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## Committee on Membership (COME)



The Committee on Membership (COME) through Chairman Rogel Banal confirmed that as of July 31, 2019, the last membership number issued is 3,431. For this month, five (5) new members were accepted comprising of two (2) regular and three (3) associate members. Meanwhile, 30 individuals have updated their membership dues. Following the committee meeting, an amnesty program to the payment of chapter dues will be proposed for the BOD's approval. The amnesty is expected to be implemented beginning next month which was aimed to reinvigorate the membership participation in the organization's activities. The committee continued to call all members to update their yearly dues in addition to encouraging other Filipino Civil Engineers to join the organization.

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PICE Qatar Weekly Gathering @ FCC Al Thumama

## Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA)



### BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

"Share Blood to Save Lives", that was our theme for this year's blood donation drive. Out of 33 screened donors there were 20 of them who successfully passed and was able to donate a bag of blood. The half day event was attended by a total of 45 active members together with their family and friends.

Hamad Blood Donor Center  
July 26, 2019

# Committee on Honors and Special Professional Licensure Board Examination (COHOPLE)

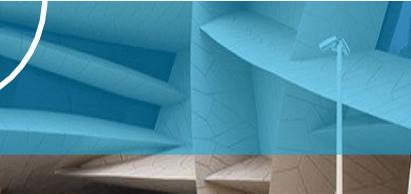


## Reviewee's Attendance:

July 5, 2019 :	60 reviewees
July 12, 2019 :	72 reviewees
July 19, 2019 :	52 reviewees
July 26, 2019 :	45 reviewees

- Supplemental review completed on July 17, 2019 which was conducted every Wednesday at Rotana City Center.

- 127 SPLE aspirant were conditionally approved by PRC, 114 nos. from PICE Qatar, and 13 nos. direct applied to PRC.



SPLE REVIEW COURSE  
Oryx Rotana Hotel  
July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2019

# Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement (COCPA)



## SEMINAR/WORKSHOP ON SMARTER WAYS

COCPA organized for the first time an external CPD training and one of the most common office tools for Engineers which makes your life easy, increased work efficiency in reporting and calculation accuracy in July 2019.

The event was entitled Seminar/Workshop on Smarter Ways to use Microsoft Excel for Engineering.

The event was attended by some 32 members of the PICE Qatar.

Ms. Michella Camille S. Reyes as the resource speaker, she is a certified public accountant and a part-time trainer.



July 12, 2019  
City Centre Rotana, West Bay  
Doha, Qatar

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**PICE Qatar Newsletter  
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## A Humble Beginning

**T**he PICE Qatar Chapter was established in Doha, Qatar, on 25 May 2007 by twenty five Filipino Civil Engineers. These 25 Founding Members hailed from different regions of the Philippines and were employed by various engineering and construction companies involved in various aspects of civil engineering and construction activities in the development of State of Qatar.

The Founding Members elected among themselves a set of Interim Officers to run the affairs of the new professional organization headed by Engr. Roy L. Baquiran as its Founding President. On 17 June 2007, the PICE Qatar Chapter was recognized by the Philippine Embassy in Qatar, through H.E. Ambassador Isaias F. Begonia, as a non-profit organization of Filipino Civil Engineers working in the State of Qatar, dedicated to establishing and maintaining an organization that embodies the common ideals and aspirations, and supports the continuing professional development of its members through education and training with newly established engineering information and advancements through lectures, seminars and research. During the following months, a massive information campaign was launched and membership registration drive was carried out.

The establishment of the PICE Qatar Chapter was warmly received by significant number of Qatar based Filipino Civil Engineers who joined the organization and registered with the Chapter. On 21 September 2007, the PICE Qatar Chapter request for accreditation was approved by the PICE National Board through the National President Juanito P. Abergas and Chapter Affairs Committee Chairman Ronaldo S. Ison. The PICE Qatar Chapter is now recognized as a PICE International Chapter - Charter No. 03.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

### Message from the President

**Helario S. Amoguis**  
CEng, ASEAN Eng.  
The 12th President of PICE Qatar Chapter



**C**ongratulations to all men and women of PICE Qatar as we join the celebration of our 12th founding anniversary. This year theme: **CIVIL ENGINEER AT THE FOREFRONT OF A PROGRESSIVE AND CHALLENGING WORLD** is timely and appropriate. We've been experiencing challenges that most of us may have been affected of such economic and political situation. But challenges are meant to be met and overcome. Challenges are there to strengthen our conviction not to run us over.

PICE QATAR after more than a decade of existence has gone so far through significant contribution and effort of our past leaders and continuous support from members. It is worth mentioning that our past presidents are with us all the time. Even those who had left Qatar, their love of PICE Qatar remain by providing a financial contribution to the programs of the chapter. Special thanks to our 2012 Chapter President Defino De Leon for providing financial assistance even he is now living in Canada.

PICE Qatar has been flying and soaring high and will continue to define its existence. We had been known as an advocate to support community-based projects in the Philippines and here in Doha as well. We already had completed 5 bldgs. projects in recent years and 1 deep well project this year. It is one of the objectives that PICE Qatar members are proud of. Moreover, we have dozens of members from different committee who came forward to contribute and share the same vision of leaders in providing support and service to members and chapter.

As president of the chapter for 2019, it is my hope and prayer that the momentum will be sustained despite all the challenges. PICE Qatar will continue to SOAR HIGH for 2019 and years to come. Let us hope for the best for our beloved chapter and wish all meaningful days ahead.

**Once again, happy 12th Foundation day to all. God Bless PICE Qatar.**

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## FEATURE STORY

# Road to the Throne – ICBL 2019 Classic Finale

Russel Flores



White Team emerge victorious on the 2019 PICE Qatar ICBL.

The PICE Qatar Inter-Color Basketball League (ICBL) 2019 Semifinal started on May 3, 2019, at the Main Court of the Aspire Ladies Hall. The opening game will be between the second-seed Gray teams and the third-seeded White team with the former enjoying a twice-to-beat advantage.

The Gray Team (formerly Maroon) is the perennial title contender trying to break into the "Roll of Champions" while the White Team is former champion a couple of years back. Both teams agreed to play the normal game beginning in the 3rd quarter ditching the Passarelle Rules implemented by this year's committee.

In the first quarter, the Gray team, with a clear height advantage with the Martinez-Lopez combo controlled the boards resulting in fastbreak plays. The White team was taken by surprise with the early onslaught from their opponents. However, early foul trouble to the Gray's towering Lopez opens the door for the White team to close the gap at the end of the quarter with a score of 14 and 12 in favor of Gray.

For the second quarter, the Whites were at a big disadvantage as the coach of the Gray team had to choose three (3) players for this quarter in accordance with the Passarelle Rule. This temporarily stalled the game with confusion on how to continue with the game and who is set to play for this quarter. The White team found luck as one of the chosen players is Junelito Elicano who anchored their

offense to take the lead – 29 against 22 going into half time break.

The White team opens the third quarter with unnecessary fouls to put them into early penalty situation. However, miscues from the Gray Team's backcourt duo of Espino and Patalla. Moreover, Gray's Chief gunner Espino couldn't find his range and was throwing bricks adds to their woes. Meanwhile, the White team found its rhythm and have negated their opponent's height advantage with better ball movement and help defense on the other end. Perimeter shots from White main man – Paulin and timely shots from Rhael Bongo and Sandrian Santiago kept the Gray team at bay. The quarter ended with White ahead by 12, 40 to 28.

The final quarter opens with early turn-overs from White resulting to easy baskets from big Gray's burly slotman Temblador and slasher, Fritz Sarabia trimming the lead to eight (8) – 40-32



Photo Courtesy of Engr. Newcésar Templadorcvo

with 7:25 remaining. In the ensuing plays, Whites answered each Grays run to take the win with the final score of 53 to 46.

The second game pits the top seed Cyan Team (formerly Red) against the fourth-seeded Blue team. Similarly, with the first game, both teams agreed to implement only the Passarelle Rule in the first half.

Cyan team topped the elimination with a 6-1 win-loss record similar to the Gray team. However, with a rule of a win over the other, the Cyans took the top seeding with its win over the Gray team in their only match during the round robin elimination.

The Cyans entered the game without their starting center – Vincent Dela Cruz who is still on vacation. However, they still have a height advantage over the depleted Blue team. Both teams started slow and ended a low scoring quarter with the score tied at seven (7).

