



# BALITANG PICE

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*This year theme is "A new beginning in the globally competitive world". It marks the birth of a united Filipino Civil Engineers who support each other in the growth of our profession. Let us show the world that we are a positive contributor in the ever changing world of civil engineering.*

## INDUCTION CEREMONY

Finally, our Officers and Board of Directors are formally inducted to their post. Let us embrace and continue supporting the organization programs and see its results and progress (p 2).



CONSUL GENERAL ROSARIO P. LEMQUE OFFICIATING THE INDUCTION CEREMONY (NOVEMBER 29, 2007)

A plan..  
A step..  
A beginning..  
A new chapter..  
PICE Qatar Chapter.

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## PLANNING SEMINAR

The organization first major activity of our continuing education program has been realized. The number of attendees reflects its success and it shows our need

and drive to still continue developing our professional life. (p 3).



## INDUCTION CEREMONY

What was just a dream has come to a reality. Finally, after more than 5 months, our interim officers have been inducted officially to become our first set of PICE-Qatar Chapter Officers and Board of Directors. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the celebration of the year end party at the Grand Mercure Hotel last November 29, 2007 and was graced by the presence of Ms. Rosario P. Lemque, Consul General of the Philippine Embassy in Qatar. The event was witnessed by more than 150 active members in their best attire, whose night was enjoined by the music of a lived Filipino band and oriental food cuisine. The event was covered by no less than the "The Filipino Channel" and have been shown several times in nationwide TV. It was a proud night for us all and it made us realize that through dedication and hardwork our organization can achieve anything it set its mind of.

The preparations itself was very challenging and daunting at times. Every committee's has to worked very hard in staging this event and they were paid unselfishly by the overwhelming support its members gave. We have gone through Hotel hunting, food selection, programs and souvenir production, banners, plaque and raffle prizes preparations, sound system and band arrangement, sponsors solicitations, invitations and advertisements, ticket selling and to the littlest details that made this first ever event a success. It was a momentous night to remember for each one of us, where we have gathered together and have shown our unity in supporting our organization. The continued support that we have shown will only helps fuels our leader's heart to continue planning, organizing and preparing programs that will promote the general ideals of the PICE-Qatar Chapter. Mabuhay tayong lahat!

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## THE NEXT ACTIVITY

The year 2007 was a great year for PICE-Qatar chapter. In such a short time, we have united around 250 Filipino civil engineers in one organization. We have managed to conduct seminars in construction project management - planning and scheduling and Qatar standard method of measurement in support to our continuing education program. We share food and fun in the Wakrah beach party activity. We held our first induction of officers ceremony together with our year end party at the Grand Mercure Hotel. We celebrated and share the feast of PICE-Qatar Christmas party with a get together in Café Central. And lastly, through the past months, we show the spirit of camaraderie in sharing our thoughts and ideas in sending our messages in the PICE -Qatar yahoo group.

The PICE Officers has lined up various activities for the year 2008. Activities that will help us develop our talents, competitiveness and fulfill our civic responsibilities. We have lined up seminars for (1) Environment Health and Safety Guidelines, (2) Structural Analysis and Design, (3) Construction Project Management - Planning and Scheduling, (4) Geotechnical Services and (5) Hydraulics. We are also preparing a sub-committee to prepare a QSMM user's guide book for every members reference. We plan to stage our first bowling tournament sports activity in January 2008. And most importantly, the organization is preparing for civic projects such as blood donation program to help our fellow Filipino in need and tree planting activity to support the Philippine Embassy in its save the environment program.

## PLANNING SEMINAR REPORT

By Delilah Atup

For many organizations, project management is viewed as a discipline that can be used by middle & lower management to deliver their project scope on time & within the budget. However, many global organizations and regional organizations are finding that the discipline of project management is also a valuable tool that enables them to manage their projects as investments.

The application of primavera in project planning helps streamlined decision making and funding for a wide range of projects. It helps define, analyze and value the projects it has in place as well as those on the drawing board. This is why Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE)-Qatar Chapter made the decision to have this seminar as the top priority of the Education Committee activities.

Headed by Engr. Larry Salaysay, as the Chairman of Education Committee the said seminar was successfully held last October 12, 19, 26 & Nov. 2. At Philippine School Doha with the effort of our best professors Engr. Larry & Engr. Elimelech Maranion the lectures were fully comprehensive & well-delivered. It's really a great help in the development of our profession & career!

Congratulations to the successful participants especially to those who are promoted to their jobs! We do hope more seminars to come & more improvement so as to accommodate the participants better. Anyway, every beginning is really a sacrifice the important is- we are ONE in our common goal!

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## EDITORIAL

This year theme **“A New Beginning in the Globally competitive World”** is a call of challenge for us all. We all know that the competition for the civil engineering profession is ever growing and not everyone of us have the solid foundation and resources to cope with this rapid changes and development that is happening around us. New design methods, product improvements, management techniques and computer software tools are developed everyday. As an individual, without access to information and trainings, you will be left behind in your career.

The Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers– Qatar Chapter was established with the purpose of binding the Filipino civil engineers

in this country. Through our organization, we can help one another by sharing our individual expertise in various field of civil engineering and in doing so, creating a competitive and marketable civil engineer. Already, seminars were conducted resulting to promotions in rank for some of the participants and opening windows of opportunity to others. All this will not be possible without the participation of every member in supporting the organization's goals and programs.

Therefore, in behalf of the officers, board of directors and committee members, let me thank you all for the support and let us continue what we have started in the coming new year. And together as a group, let us all say “Yes, we can be globally competitive in this new world”.

