the appropriate class of PPE to be used by workers and to approve the appropriate types of traffic control devices. Workers should report any unsafe hazards or equipment to the competent person assigned to the work zone so they can be corrected immediately.
8. **Start Each Workday with a Safety Meeting** – In addition to ensuring that all personnel at the job site have the proper training required it is also a good idea to have a quick safety meeting before work begins. Since conditions can change greatly from day to day in the work zone workers should be briefed on the work activity scheduled each day and notified of all potential hazards. This is also a good time to ensure that all workers have and are wearing the proper PPE required for the work being done that day.
9. **Have a Site Specific Safety Program** – The site-specific safety program includes identifying all hazards and plans to control and mitigate them, schedules to routinely inspect all equipment and material, a plan for first aid and emergency medical care in the event of an accident and safety training schedules for all employees.
10. **Stay Hydrated** – Workers performing road construction are susceptible to overexertion and heat-related illnesses. Asphalt absorbs 95% of the sun's rays and asphalt temperatures can easily be 30°F or higher than the surrounding air temperature and should drink plenty of water or liquids high in electrolytes like sports drinks or coconut water.

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## List of 2019 PICE National Committees and its Functions

**P**ICE National has posted its complete list of committees and its functions as follows:

**PICE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:**  
**Chairman: Robert S. Licup, PhD**

**AFFILIATE SOCIETIES COMMITTEE:**  
**Chairman: Evelyn M. Hatulan**

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:**  
**Chairman: Antonio V. Molano Jr.**

**CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW/NATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL LAWS COMMITTEE.**

The committee reviews the CE law and make sure that it is attuned to the needs of the times. Study other laws that may affect the practice of the CE profession. Work for the amendment of the CE Law as needed. Review, prepare, update civil engineering codes, IRR's, manual of practice and other guidelines are the primary task of this committee.

**Chairman: Mark Jerome P. Tiongson**

**CHAPTER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.**

Chapter Affairs Committee handle the chapter concerns, formations, activation, expansion, chapter election related problems, continuity issues, projects, etc. Encouraging and coordinating chapter activities. Recommendations on the establishment of Regular and Student Affairs.

**Chairman: Peter Paul P. Dy Jr.**

**COMELEC**

Commission on Election Committee – conduct of computerized election of National Board of Directors according to Article V Section 5 of the By-Laws. Promulgation of rules governing the conduct of the election, subject to approval by the Board. Final decision on specific election related cases.

**Chairman: Atty. Leo Cleto A. Gamolo**

**COMMUNITY EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

**Chairman: Medel F. Chua**

**CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE (MIDYEAR AND NATIONAL)**

Plan, organize and manage midyear and national conventions.

**Chairman: Erdsan Rene S. Suero**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY ENGINEERING.**

**Chairman: Benito M. Pacheco, PhD**

**PICE DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE.**

**Chairman: Robert S. Licup, PhD**

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Handle complaints vs members. Promote CE Code of Ethics.

**Chairman: Clemente A. Ibo**

**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING.**

**Chairman: Emilio M. Morales**

**INTER-SPECIALTY GROUP COMMITTEE.**

Inter-Specialty Group and Specialty Divisions Committee – Coordinate among the Specialty Divisions. Recommend other Specialty Divisions for the approval of the National Board. Activities of the Specialty Divisions shall be according to Article IV Section 5 of the By-Laws.

- Project Management and Construction Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Transportation Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Water Engineering
- Environmental and Energy Engineering

**Chairman: Alberto A. Perfecto**

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.**

**Chairman: Maria Catalina E. Cabral, PhD**

**LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (BY-LAWS)**

Legal Affairs and By-Laws Committee – recommend proposals to amend the PICE By-Laws, for approval by the Board, and for ratification by the Electoral College. Submit amendments as duly ratified by the Electoral College to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Advise the Board on the status of cases. Recommend to the Board related legal actions.

**Chairman: April Frances Agatha G. Flores**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.**

Handle membership concerns, oath taking certificates, IDs, membership records, monitoring of status, life membership applications (through the endorsement of the chapters). To convince every registered civil engineer who is not yet a member of the institute to join the appropriate chapter. To explain the institute, its structure and objectives to all newly registered civil engineers.

**Chairman: Alberto A. Perfecto**

**MOST OUTSTANDING ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.**

**Chairman: Maria Catalina E. Cabral, PhD**

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE.**

Nomination of candidates to the National Board of Directors according to Article V Section 3 of the By-Laws.