The tempo started to pick up in the next quarter. The Cyan team were methodical in their plays anchored around the triumvirate of Sarile-Sarmiento-Testa capitalize on Blue's turnovers. The Blues' prized rookie – Jerome Pineda, couldn't find his range and were beaten in the boards by Cyan's big men. Cyan took the half with a score of 25 – 20.

Blue Team's main man – Jerryco Malabiga continued their team's up-tempo game and found early success against a slower Cyan team. However, fouls stalled their plays which resulted in Cyan regaining their rhythm. The quarter ended with a score of 38, 41 still in favor of Cyan.

The Blues took the upper hand in the middle of the final quarter with its vaunted full court press. The Cyan couldn't capitalize on its height advantage with the swarming defense and fast breaks plays of the Blues. However, breaks of the game went in favor of the Cyan team at the final stretch and a crucial sacrifice resulted in Malabiga's 5th foul with 30 seconds to play. Cyan hanged on and marched to the finals with a 64, 59 win.

The rubber match between the Gray and White team was played on May 10, 2019 in the same venue. Both teams agreed to ditch the Passarelle Rules.

The Grays continued to capitalize its height advantage with post-ups in the paint. Fritz Sarabia joined in the fray with its slasher offense and perimeter shots. However, the White team went on

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a balanced offense with perimeter shots from Paulin and Elicano and putbacks from Santiago. Costly miscues from Gray kept the White into the game but still held a two (2) point lead 13-11 going into the second quarter.

The Whites continue with its nearly flawless execution resulting in easy shots from the paint. Their big men – Elicano and Bongo, contained Grays Twin Towers – Temblador-Martinez resulted in a couple of miscues. However, Gray's men found its second wind and found their rhythm to take control of the board and post plays. With the clock winding down, White's Paulin launched a buzzer-bearing midcourt shot which hit nothing but net to give the lead back to White, 26-24.

The game went into a couple of lead changes with no team giving the other breathing space. Gray's Twin Towers and Sarabia's providing the offense kept the White at bay. However, the White team's Paulin continues to torch the perimeter kept them into striking distance. The Gray's dosed the quarter with 42, 41 lead.

A shootout ensued in the penultimate quarter between White's Paulin and Gray's Sarabia. The game went so close and proved to be a classic game between these two powerhouse teams. White teams added the lead to five (5) nearing the halfway mark. However, Gray's burly big man Lopez fouled out at 1:40 mark proved to be a backbreaker for the Grays. White closed the game with a 63-57 win to secure a final seat.

In the next game day, Gray and Blue battled for 3rd place honors. Both teams came with a considerably trimmed lineup.

The Blues played a fast-paced game and raised to 7-0 lead 2 minutes into the opening canto. Gray's twin towers reported to action with six minutes remaining but continue to bleed for points. Their first basket came at 4:24 mark on a basket from Jong Martinez. The Blues defense derailed Gray's offense and result in turnovers. The Grays trailed 5-17 as the quarter came to an end.

Gray's gunner Espino finally found his mark and open the 2nd quarter with a try. However, Gray's Lopez continued its

foul trouble when he committed his third foul at 8:30 mark.

After a lull in the score midway through the quarter, the Gray found its range to trim the lead to four – 24, 20 with 1:20 remaining. The Blues couldn't find the basket in the ensuing plays thereby leading by just two at the end of the 1st half.

The first deadlock came at 9:20 mark of the 3rd quarter with a post-up play from Jong Martinez. The Blues answered with stifling pressure defense resulting in penalty woes of Gray. The Blue closes the quarter with a 41-7 lead.

Both teams traded shots in the final canto. Grays controlled the paint with triple tower defense which kept the Blue perimeter shooters busy. A costly unsportsmanlike foul on Jong Martinez at the 2:16 marked proved to be too costly for the Grays. The Blue team took 3rd Place with a 55 to 42 win.

The championship match pits a confident Cyan Team and a determined White team.



Photo Courtesy of Engr. Newcésar Templadorcvo

"Cyan will be the underdogs...White team is playing a head-ups strategy (or to that effect" exclaimed by an avid Cyan supporter. "We will win the championship, we will be this year champions" confidently claimed by White's Dennis Manzano.

A tense atmosphere surrounds the arena as both teams prepare for the tip-off which was won by the Cyan team. A sluggish start coupled with good offensive plays to put the Cyan ahead 8 to 2 in the early going of the 1st quarter. Both teams traded baskets and Cyan did well protecting the lead. A buzzer-beating half-court shot from White's Paulin

trimmed the Cyans lead to 2 with a score 19 to 17.

White's Paulin opened the quarter with a jump shot to notch the game's 1st deadlock. The Whites took the lead at 4:45 mark with the score 25 to 24 due to a well-timed shot and fluid ball movement. The Cyans answered with a stifling zone defense which derailed the Whites offense and went on a short 5-0 run. The half ended on a draw at 35 apiece.

The 2nd half opened with a Bongo and Santiago baskets to give the Whites a 4-1 point lead with 8:40 to play in the 3rd quarter. Both teams battled tooth and nail which is becoming a photo finish for the crown. Cyans went to their own 4-0 run to keep the Whites within reach at the 2:06 mark. The Whites hanging on to a 56-54 lead going to the homestretch.

The Cyans blitzed the Whites with its surprise package – the lanky Alan Nscano, who opened with a couple of treys and fast break plays to safely give the Cyan a 5-point lead with 6:20 to play. With White's Dennis Manzano finally heating up, they tightened the defense and made crucial free throws to cut the lead to two, 70-68 with 2:00 to play. A perfect pressure defense resulted in Cyan's turnover and Manzano converted two more free throws to tie the score at 70. Several lead changes follow with the Cyans scoring in the paint and Whites answer with steady free throws. With 0:23 to play, White's Bongo made both from the charity line to put them ahead by one. However, Cyan's answered with an uncontested jump shot from Cyan's Sarile to put them ahead by 1 with 0:12 remaining. The Whites went to its main man for the final play and Paulin drove to the baseline. He was fouled in the ensuing play and made to earn the pressure-packed free throws. Paulin made both to put them ahead – 78 to 77. The Whites went to a man-to-man defense. A trapped Cyan at the half-court resulted in an extremely crucial steal by Elicano as the Whites run to clock to preserve the nail-biting win.

### Congratulations to the White team – the ICBL 2019 champions.

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## PICE QATAR JOINS THE 121ST PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

*Elvin Fajutagana*



*June 14, 2019—121st Philippine Independence Day Celebration at Al Arabi Sports Club*

**O**n June 14, 2019, the PICE Qatar Chapter joins the 121st Philippine Independence Day held at Al Arabi Sports Club with other Filipino professional organizations and several civic groups.

The celebration was officially opened by the Philippine Ambassador to Qatar, Hon.

Alan Timbayan with Labor Attaché David Dicang. The said event was hosted by popular RJs from Qabayan Radio 94.3 FM. The celebration underlines about the health and wellness of OFWs in Qatar. The day-long celebration begins with Zumba and followed by cheering contests. Coming immediately after are the volleyball championship for men and women, then culminating the program with the performances of various artists.



**PHILIPPINE  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

"Kalayaan 2019: Tapang ng Bayan, Malasakit sa Mamamayan"  
June 12, 2019



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## OPINION



## A TRULY INDEPENDENT PHILIPPINES

IS RAISING THE FLAG ON ANOTHER MAN'S LAND A SIGN OF INDEPENDENCE?

June 12, 2019 marks the 121st year since the proclamation of independence of the Filipino People. 121 years since the Philippine Flag was raised by the country's revolutionary government led by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in Kawit, Cavite.

In these long 121 years, did the Filipinos truly understand the meaning of Independence? Did the Filipinos truly appreciate what their forefathers had gone through to achieve what they are celebrating every 12th of June? Or is "June 12" just considered a holiday where there are no classes or works?

Dr. Jose Rizal, regarded as the foremost Filipino patriot once said, "People don't realize that victory is the child of struggle, that joy blossoms from suffering, and redemption is a product of sacrifice."

During the celebration of the 121st Philippine Independence, President Duterte called on Filipinos to work for a truly independent Philippines. Which begs the question, that despite those 121 years of celebration, is the Philippines not truly independent yet?