# PICE ACTIVITY IN PHOTO



Tagal naman, gutom na ko...



PEACE MAN, PEACE



Kodakan na... Smile at pose ag todo to de...

WAKRAH BEACH PARTY  
(OCTOBER 12, 2007)

PLANNING SEMINAR  
(NOVEMBER 02, 2007)



Up, up and away...



Basta ako uuwi na.. Dami pa kong lalabhan

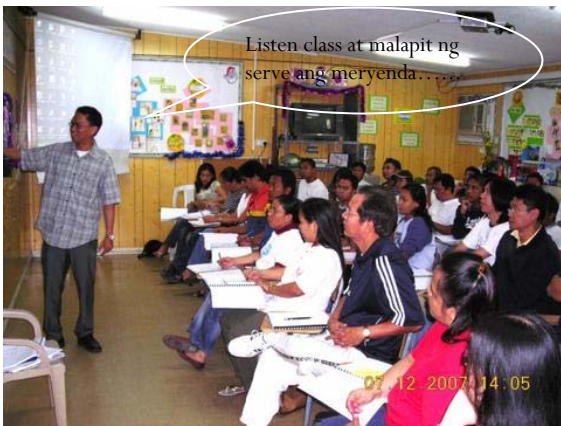
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Thank you, I'm very happy, glad, joyful, elated, ecstatic, etc....



YEAR END PARTY AND INDUCTION CEREMONY (NOVEMBER 29, 2007)



QS SEMINAR (DECEMBER 07, 2007)



PICE-QATAR CHRISTMAS PARTY (DECEMBER 19, 2007)



# THE FINANCIAL REPORT



**PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS  
QATAR CHAPTER (I-03)  
Doha City, State of Qatar**

**Financial Report from 19 July 2007 to 31 December 2007**

## GENERAL FUND

### 1. PROCEEDS AND INCOME

1.1	Cash Turnover From Former Treasurer (19 July 2007)	QR	2,872.98
1.2	Membership Fee		9,515.00
1.3	General Assembly Registration		2,625.00
1.4	Project Management Seminar		9,700.00
1.5	Ticket Sales and Solicitations (Year-End Party and Induction Ceremony)		24,800.00
1.6	Collection from Backdues (Sept. and Nov. 2007 PICE National List)		3,362.00
1.7	T-Shirt Sales		4,159.00
1.8	Other Collections		236.00

**TOTAL PROCEEDS AND INCOME** **QR 57,269.98**

### 2. EXPENSES

2.1	Lecturer's Fee and other Expenses for Project Management Seminar	QR	6,450.00
2.2	ID Printing		680.00
2.3	Year End Party and Induction Ceremony		
2.3.1	Souvenir Program Printing		3,300.00
2.3.2	Hotel Rental		16,500.00
2.3.2	Band and Sound System		3,500.00
2.4	Purchase of Philippine Flag and NHA Chapter Souvenir Program Solicitation		240.00
2.5	Purchase of T-Shirt with Logo		2,592.00
2.6	Reimbursement for Life Member		30.00
2.7	Parish Alikansiya Project (Additional Amount)		35.00
2.8	Remittance to PICE National		3,185.00
2.9	Miscellaneous Expenses		4,139.02

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **QR 43,251.02**

**TOTAL BALANCE CASH ON HAND** **QR 14,018.96**  
(Qatari Riyal Fourteen Thousand Eighteen and Ninety Six Dirhams)

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## DO YOU KNOW...

They say that Civil Engineering is all about mathematics. If you are good in numbers in your formative years, then you opt to be an Engineer. Here are some interesting statistics or numbers in our organization:

1. Our foundation day is May 25 and coincides with 2 of our members birth date, Engr. Tena and Engr. Gomez
2. 11.5% of the total members are females.
3. 27.5% of the total members are singles.
4. PRC Number  
Lowest : 9523  
Highest : 106012
5. The month of October has the most number of birthday celebrants at 29 and closely followed by September at 28. March being the least celebrated at 10.
6. The average age is 37 yrs old.
7. Geographically, we came from 66 different provinces.
8. Graduated from 91 different schools.
9. Working in 103 companies all over Qatar
10. And united in 1 prestigious and elite organization, the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers-Qatar Chapter, International Charter Number I-03

## HUMORS AT WORK

### "HIGH TECH" MANAGEMENT SKILLS

A young engineer was leaving the office at 6 p.m. when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is important, and my secretary has left. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

## TEST YOUR WITS

Count every letter ' F ' in the following text:

**FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS...**

**Finish? Read and count again before you look at the answer at the back.**



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Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers—Qatar Chapter (I-03)

**OFFICIAL WORKING COMMITTEES**

(Chairman and Contact Number)

1. Committee on External Affairs  
Chairman Roy L. Baquiran - 668-2685
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS**

What : Registration for PICE-Qatar Membership

Where : Central Café (Backside of Ramada Hotel and The Centre Mall)

When : Every Wednesday Night at 7:30pm

Registrants must be a Filipino graduate of BS Civil Engineering. Bring 2 pcs of 2x2 colored ID Photo, Photocopy of PRC license (back to back) or college diploma for underboard registrants.

Members with membership number up to 176 can claim their official PICE-Qatar Identification Card from our treasurer, Engr. Eli Maranion (5064316).

**SOLUTION TO TEST YOUR WITS**

**HOW MANY ? WRONG, THERE ARE 6 -- no joke. READ IT AGAIN !**

**The reasoning behind is the brain cannot process 'OF'.**

**Incredible or what? Go back and look again!!**

**Anyone who counts all 6 'F's' on the first go is a genius. Three is normal, four is quite rare.**