**Chairman: Ernesto S. De Castro, PhD**

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING COMMITTEE.**

Manage real and physical properties to maximize benefits derived by members.

- Acquisition of Property / Space Planning
- Renovation, Fit In / Move In
- Operation and Maintenance
- Disposition

Recommend a business plan that may include rental or lease, the operation and the Hostel, and use of other spaces or

properties that are not occupied by the National Headquarters Office.

**Chairman: Florencio F. Padernal**

**PRC CPD COUNCIL PHILIPPINE TECHNOLOGICAL COUNCIL OFFICIAL PICE REPRESENTATIVE.**

**Chairman: Robert S. Licup, PhD PUBLICATIONS AND PICE WEBSITE COMMITTEE.**

Handle the publications of PICE including copyrights, ISSN, ISBN.

PICE Publications – quarterly newsletter Civil Engineering Journal – once a year compilation of refereed papers.

**Chairman: Frederick Francis M. Sison**

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.**

Organize, manage all regional conferences Make sure that there is close coordination with chapters

Implement CPE program by CPD committee Target 10 regional conferences

**Chairman: April Frances Agatha G. Flores**

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING.**

**Chairman: Cesar C. Pabalan**

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Organize / manage the following student events / programs:

- National Civil Engineering Students' Quiz (NCESQ)
- Student Discount Card
- Most Outstanding Civil Engineering Student (MOCES) Award
- Seminars / Conferences / Career Development and Value Formation Programs
- National Civil Engineering Students' Summit
- National Civil Engineering Students' Conference
- On-The-Job Training Program
- Scholarship
- Bridge Building Competition

Coordinate with the Chapter Affairs Committee regarding the formation of Student Chapters.

**Chairman: Francis Aldrine A. Uy, PhD**

**TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING.**

**Chairman: Primitivo C. Cal, PhD**

**WATER ENGINEERING.**

**Chairman: Noel M. Ortigas**

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.**

Responsible in raising funds.

**Chairman: Ronnel M. Tan**

**WOMEN ENGINEERS NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES**

**Chairman: Maria Catalina E. Cabral, PhD**

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To see the complete list of vice chairmen, members and advisers, visit PICE National website at [www.pice.org.ph](http://www.pice.org.ph).

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## 1 OFW SSS Compulsory Membership.

Republic Act No. 11199, known as the "Social Security Act of 2018", an act rationalizing and expanding the powers and duties of the Social Security Commission to ensure the long term viability of the Social Security System. Repealing for the purpose of Republic Act No. 1161, as amended by Republic Act no. 8282, otherwise known as the Social Security Act of 1997.

This act has been approved and signed into law by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 07 February 2019.

Under Section 9B (a) coverage in the SSS shall be compulsory upon all sea and land-based OFWs if they are not over sixty (60) years of age.

Furthermore, under this act, the commission will implement the new rate of contribution from 11% to 12% for the year 2019 & 2020. See table below for the schedule of the rate of contribution:

Year of Implementation	Contribution Rate (%)	Share		Monthly Salary Credit	
		Employer (%)	Employee (%)	Min (Php)	Max (Php)
2019	12	8	4	2,000	20,000
2020	12	8	4	2,000	20,000
2021	13	8.5	4.5	3,000	25,000
2022	13	8.5	4.5	3,000	25,000
2023	14	9.5	4.5	4,000	30,000
2024	14	9.5	4.5	4,000	30,000
2025	15	10	5	5,000	35,000

Land-based OFWs are compulsory members of the SSS and considered in the same manner as Self-Employed persons.

The monthly salary credit, schedule and the rate of contribution as shown on the above table shall also apply to Self-Employed, Voluntary and other members including OFWs. If you are paying on a maximum salary credit with a 12% rate of contribution, your monthly contribution will be Php 2,400.

For further information on members' benefits and remittance of contributions and read more about the new law, you may visit the Senate website at [www.senate.gov.ph](http://www.senate.gov.ph).

## For OFWs Information: OFWs' SSS Compulsory Membership, OFWs Identification e-Card, Philippine National ID Roll Out

### 2 OFW Identification e-Card.

If you are an active member of OWWA, you can apply for an OFW Identification Card for free and is referred to as OFW e-Card and can be used as an Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) for OFWs exiting the country.

It is expected to ease and speed up the transactions in different government agencies with the use of OFW e-Card.