Philippine independence is being argued for some time now, given the

economy's substantial dependence on other countries. One evidence is the ever-growing population of the OFWs with the estimated number of 2.3 million by the PSA last 2018. Considering that the very same figure had also raised the Philippine flag and celebrated the nation's independence day in foreign soil. With these many people striving hard and depending on other countries' economy, can we consider the Philippines truly independent?

**“Ako ay Filipino Buong katapatang nanunumpa Sa watawat ng Pilipinas....”**

What does it mean to be independent and how does independence supposed to be celebrated?

Independence Day is a tribute to our forefathers' courage and wisdom to write in our history that the



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Philippines is a free nation. It should not end with a mere celebration of flag raising and other festive activities during every 12th of June. Every Filipino who is enjoying the freedom, from which our great heroes strived for in one form or another, has a responsibility no matter which country he stands. To celebrate the true meaning of independence every day by working together with honesty and integrity for a better Philippines until we reach such time that the country can be considered truly independent.

As to remember our Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine flag.

*"Ako ay Filipino  
Buong katapatang nanunumpa  
Sa watawat ng Pilipinas  
At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag  
Na may dangal, Katarungan, at  
kalayaan  
Na pinakikilos ng sambayanan  
Maka-Diyos, Makatao, Makakalikasan,  
at Makabansa"*

(<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/1998/02/12/republic-act-no-9491/>)

## THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

### Message from the President

**Helario S. Amoguis**

CEng, ASEAN Eng.  
The 12th President of PICE Qatar Chapter



In the past six months, there were uncertainties, unpursued plans, shortcomings, however it was overcome with great passion, desire, and cooperation among active members of our chapter. Significant numbers of members have been very supportive to our activities and programs. So far, PICE Qatar still the highest in number in the group of professionals in Qatar. We are about to reach 3500 members in our registry, although some may have left Qatar for different reasons.

On behalf of 2019 Executive Committee, I would just like to manifest a few significant accomplishments over the past six months through the effort and contribution of officers, different committees and members.

- I. Successfully conducted quarterly outreach program for our fellow OFW at POLO shelter that catered over 180 distressed *kababayans* including some babies;
- II. Completed the 6th PICE Qatar EXECOMM Regular Meeting;
- III. Continuous review and refresher classes held every Friday at Oryx Rotana hotel in preparation of SPLE 2019 this August 12-

- 13, 2019. Over 90 PICE Qatar member taking advantage of the program;
- IV. Conducted at least 4 Training/Seminars with approved CPD units;
- V. Earned at least 4500QR of proceeds thru the sales of PICEQ T-shirts and Jackets;
- VI. Successfully published 6 monthly newsletter issues;
- VII. Successfully celebrated 12th Foundation Day anniversary coupled with different sports activities;
- VIII. Assisted at least 33 members eyeing to upgrade membership status and to be conferred as ASEAN / APEC Engineers;
- IX. Applied CPD units in all technical seminars conducted;
- X. Implemented the 1st Deep Well project in Zamboanga;
- XI. Coordinated the 8th International Technical Conference in Kuwait. PICE Qatar will be sending at least 10 delegates from our chapter;
- XII. Attended monthly Embassy/PPO-Q meetings and gatherings. PICE

Qatar participated in the ongoing sports activities organized by the Philippine Professional Organization - Qatar (PPO-Q) including basketball and badminton.

Officers and different committees who volunteered to be a servant to the chapter are working in the background to pursue programs that are beneficial to the chapter and members. While it is a challenge how to balance our time, I treat this as a golden opportunity to serve our fellow Civil Engineers in the pursuit of career development and professional advancement but not a trumpet call to self-importance.

As the chairman of the 2019 Board of Directors, I hope that we can do the best that we can to fulfill the mission and vision of our beloved chapter to inspire others and keep the momentum that has been started by our past leaders.

More Power and God Bless PICE Qatar!

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### 6<sup>th</sup> EXECOMM Regular Meeting Held

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

Elvin Fatugana

The PICE Qatar EXECOMM convened its 6th monthly regular meeting on the 7th of June 2019 held at the PICE Qatar Headquarters, Bin Omran, Doha, Qatar.

The meeting was chaired by 1st Vice President, Engr. Sheila L. Medel with 2nd Vice President, Engr. Elvin D. Fajutangana acting as the Secretary. In attendance were nine (9) BODs, the Immediate Past President and three (3) from the Council of Advisers.

The meeting discussion highlights the updating of the status of the general membership; the forthcoming Special Professional Licensure

Examination; the participation in the 121st Philippine Independence Day Celebration; the 8th International Technical Conference to be held in Kuwait on August 12-14, 2019; and participation at the Philippine Professional Organization - Qatar Sportsfest for Basketball and Badminton.

Sergeant-At-Arms, Engr. Maria Michelle A. Revillosa expressed her appreciation to all the members and organizers for the successful celebration of the Chapter's 12th Foundation Day held at Qatar Bowling Center on May 24, 2019 where the distribution of awards for various sporting activities was also carried out such as the 1st Season of

2019 Inter-Color Basketball League and the 4th & 5th Season of 2019 Presidents Basketball Cup and other events were also recognized including winners in the bowling, badminton, lawn tennis, chess, table tennis, billiards, table football, and darts.

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

The meeting lasted for 4 hours and the chairman adjourned the meeting at precisely 12:30 P.M. on the same day, the EXECOMM made the photo opportunity by suiting up the latest PICE Qatar blazer.

## PICE Qatar Members Now at 3,426

Russel Flores

The Committee on Membership (CoME) through the Chairman Rogel Banal discloses that the last membership number issued as of June 30, 2019, is 4,426.

For the month of June, three new members were accepted while 32 updated their dues. The new members were all classified as

Associates. Currently, there are 566 active members composed of 290 Life Members, 191 regular members, and 84 associate members.

The committee continued to call all members to update their dues in addition to encouraging other Filipino Civil Engineers to join the organization.

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Be updated and become a member with good standing.  
Engr. Rhoy Banal  
CoME Chairman

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## PICE QATAR UPDATES



### PICE Qatar Newsletter Staffers visit Qabayan Radio 94.3

Jerick Lising

The first-ever Filipino radio station in Qatar had its historic switching-on last March 25, 2019, with a test broadcast to run for over a week on the FM band. Regular radio shows have since been added to cater to the more than 260,000 Filipino residents in Qatar. Qabayan Radio 94.3 FM is licensed to operate commercially under Tagalog Channel W.L.L. with Commercial Registration No. 126182 granted on the 4th of December 2018.

PICE Qatar Newsletter Staffers visit the Qabayan Radio station at Economic Group Plaza Building, Al Sadd, Doha, State of Qatar on June 28, 2019. PICE Qatar Public Relations Officer Engr. Belinda E. Dela Cruz and Committee on Publications and Information (CoPI) Chairman Engr. Jerick A. Lising showed up along with Managing Editors Engr. Alden P. Cayaga and Engr. Meliza M. Ortiguerra and Sports Editor Engr. Russel F. Flores.

Qabayan Radio has plans in the future to reach out to Filipino Community Organizations based in the host country by conducting trainings and workshop on basic journalism, photojournalism, news reporting/broadcasting, and vlogging among nominated participants and individual volunteers from organizations.



## MME GRADE APPEAL, REGISTRATION RENEWAL & UPGRADING PROCESS

Felipe Catinyo

In today's very competitive Qatar job market, most of the posted vacancies in the local publications or on the internet are requiring MME registration/grade. However, even after passing the MME examination and receiving your very own Engineering Registration Card, the opportunity is still limited especially if you only got to receive "Trainee" as your grade/classification.

You will then receive an SMS when will be your scheduled interview and be sure to bring along with you all the documents you had uploaded in their website. In the event that you did not receive any SMS after two (2) weeks, kindly visit the office of HMUP in Westbay for follow-up and present a screenshot or printout of your appeal as hard copy evidence.

4. Work Experience Certificate for the last 3 years ONLY.

For further details, please visit the MME Office at West Bay Doha.

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## 7th Executive Committee Regular Meeting – Board of Directors 2019



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July 5, 2019 (Friday)

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## Committee on Membership (COME)



The Committee on Membership (COME) through Chairman Rogel Banal has announced the implementation of the special amnesty program on membership dues. The amnesty is only for the local dues and shall be in effect for a limited time.

Subsequently, 25 members availed of the amnesty for this month.

Furthermore, three (3) new members were accepted and two

(2) other upgraded their status from Associate to Regular members.

As of the end of August 2019, the last membership number issued is 3,434.

The committee continued to call all members to update their dues in addition to encouraging other Filipino Civil Engineers to join the organization..

# Committee on Honors and Special Professional Licensure Board Examination (COHOPLE)



Reviewee's Attendance:  
Aug 2, 2019 : 60 reviewees

- SPLE Aspirant attended Mass at Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Church offering the SPLE Board Exam on August 12 & 13, 2019.
- It was informed to all SPLE aspirant that the assigned day for verification of documents by PRC at PISQ will be on Aug. 9, 2019 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

August 12 & 13 , 2019

- SPLE for Civil Engineer attended by 118 aspirants



SPLE REFRESHER COURSE  
Oryx Rotana Hotel  
August 2, 2019

2019 SPLE  
Philippine International School – Qatar  
(PISQ)  
August 12 - 13, 2019

# Committee on Continuing Professional Advancement (COCPA)



## WRITESHOP – APEC/ASEAN ENGINEERING REGISTRIES

COCPA organized an event related to the APEC/ASEAN Engineering Registry Applicants in conjunction with the new requirements in August 9, 2019.

The event was entitled Writeshop : APEC/ASEAN Engineering Registries  
The event was attended by some 43 members of the PICE Qatar.

Engr. Roy L. Baquiran, our founding president of PICE Qatar, served as the resource speaker for the event.

The event was granted a total CPD points of 4 (Program Accreditation No. OCE-2010-001-1341) .



August 9, 2019  
City Centre Rotana, West Bay  
Doha, Qatar

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PICE Qatar Members and Spice & Sizzle for the Blood Donation Campaign 2019

friends and "Spice & Sizzle" staff, are Mark Anthony Abendan, Susana Nacario, Rodel Arnaiz, Ryan Dave Mendoza, Jan Dannel Villaruel, Elvin Fajutagana, Allen Nacario, Rhea Lomio Berondo, Romar Aratia, Azeem Shakis, Vincent Gaspar, Medel Dalida, Hassan Ibban, Maria Flor Nilo, Eric Ponce, M. Aslam, Alfredo Pagulayan, Lilibeth Allas, Gerardo Dela Cruz, and Emmanuel Laforteza.

Successfully released to the General Membership thru PICE Qatar Yahoo Group Email and PICE Qatar Official Website

## PICE QATAR BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN 2019

Mark Anthony Abendan

**P**hilippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Qatar Chapter does it again as it organizes another blood donation campaign in partnership with Hamad Hospital. This year's drive, with a theme of "Share Blood to Save Lives", has been successfully conducted with 20 blood donors. The event took place on July 26, 2019 at Hamad Hospital Blood Donor Center, Al Rayyan Road, Doha, State of Qatar.

host country. This campaign was aimed to increase awareness of the importance of blood donation and to encourage existing and potential donors from the chapter's roster of members to donate blood at regular intervals. A few of the many benefits of blood donation includes: (1) save lives of people; (2) refreshes the body system; (3) adds to the donors' own blood quantity and quality; and (4) received a proper diagnosis during screening.

Donating blood is one of the most precious gifts that anyone can give to another person that can save a life. Empowered by the Institute's Core Values: Professionalism, Integrity, Leadership, Excellence, and Social Responsibility; PICE Qatar facilitates this annual blood donation drive as a form of community service in the

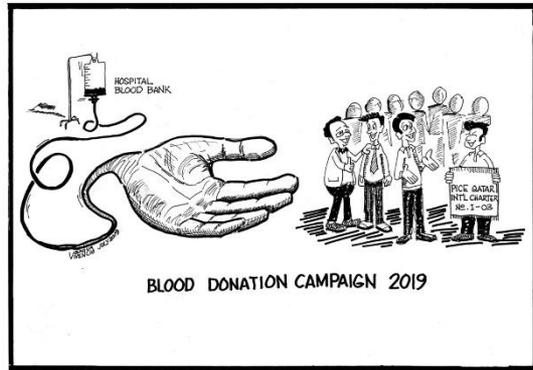
Souvenir tees for this event were sponsored by "Spice & Sizzle" restaurant, who also participated in the drive with 3 staffs who had successfully passed the screening and donated blood. Among the successful blood donors, coming from PICE Qatar members with their family and

This worthwhile annual activity was organized by the Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (CoPA) Team 2019 with the full support of the current BOD's and the PICE Qatar general membership with their family and friends.

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## OPINION



## SHARE BLOOD TO SAVE LIVES

**B**lood donation is a gift that can save someone's life and yet often forgotten and falls into short supply. Anybody can help and it won't cost you anything but a few minutes of your time and a little pinch in your arm.

Many people are dependent on donated blood - whether because of an accident which happened or during surgery to compensate for blood loss; organ and bone marrow transplants; or diseases like chronic anemia.

A lot of us might be thinking that donating blood would not make any difference and that one less person donating would not be significant enough to lessen the impact on other people lives — this mentality is totally wrong. Every ounce of blood that is donated matters... up to the last drop that is given. Remember, as much as one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

It takes a lot to keep our body healthy for us to be able to pass the screening and help guarantee the chances of being able to donate blood. Keep in mind that you should avoid

taking aspirins for at least two days before the donation since taking aspirins results to the thinning of the blood. Secondly, you should eat lots of iron-rich foods like red meat, poultry, beans, and leafy greens to help bump up the amount of iron in your body. One should stay hydrated, as well as getting a good night's sleep beforehand.

**“Every ounce of blood that is donated matters... up to the last drop that is given.”**

Another important thing you want to keep in mind that an interval of 16 weeks between donations of whole blood is reasonable. The minimum interval is 12 weeks. Normally, no more than three donations should be collected from a female donor and four from a male donor for 12 months\*.

One of the noteworthy community services of PICE



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Qatar Chapter conducted annually is the blood donation campaign. Imagine how many lives we could possibly save if we can encourage majority of the members of our organization to gather together and donate for a good cause. With about 583 pints as the target volume of blood to be donated, which is equivalent to the number of active members to date, the impact it would make will be huge. Sure, not everyone in our organization can donate, but if we gathered the same number of people who can donate even outside the chapter, we would save so many more lives than we already have.

\*Source: <https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/red-book/chapter-3-care-and-selection-of-whole-blood-and-component-donors-including-donors-of-pre-deposit-autologous-blood/3-6-frequency-of-donation>

## THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

### Message from the President

**Helario S. Amoguis**

CEng, ASEAN Eng.  
The 12th President of PICE Qatar Chapter



**J**uly has always been on summer days in Qatar with high temperatures and humidity that is normally challenging to us engineers especially to those who are working outside. Steps must be taken into consideration to avoid heat stress related incidents. Just recently, two of our members suffered mild to serious medical health conditions. Extra care must be taken especially with some health concerns. It is also advised to keep updated with our health cards, personal insurance or even our membership with OWWA. These are lifelines in times of need.

Meanwhile, as we are battling the heat this month, we kept also our passion and desire to pursue the programs of the chapter for the year 2019. Activities were happening according to the initial plan although some of it was rescheduled to allow improvements.

Here some of our chapters' events during this month.

1. 7th Regular Meeting of PICE Qatar EXECOMM - The meeting was held in PICE Qatar Headquarter on 05 July 2019 and was attended by nine (9) Officers, six (6) Committee Chairmen, one (1) Immediate Past President, three (3) Council of Advisers and ADHOC committee chairmen.
2. PPO Basketball Games - held every Friday, PICEQ star players won all the games against other professional organizations. Congratulations to Engr. Arnold Paradero and 2VP Engr. Elvin Fajutagana for leading and coordinating the players and of course to our members supported our players each game.
3. Training in Microsoft® Excel - held last July 12, 2019, at Rotana City Center. It was attended by over 30 participants who able to learn the techniques on how to use EXCEL program effectively. Modular sessions regarding advance topics will be announced soon as per the request of many.

4. Blood Donation Campaign - held last July 26, 2019, at Hamad Blood Donor Unit, the campaign successfully organized with the partnership of SPICE and SIZZLE restaurant who had sponsored the T-shirts and even had donated blood some of their staff. There were 44 attendees in total, 33 volunteered to donate blood however, only 20 successfully qualified. There may be 2nd round of blood campaign during November this year as suggested by our COPA team.