To apply online for the OFW e-Card, you will need the following documents:

- Valid Passport

Fill up and complete the OWWA OFW e-Card Application Form. Click the submit button after completing all the required information. Also, provide your email address and Facebook profile name to monitor your OFW e-Card status. You can pick up your card on your chosen Regional Welfare Office.

### 3 National ID Roll Out: RA 11055 or Philippine Identification System Act or PhilSys Act of 2018.

The 1st batch of the IDs is expected to be released late this year as what the Socio-Economic Planning Secretary Ernesto Pernia has said.

The program has four (4) phases as detailed below:

- Phase 1 – procurement, testing organizational development of the PhilSys Registry Office (PRO) and the launch of the target registration for Jan 2019 to Dec 2019. The government is on tracks with regards to the rollout of the PhilSys and hoping to release the 1st batch of the IDs to targeted communities late this year.
- Phase 2 – entails the development of the core technology infrastructure and the mass registration ecosystem which will run from Jan to June 2020.
- Phase 3 – mass registration of 110 million Filipinos, as well as OFWs, will be conducted from Jul 2020 to Jun 2022.
- Phase 4 – issuance of PhilSys Numbers or PSNs to newborns will be conducted from Jul to Dec 2022.

As what Pernia said, having one national ID system will strengthen the financial inclusion by reducing the cost of the transaction through faster authentication procedures. This way, the marginalized will have easier, faster access to public programs.



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# OUTSIDE HITTER

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## O-U-T-S-T-A-N-D-I-N-G!

*"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it"* by Knute Rockne (American football most renowned coach).

In the world of sports, we have seen thousands (if not millions) of athletes who are very competitive. Some bask in glory, enshrined in the pantheon of sports fans while others simply fade out in the crowd.

Watching a sporting event or even a simple match had been one of my favorite pastimes. I love to watch basketball, volleyball, and racing most especially MotoGP and F1. Considering what I said earlier, what makes an athlete outstanding?

In any era, there are athletes whose names are synonymous to greatness – Ayrton Senna, Michael Jordan, Julius Erving, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Carlos Loyzaga, Efren "Bata" Reyes, Muhammad Ali, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer, Steffi Graf, Eugene Torre, Gary Kasparov

and Bobby Fisher just to name a few. There were also other athletes who were physically gifted and athletically talented but for some reason, many done considering them to be in the elite list. We have seen the likes of Tracy McGrady, Grant Hill, Damon Hill, Anatoly Karpov, or even LeBron James (this is very much debatable, but in terms of greatness I won't mention him in the same level of Air Jordan...).

Therefore, what makes an athlete outstanding? Basically, from this writer's view, the athlete must leave a positive impact on the game he played or he revolutionizes the game itself. For instance, Jordan considered by some as the Greatest of All Time not only because of his jump shots or how he made others look back in his posters. But his work ethic is phenomenal and his will to win drove his team to dominance (remember the championship game where he had the FLU?). Efren "Bata" Reyes was called the magician for he made impossible control of the billiard ball unseen previously outside the Philippines. He had shown other ways to pocket the balls or defense

positions which are so accurately placed.

To be able to excel in something, be it in sports or in our profession, one should remember that action will always speak louder than words. We are judged on the things we do in our field. Moreover, a title or trophies only brings more responsibility; adds more pressure to prove our credibility to hold such accolade.

Many times I have seen boxing champions brag about their belts only to be knocked out in brutal fashion by their opponents. Do you want to be outstanding? How can you be outstanding? Continue to improve yourself with knowledge and not through accolades; stop talking and start working!

***"You have to do something in your life that is honorable and not cowardly if you are to live in peace with yourself"*** (Larry Brown, legendary American basketball Coach).

As the ball is set, let's hit it but remember – **sports lang dapat!**

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A	H	L	T	E	J	O	I	T	S	A	I	E	C	N
B	I	L	T	Z	N	T	M	E	S	K	D	T	C	S
T	H	E	W	W	A	B	U	N	E	T	H	E	E	N
O	R	Y	O	G	R	A	Y	N	H	A	M	N	R	O
O	I	B	C	U	O	L	M	I	A	K	O	N	A	T
F	L	A	O	Q	U	L	N	S	N	R	L	I	P	N
E	M	L	G	W	Y	E	F	G	D	A	U	S	E	I
L	C	L	I	Z	L	J	X	A	S	W	A	R	V	M
B	H	T	A	E	B	I	L	L	I	A	R	D	O	D
A	H	R	C	Z	H	T	N	W	A	N	T	E	D	A
T	C	A	Y	P	O	L	O	G	T	R	T	S	E	B

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