5. Assistance campaign to members in need - One of the benefits of having involved in professional or any social organization is we develop and increase the network of friends. By helping, sharing, encouraging, inspiring each other, indeed, the burden is less in time of trouble with the help of friends. Carrying each other's burden is just one fulfillment of God's commandment. Our chapter since the start of its inception has been the instrument of this cause. Recently, the Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs team (COPA) initiated the campaign for the assistance of members in need and currently confined in the hospital.

6. Amnesty program for delinquent members has been agreed and due for implementation by next month. The program will run till the 30th of September 2019.
7. Campaign and finalization of the participants for the 8th International Technical Conference to be held in Kuwait on August 12-13, 2019.

8. Campaign to support and sponsor Math Whiz 2019 by participating in badminton and basketball tournament. Games will kick off next month.

9. Final briefing with PPO-Q/ POLO regarding the conduct of Special Professional Licensure Examination in Qatar on August 12-14 2019.

Moreover, our constitutional committees led by different chairmen are closely working with each other. Committee on Membership (COME) has been very busy updating membership status along with the Committee on Life Membership and Specialist Applications (COLSA) in charge of the review of LM/Specialists/AER/ACPER/APEC application for free to interested members who wanted to upgrade their status. Committee on Ways and Means (COWME) supporting other committees especially the need of PICE uniforms. The Committee on Publications and Information (COPI) has consistently publishing the monthly newsletter. Thanks to 1VP Engr. Shiela Medel and 2VP Engr. Elvin Fajutagana actively supervising committees under his/her watch. What more important is the constant participation of Adviser/Past presidents and even contributing financial support from their pocket to support our programs. The preparation for General Assembly in November 2019 may also kick off next month.

Lastly, thanks to all members of the PICE Qatar EXECOMM 2019 who kept the spirit of unity and camaraderie for the interest of the chapter and using the opportunity to inspire others in our little way by being the model in promoting civil engineering profession and personal advancement.

May the month ahead filled with abundant blessings, miracles, and opportunities for all especially for those members who are still searching for a job.

**God Bless PICE Qatar and More Power.**

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## GIVE ME A MOMENT

by Engr. Alden Cayaga

In an effort to increase awareness of the PICE Qatar Chapter's latest version of the amended and ratified Constitution and By-Laws (CBL), the author will be presenting a three-part series to simply cover the most common provisions of the Chapter's CBL.

On this first part, we shall cover the general terms and definitions we frequently bump into as members of this organization.

Let us dig deep and try to understand the following list of terms and definitions as stated in the Chapter's CBL.

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### ACTIVE MEMBER

- Surprisingly, there are no specific provision in the CBL defining what is an Active Member other than the description stated in Article 10 Section 10.3, whereas - Members belonging to other Chapters applying for membership with PICE Qatar Chapter will be advised to settle all their back dues (if there be any) as advised by the National Office before they are recognized and classified officially as "active" members of the Chapter.
- Provisions such as those found in Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of Article 4 only describes the "Rights" and "Privileges" of Active Members.
- Active Members can also be considered to be those not in "Inactive Status" as described in Section 4.5 of Article 4.
- Reference can also be made to "Member in Good Standing". However, the CBL does not contain any specific provision stating that the two terms can be considered to be one and the same.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Shall be a Filipino citizen who has acquired the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE) or its equivalent from any recognized engineering institution in the Philippines or abroad but who has not yet been admitted to the practice of Civil Engineering by the PRC, and who otherwise fulfills all other requirements for such membership as provided in these By-Laws (Article 4 Section 4.1.2); Refer also to Article II of the By-Laws of the Institute.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS or BOD

As specifically defined in Article 5 Section 5.1, the BOD shall be composed of fifteen (15) members elected annually by the General Membership in accordance with Article 8, the Immediate Past President, and a representative from the Council of Advisers.

Note that specific provisions regarding the powers and function of the BOD are stated in Article 5 Section 5.3, whereas -

5.3.1 The BOD shall exercise full control and supervision over the business and affairs of PICE QATAR, have exclusive control and management of all funds of PICE QATAR and to perform such acts that shall protect the best interest and integrity of PICE QATAR, the Institute as well as the Civil Engineering profession, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion of BOD members who fail to perform their duties and responsibilities. Provided, however, that any suspension or expulsion requires two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the BOD and subject to the provisions of Article II Section 11 of the By-Laws of the Institute.

### EDITORIAL BOARD

As stated in Article 7 Section 7.8

## A COMPENDIUM OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Clause 7.8.1 - COPi shall act as the Editorial Board of any PICE QATAR publication and shall scrutinize and control any information about PICE QATAR before they are disseminated.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or EXCECOMM

As stated in Article 5 Section 5.1 Clause 5.1.1, the EXCECOMM shall be comprised of the seventeen (17) individuals (BOARD + Immediate Past President + A Representative from the Council of Advisers).

### FULL TERM

A minimum of not less than four (4) months of service by a Director shall be considered to have provided a full term of service (Article 5 Section 5.2 Clause 5.2.3).

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As stated in Article 11 Section 11.1 Clause 11.1.1 - The Regular Annual General Assembly shall be conducted every last Friday of November. The Agenda of the General Assembly shall include, but not limited to, the following: (a) Report of the Treasurer; (b) Report of the President; and (c) Election of Board of Directors.

### LIFE MEMBER

Shall be a Filipino citizen who has fulfilled all the requirements of the Institute for such membership. Life members shall continue to possess and enjoy all the rights and privileges of a Regular Member in good standing but shall be exempted from the payment of annual dues (Article 4 Section 4.1.3); Refer also to Article II of the By-Laws of the Institute.

### MAJORITY VOTE

No specific provision is stated in the later CBL. Thus, definition regarding what is a majority vote must be

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addressed by the Robert's Rules of Order which in context the word "majority" simply means, more than half.

### MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Every member who is up-to-date in the payment of all fees, dues and all authorized special assessments as provided in these By-Laws, as well as those that may be payable to the Institute shall be considered "Member in Good Standing", provided that such member is not under suspension from the practice of Civil Engineering by the PRC or from membership privileges in the Institute under Sections 11 and 12 of Article II of the Institute By-Laws (as approved by the Philippines Securities and Exchange Commission [SEC] on 08 July 2013) - as stated in Article 10 Section 10.4

### QUORUM

For Annual General Assembly - The physical presence of at least one hundred (100) members in good standing or at least two-thirds (2/3) of the active regular members on record, whichever is lesser, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (Article 11 Section 11.4 Clause 11.4.1).

At EXCECOMM Meetings - The physical presence of the majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business (Article 11 Section 11.4 Clause 11.4.2).

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the EXCECOMM are stated in Article 11 Section 11.3 Clause 11.3.1 scheduled every first Friday of the month at such place and time the EXCECOMM may designate.

### REGULAR MEMBER

Shall be a Filipino citizen who is duly registered in the rolls of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to practice Civil Engineering in the Philippines and who fulfills all other requirements for membership in these By-Laws (Article 4 Section 4.1.1); Refer also to Article II of the By-Laws of the Institute.

### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

The generally accepted rules of the parliamentary procedures (in the latest edition) applied in all PICE Qatar Chapter meetings (Article 11 Section 11.6).

### SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the EXCECOMM can

be conducted at any time subject to the compliance of the provisions stated in Article 11 Section 11.3 Clause 11.3.2 as follows:

i. Upon call by the President in writing or through telephone call to all other BOD's.

ii. Upon written request by at least five (5) BOD's sent to all the other members.

### TENURE OF THE BOARD

The BOD shall serve for a term of one (1) year which shall commence at 12:01 a.m. of January 1 and end on December 31 at midnight of the same year (Article 5 Section 5.2 Clause 5.2.1).

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Follow our next issue as we take on a new topic regarding specific provisions of the chapter's CBL.

To get the latest copy, please go to the PICE Chapter's website at <https://www.piceqatar.com> and <http://pice.org.ph/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/PICE-Amended-By-laws-1.pdf> for details.

## NOW PHILIPPINES

Luisito Carlos

## RA 11312: Magna Carta for Scientists, Engineers

An act strengthening the Magna Carta for scientists, engineers, researchers, and other technology personnel in the government signed by President Rodrigo Duterte on 15 July 2019.

This newly signed act, RA 11312, amended RA 8439, which mandates compensation for science and technology workers not directly working for the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

### Classification of S&T Personnel:

- S&T managers, supervisors, and planners
- Members of the scientific career system
- Scientists, engineers, and researchers
- DOST technicians and related S&T personnel

### Benefits:

- Honorarium
- Share in royalties
- Hazard allowance
- Subsistence allowance
- Laundry allowance

- Housing and quarter allowance
- Longevity pay
- Medical examination
- Scholarships and grants
- Honorarium of other services
- Highest basic salary upon retirement

Several amendments have been introduced in the newly signed law as follows:

- Honorarium - in the new law, the government shall not impose limit on the amount of additional honoraria that may be received by S&T personnel.
- Certification - under RA 8439 Non-DOST S&T personnel can avail the benefits under the act but to be certified only by the DOST Secretary. Under this new act, the Head of the Agency can certify those S&T personnel involve in STA. Provided that the heads of the agency shall abide by the guidelines promulgated by DOST.
- Extension of Services of Scientists - the services of scientists who is due for compulsory retirement may be extended for a maximum of five (5) years: Provided that the

research project is within the priority research and development programs of the DOST and is identified as strategic to the national development as certified by the DOST Secretary. Services rendered during this period of extension shall be credited as part of government service, and such extension shall entitle the employees to leave credits and other benefits.

### Definition of Terms:

**S & T Personnel** - Science and Technology Personnel.

**STA** - Scientific and Technological Activities.

**Scientific Career System** - a career system for S&T Personnel in the service of the government.

**Magna Carta** - a document constituting a fundamental guarantee of rights and privileges.

Sources:  
[https://www.senate.gov.ph/ABS-CBN News FB post on 15 Jul 2019.](https://www.senate.gov.ph/ABS-CBN%20News%20post%20on%2015%20July%202019)



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

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

## 8th Executive Committee Regular Meeting – Board of Directors 2019



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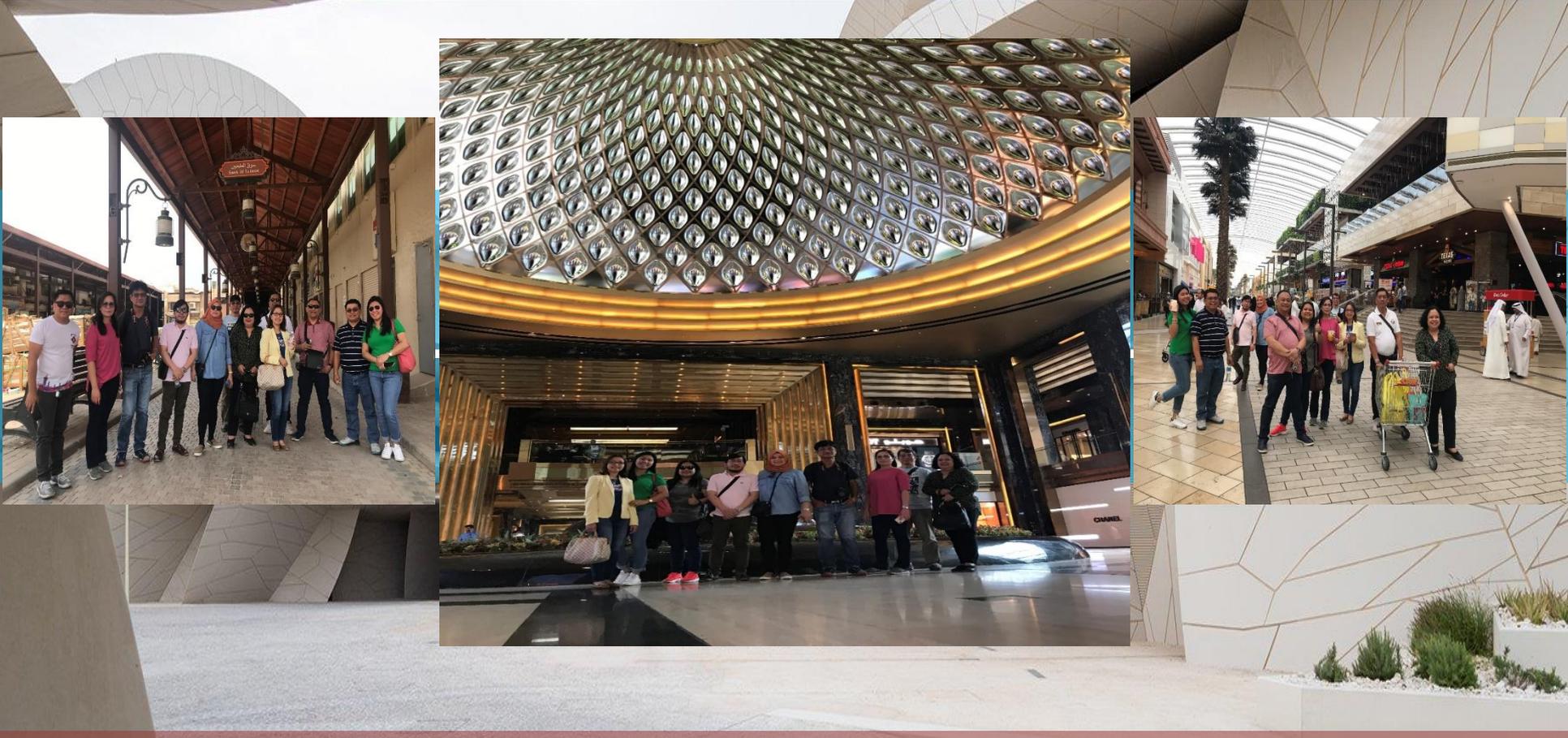
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## Committee on Membership (COME)



The Committee on Membership (COME) through Chairman Rogel Banal has reported that only two (2) members are required to finally reach 3,450.

The amnesty program for the local membership due to the PICE Qatar is still in effect until the end of the month. For September 2019, 33 members updated their membership dues wherein 27 are regular members and six (6) are associate members.

Moreover, there are two (2) Associate members who upon passing the Professional Board Examination, upgraded their membership status from Associate to Regular members.

The committee continued to call all members to update their dues in addition to encouraging other Filipino Civil Engineers to join the organization

PICE Qatar Weekly Gathering @ Big Diners (Mansoura)  
(Sunday and Wednesday)

## Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA)



### 3rd POLO-OWWA Outreach for Distressed OFW's

Several members of the (PICE) Qatar Chapter have conducted PICE Qatar's 3rd Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO)-Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Outreach for Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers activity on September 19, 2019, Thursday, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at POLO-OWWA Shelter, Doha, State of Qatar. There were 120 wards and 4 babies beneficiaries housed at the shelter. The event was attended by a total of 15 active members together with their family and friends.



POLO OWWA Shelter  
September 19, 2019

# Committee on Honors and Special Professional Licensure Board Examination (COHOPLE)

Review Orientation – September 20, 2019  
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Review Class – September 27, 2019  
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PICE Qatar "Builders" is the Champion of the 2019 PPO Qatar Basketball Tournament with an 11-0 record breaking standing

### PICE QATAR BASKETBALL TEAM BAGGED PPO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Russel Flores

**P**hilippine Institute of Civil Engineers - Qatar Chapter Basketball Team continued their mastery over the United Architects of the Philippines – Qatar Chapter in the finals en route to bagging the PPO Basketball Tournament championship.

The team, dubbed as Builders, romped off the elimination round with an unscathed record. They towered over their opponents with a winning percentage of nearly 22 points a game. They managed to score an average of almost 84 points while limiting their opponents to a measly 62 points per outing.

However, the team had a slow start in the tourney and opened their campaign with a

nail-biting two-point win over the nurses (PNA-Q). A glimpse of their potential is showcased in the game against the Electronic Engineers (IECEP-Q) in the second game. Their usual run and gun offensive play matched by an improved stifling defense made them cruised to a 21-point win in their next game.

The match against longtime rivals – PSME and UAP, in the succeeding games were viewed as crucial games as both teams tend to be a hard match-up both in height and depth. An inspired and on fire Builders jump on their guns early in the game against PSME. The team continued to press on their opponent with a barrage of basket whilst clamping the Mechanical Engineers with their

pesky defense. A morale-boosting 69-50 win over PSME proved to be a mental edge in the competition.

PICE Qatar’s team advantage in height was very crucial in their previous wins and their clean record is put to the test against a team with taller and stronger players – the Architects. It was a hard-fought battle – the big guys battle it out at the rim and the shaded lane is clogged by both teams. The Builders found a chink in UAP-QAC’s armor at the backcourt with the sweet-shooting Paulin firing on all cylinders. The Builders escaped with an 11 point win.

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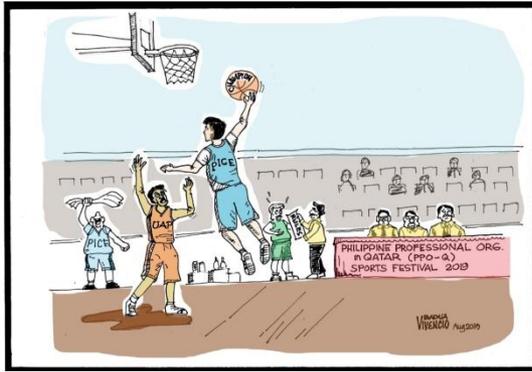
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# Committee on Publications & Information (COPi)

## OPINION



## PICE QATAR IN PPO-Q SPORTS

**T**he PICE Qatar Basketball Squad sweep all its assigned games to become champions of the recently concluded Philippine Professional Organization in Qatar (PPO-Q) Sports Festival. This is the result of the decade-old sports program that the organization has established and pursuit not only to promote well-being, healthy mind, and body but camaraderie and professionalism in the field of sports as well.

Never mind that "sports" especially basketball is already well-entrenched into the mind of each and every Filipino but to be in the court and be part of competition is not the same as being just in the same court as an audience. To actually play the game and be part of the history of sports is different from just watching and commenting or cheering for your favorite team. PICE Qatar with its 3,000-plus members and an annual Inter-Color Basketball Tournaments and Presidential Cup Basketball Tournament exclusively for the "aging" but active BOD and Committee members just have that "deep" bench that would be difficult to match ever by other existing professional organizations here in Qatar. And who would know for a fact that they are not at an "all-star" team that some of us are

already thinking? Yes, they are selected from the various teams that are playing in the ICBL tourney, but they are far from being "all-stars" because other "stars" were not selected to the team for a simple reason that they don't have their PRC card yet.

**".....other "stars" were not selected to the team for a simple reason that they don't have their PRC card yet."**

It was unanimously approved and therefore imposed by the PPO-Q tournament organizers that players with valid PRC ID only will be allowed to take part in the certain team regardless of their membership to any professional organizations that make up the PPO-Q. Well, the Integrated Institute of Electrical Engineers (IIEE) basketball game forfeited at least two (2) of their already played games because it was discovered that some of their players do not have PRC IDs / License yet.

Well, if that mentioned rule is being imposed to avoid creating distraction for non-licensed



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members who might be gearing to take-up the upcoming professional examination or to create awareness and encourage them to pursue becoming a licensed professional, then it will be understandable to some extent. If however their exclusion from the team is purely based on the fact that they don't have their PRC IDs and therefore are not aligned with that term "professional" despite their being accepted as members of a specific professional organization - member of PPO-Q, then it is ambiguous at all considering that PICE Qatar has what we called associate members as per our Constitution and By-Laws while other professionals such as the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers (PSME) and Integrated Institute of Electrical Engineers (IIEE) have what they called Certified Plant Mechanic and Master Electrician as members respectively.

Just a thing or two to ponder on!!!

## THE PRESIDENT'S LOUNGE

### Message from the President

**Helario S. Amoguis**

CEng, ASEAN Eng.  
The 12th President of PICE Qatar Chapter



**I**t is in August that we are high in spirit. There were significant events that were happening for the chapter. We successfully concluded the month where we ended up being the champion for basketball organized by Philippine Professional Organization-Qatar (PPO-Q). We also participated in the 8th International Technical Conference held in Kuwait where PICE Qatar, as usual, had the most number of delegates outside from the host chapter. We successfully concluded our refresher course for the preparation of Special Licensure Examination (SPL). Over a hundred members participated in the SPL program and took the examination that was administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) through the assistance of POLO and PPO-Q.

Here are some of the highlight events of the chapter during this month.

- **8th EXCECOM meeting:** Last August 2, 2019, the meeting was successfully held and was attended by 17 officers composed of Board of Directors, Council of Advisers and Adhoc committee chairmen.
- **Training and Seminars:** Writeshop for ASEAN/APEC application was successfully held at Rotana City Center last August 9, 2019. There were at least 43 aspiring Engineers who wish to apply and be included in the register of advance level Engineer. On August 23, 2019 2nd part of the advanced EXCEL training program was also conducted. There were 25 members availed of the program that further enhanced their capability in using Microsoft EXCEL tools.
- **8th International Technical Conference:** At least 16 members from Qatar have attended the 8th International Technical Conference held in Kuwait last August 12-13, 2019. Thanks to the committee chair Engr Michelle Revlosa for coordinating the participants, including visa, and hotel requirements. The event was attended by our PICE National president Engr. Erdsan Rene S. Suero. It was in the year 2012 that PICE Qatar Chapter's leaders came up with an idea of promoting unity, fellowship and sharing of expertise among Civil Engineers

within the Region. Since then, the International Technical conference became an annual event that is held in different host chapter. An international gathering like this is a realization of the PICE mission and it is with great pride that it is sustained for several years since its inception seven years ago.

• **Special Professional Licensure Examination 2019:** After 10 months of review and refresher program every Friday, our aspirant members have taken their exam last August 12-13, 2019. Congrats SPL team and PICE Qatar officers for the full support during the examination day. It was a huge success that we concluded our 11th SPL program without any setback. Thanks SPL team for your commitment and dedication in supporting the SPL program.

• **Sports Games:** Last August 23, 2019, championship games between PICEQ and UAP-Q was held at Al Arabi Sport Club. The games were attended by PPO-Q members and our labor attaché Des Dicang. The sports games were designed to promote unity and camaraderie among PPO-Q members. Congrats to all-star team for winning the championship match and without a record of loss. But of course, my special thanks to all members who supported, cheered and watch in all games. Last August 30, 2019. We also started our 6th Presidential cup Al Arab Sport Club academy. This season was designed to financially support the Math-Whiz 2019 program for both Junior and Senior High School of PISQ and PSD. Attended by past president, the opening has been successful and games are scheduled every Friday.

• **#PICE\_Serves program of PICE National:** In support of the PICE national weeklong program dubbed as #PICE\_Serves! In support of the Celebration of National Heroes day, PICE Qatar organized a feeding program and distribution of school supplies at the Saint Francis House of Orphanage in Zamboanga City last August 31, 2019. The event was initiated and spearheaded by our Immediate Past President Engr. Aileen

Buenafior, family and friends. It is with high pride that PICE Qatar has been initiating community service for the whole year, and it is part of our yearly program. Our committee on PICE Qatar Affairs (COPA) headed by Engineer Emmanuel Boceta is taking charge of different activities, including outreach program, beach cleanup, tree planting, personal financial assistance campaign. In addition, we are also implementing special community projects in the Philippines such as school buildings and deep well project to different areas independent of the program of PICE National Office.

In addition to the highlight mentioned above, I would like to thank all other committees who have been continuously performing functions and have shared an excellent contribution to the chapter. Committee on Publication, for continuously producing monthly newsletters without fail. Committee on Membership, for organizing Wednesday meetups and assisting membership needs. Committee on Ways and Means for producing unlimited PICE Qatar souvenir items. Committee on PICE Qatar Affairs for organizing community service programs and all other constitutional committees, standing committees and Adhoc committees who have been fully supportive of the objectives of the Chapter.

Lastly, it is my hope that we keep the faith in all our chapter endeavors, perpetuate the desire and enthusiasm, after all, our professional and social responsibility remain wherever we may go. It is said that "Everyone has a purpose in life and a unique talent to give to others and when we blend this unique talent with service to others, we experience the ecstasy and exultation of own spirit."

**God Bless PICE Qatar and More Power.**

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The next games in the elimination round were mostly blow-out wins with the largest win being against the Respiratory Practitioner with a 63-point margin.

For the semis match, the PSME team was determined to up the ante and turn the table against the Builders. A heated battle and exchanging baskets in the opening salvo kept the game at bay. The Builder led by season MVP Engr. Paulin, stretch guard Engr. Caguioa and the towering Engr. Dela Cruz combined for an onslaught midway through the game to take a comfortable lead. The game was stopped momentarily with an unfortunate incident in one of

the PSME player who left the game with an excruciating foot injury. The Builders kept playing a well-balanced offense and won the game to march into the finals.

The finals between the Civil Engineers and the Architects was a memorable and somewhat emotional game. Both teams' supporters came in troves with cheers and jeers filling the stadium. The Architects started strong and caught the Builders off guard in the opening canto with offense anchored on Lo and Arao. However, the Builders found their footing and were back into the game with the brave final MVP Jad Caguioa attacking the basket and season MVP Gyrlou Paulin

torching from the perimeter. Timely baskets from Engrs Manzano and Jeffrey Pedigiora kept the architects at bay. The Builders big men - Elcano, Bongo, Dela Cruz, Martinez, and Sarmiento stood their ground against the towering architects and protected the basket thereby making the opponents bleed for points. PICE Qatar made a strong end game en route to a title-clinching 74-67 win.

Special awardees in the Builders team: Engr. Vincent Dela Cruz (Mythical Team), Engr. Jad Caguioa (Finals MVP), Engr. Arnold Paradero (Best Coach) and Engr. Gyrlou Paulin (Season MVP).

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Day one was ended by a fun fellowship night with the band, singing and a bit of dancing, not to mention the sumptuous dinner. On the second day, the presentation continued and the program was officially closed at around three o'clock in the afternoon and the rest of the days were "free days".... Wandering around Kuwait City under the scorching sun. The event was held at Crowne Plaza Althuraaya City.

Thanks to all who have supported and attended our 8th ITC held in Kuwait last 12-13 August 2019. It was a monumental success of PICE International Chapters. International Technical Conference like this is a realization of the PICE mission and it is with great pride that it is sustained for several years since its inception seven years ago. PICE Qatar remained strong in numbers attending and committed to pursuing its mission and objective. --- Pres. Helario S. Amoguis, PICEQ

encourages me to attend again in the future conferences. Thank you for the great hospitality and for extending it to my family. .... Rose Ramos Quilbra, PICEQ

Excellent job Kuwait Chapter for the 8th ITC. You've got the work done in spite of shortages and still everybody enjoyed the seminar. The humors and down-to-earth presentations were awesome. Thank you for your warm hospitality. .... Marcel Ramos, PICEQ



Congratulations to PICE Kuwait Chapter on your well-deserved success for hosting the 8th ITC 2019. It was a great camaraderie and it has been a great experience for everyone especially it's our first as couple to attend as such prestigious event for our career enhancement. Looking forward for the next ITC. --- Alnovar & Marlou Abubakar, PICEQ

Thank you PICE Kuwait Chapter for giving me an opportunity to be one of your Resource Speakers in the 8th International Technical Conference which enable me to share my knowledge and experience to my fellow Filipino Engineers of different background and from various work locations. I am proud of this momentous event and would continue to be throughout my professional career and journey to global competence. --- Vanessa Malaluan, PICEQ



The 8th International Technical Conference in Kuwait indeed a successful event added to the overwhelming laurels of PICE. We thank PICE Qatar once again as on top of every international chapter garnering more of the attendees as usual. Be proud and let's be involved in the next ITC in the US of A! --- FP Roy L. Baquiran, PICEQ

I would like to commend Pres. Roy Ramonito and Jueday for the patience in accommodating all my queries via email and responding them immediately. Also the efforts of the officers to welcome us on our arrival at Kuwait airport. Lastly the assistance given by the officers on our 2 days Kuwait tour. Your hospitality made the 8th ITC memorable and fun! See you all on our next ITC. --- Eivira De Vera, PICEQ

Congratulation's PICE Kuwait Chapter and thank you for your warm welcome to us. Also, thanks to all PICE Qatar Delegates for your time and support to our 8th ITC, nice bonding and memorable experiences. Hope to see you all on our 9th ITC. Mabuhay ang PICE Qatar Chapter! --- Ma. Michelle A. Revillosa, PICEQ

Congratulations to PICE Kuwait Chapter for the successful 8th ITC. The organizers have exhibited extreme grace under pressure from all the challenges and participant's expectations. As a first timer attendee, it has been a memorable event for me and my family, who had joined me in Kuwait, and it



this wouldn't be missed as it is in this occasion that we gained knowledge and learnings about the booming of construction industries. Salute to the PICE Kuwait Chapter for the warm welcome and well-organized event. Until our next International Technical Conference. --- Marcelino S. Juni, PICEQ

To share my personal experiences/reasons as to why I attended the PICE 8th ITC in Kuwait and how it benefits me in this millennial age we live in.

- 1. Network.**  
Met like-minded people and industry peers from around the globe who shared a common discipline and meeting new people in engineering field.
  - 2. Knowledge expansion and finding solutions to**  
Heard a lot about things in the field those are new to me - new technologies and techniques, new types of equipment and unpublished data. A lot of things and information were known from the audience questions and the rationale behind them which I can't acquire only by reading journal articles.
  - 3. Opportunity for everyone to present their ideas and works.**  
At this PICE's 8th ITC, an opportunity of the presenter to get feedback on his/her own work experience from people who have never seen it before providing him/her new insights.
  - 4. People meet people.**  
Regardless whether Presidents of PICE or Managers of multinational companies down to a fresh Engineer, meeting someone at a meal or in a Soug trip made me a connection with someone that could dramatically impact my professional career.
  - 5. Learn beyond our field of interest.**  
In this conference theme, all attendees were united and equipped by a single broad topic but have different sub-fields of study to learn.
- Each of us has our own reasons for attending the just concluded PICE's 8th ITC but my personal opinion is that it's not only dramatically enhances both my professional and personal development, but as well as providing me with tools and skills which cannot be taught in-house or online. ---- Emilio Manalo, PICEQ

## PICE QATAR UPDATES

### 8th International Technical Conference Held in the State of Kuwait

Sheila Medel



Photo Courtesy of Engr. Emilio Manalo

Engr. Maria Michelle Revillosa commended their participation and presence.

There were 5 speakers who showcased their speciality in the field of Civil Engineering. Dr. Peter M. Ureta, Ph.D., PRC-CPD Council-Member, presented the interesting topics of the amendments to IRR of the CPD Act of 2016 and the hottest Career Progression and Specialization, he was very motivational. Engr. Joe Nino E. Orapa from Riyadh Chapter talked about the mind-boggling case study for "Hypothetical" Hyperloop project and Gearing Up GIS+BIM Sustainability. Engr. Emilio Embile presented the Construction of Widest Underground Road Tunnel Expressway in Singapore and the Innovation Excavation Design of the famous Marina Bay Sand Integrated Resorts. Engr. Jeremiah Lopez presented one topic about Asbestos Management and Health Hazards. And of course our very own Engr. Vanessa Malaluan who presented the topic on the second day was the Preparation of Claims for Extension of Time: A Practical Approach within Construction Contracts.

The first day of the event was welcomed by the PICE International Regional Coordinator, Engr. Christopher Vitug. The occasion as well was graced by the PICE National President, Engr. Erdsan Rene Suero.

It has been 8 years since the first International Technical Conference hosted by PICE Qatar Chapter.

This year, it was hosted by PICE Kuwait Chapter with the theme "Building The Future with Green Design and Technology Impact Environment". The two-day convention was attended by a total of 105 Civil Engineers from different International and Local

Chapters. There were delegates from Bahrain, Oman, UAE, Riyadh, KSA, Western Region Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Brunei, Cavite City, PICE National and of course Qatar who has the highest number of attendees only second to the host chapter.

While Brunei has the sole representative of their chapter, Qatar was represented by 15 delegates from which the Committee on ITC headed by

Stay tuned in our September 2019 Issue to reveal the host of the most anticipated

# 9th PICE International Technical Conference!

## 9th Executive Committee Regular Meeting – Board of Directors 2019



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The Manila Hotel One Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila, Philippines  
September 13, 2019

# Committee on Sports, Leisure and Recreation

THE PICE QATAR CHAPTER PRESENTS

"THE WIZARD BASKETBALL GAME"

CONGRATULATION'S  
**WARRIORS**  
6TH PRESIDENT'S CUP  
CHAMPION

SEPT. 20, 2019  
AL ARAB, BLDG.1

**WARRIORS-48 VS FUCHSIA-46**

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