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PICE-UAE Host the very first  
ASEAN Engineer Special  
Conferment in UAE



New ASEAN Engineers on the first ever  
Oath-Taking Ceremony



Metropolitan Hotel  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
07th July 2017  
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Attire: Formal, Business, Barong, Filipiniana



# PICE-UAE MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY 2017

2017 MIDYEAR ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME  
METROPOLITAN HOTEL DUBAI (8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM)

**Theme: Proficiency and Ingenuity of Civil Engineers –  
Understanding the Importance of Advancement in Engineering Practice**

8:00 Registration & Welcome Reception

MARVIN A. ARABE  
COME Chairperson

JOANNE THERESE S. ESPIRITU  
Chapter Treasurer

## PART 1: OPENING

9:00 Invocation

CHERRY JOY V. CAÑADA  
Chapter Secretary

(Audio/Video assisted)

UAE & Philippine National Anthem

Welcome Remarks

BROWENN N. DE LEON  
Chapter President

Inspirational Speech

H.E. CONSTANCIO R. VINGNO, JR.  
Philippine Ambassador to the UAE

Inspirational Speech

MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL, Ph.D.  
PICE National President / DPWH Under-Secretary

Inspirational Speech

H.E. PAUL RAYMUND P. CORTES  
Philippine Consul General, Dubai

## PART 2: OATH-TAKING

10:00 Oath-Taking of New Chapter Members

H.E. PAUL RAYMUND P. CORTES  
Philippine Consul General, Dubai

10:40 Coffee Break

## PART 3: TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

11:00 Introduction:

VINZOR A. YEE CONCEPCION  
Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Topic 1:

Speaker 1:

“PICE NATIONAL HQ UPDATES”

MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL, Ph.D.  
PICE National President / DPWH Under-Secretary

11:40 Acknowledgement & Presentation of Key Sponsors: Masters of Ceremony (MC)

12:00 Lunch Break

13:00 Introduction:

CARLITO T. RENDON  
Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Topic 1:

Speaker 2:

“CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) UPDATES”

CLEMENTE A. IBO  
PICE National HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

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13:40 Introduction:

JAMES B. VALDEZ, JR.  
Chapter PRO

Topic 3:

“ASEAN INTEGRATION OF ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS -  
FOCUS ON ASEAN ENGINEERING REGISTER (AER)”

Speaker 3:

ERDSAN RENE S. SUERO  
PICE National HQ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

14:20 Introduction:

CHARMIELYN A. LIBRERO  
Chapter Business Manager

Topic 4:

“PROJECT MANAGEMENT WITH BOX”

Speaker 4:

DAVID G. SANCHEZ  
PICE National HQ Past President

15:00 Introduction:

SALIBEL M. JATULLA  
Chapter Director

Topic 5:

“TRANSFORMING OUR FUTURE WITH BUILDING  
INFORMATION MODELLING”

Speaker 5:

ERNESTO S. DE CASTRO, Ph.D.  
PICE National HQ Immediate Past President

15:40 Coffee Break

16:00 OPEN FORUM (Q&A)

MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL, Ph.D.  
CLEMENTE A. IBO  
ERDSAN RENE S. SUERO  
DAVID G. SANCHEZ  
ERNESTO S. DE CASTRO, Ph.D.

Facilitators: JAMES B. VALDEZ, JR. (Chapter PRO) and JOHN DENVER D. CATAPANG (COED Chairperson)

## PART 4: CHAPTER REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

16:40 President's Midyear Report  
Treasurer's Midyear Report  
Committee Reports & Announcements

BROWENN N. DE LEON  
JOANNE THERESE S. ESPIRITU  
JOHN DENVER D. CATAPANG (COED Chairperson)  
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ALVIN M. RUIZ (COPA Chairperson)  
BERNIE N. FAVORITO (COSPLE/SPLBE Chairperson)

17:00 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

17:30 Group Picture Taking

17:50 Closing Remarks

CARLITO T. RENDON  
Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President / Event Chairman

18:00 End of Program

Masters of Ceremony:

GUILLERMO P. ADRIATICO, JR. (Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President 2016)  
VENESSE BEVERLY S. DELA CRUZ (Chapter Member)  
JAMES B. VALDEZ, JR. (Chapter PRO)

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EISEN Q. PUNZALAN  
Chapter Director

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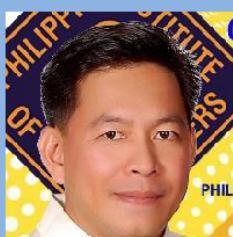
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## MESSAGE

I wish to extend my heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc. – United Arab Emirates Chapter (PICE-UAE) on your Annual Mid-Year Assembly gathering Filipino Civil Engineers here in the United Arab Emirates.

I applaud your volunteerism, determination and continuous desire to advance the interest and promote the professionalism and welfare of PICA-UAE members, through continuing professional education. You have led and established the ASEAN Engineering Registry here in the UAE, which is a laudable initiative. I hope you will continue to provide opportunities for Continuing Professional Development and promote the highest ethical standards to PICE-UAE members.

I also thank the current PICE-UAE officers and members for your continued community involvement in helping fellow Filipinos and providing assistance to the community. Rest assured, the Philippine Embassy is with you in your future endeavors.

Once again, congratulations and I wish you a productive gathering.  
*Mabuhay ang PICE! Mabuhay ang Pilipino!*

  
**CONSTANCIO R. VINGNO, JR.**  
Ambassador

07 July 2017



## **MESSAGE**

**Theme:** “Proficiency and Integrity of Civil Engineers – Understanding the Importance of Advancement in Engineering Practice”

The world is moving fast, and it has been always said that “scientific and engineering knowledge doubles every ten (10) years”. In fact, in your host country, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), is home of several engineering landmarks like the famous Burj Al Arab, the zooming Yas Marina Circuit, the amazing Dubai Fountains, the towering Burj Khalifa and many more. You are witnesses of the fast development of Dubai and Abu Dhabi and key cities of UAE.

As partners of UAE’s development, your skill as civil engineers should adopt to the rapid pace of change in new technologies and, in this score, continuing education is a must not only as a career development strategy but in compliance with Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as “An Act Mandating and Strengthening the Continuing Professional Development Program for All. Regulated Professions, Creating the Continuing Professional Development Council, and Appropriating Funds Thereof, and for Other Related Purposes”. This measure is in recognition of the importance of continuing education in the advancement of engineering practice of which, as defined, continuing professional development refers to the inculcation of advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values in a post-licensure specialization or in an inter- or multidisciplinary field of study, for assimilation into professional practice, self-directed research and/or lifelong learning (Sec. 3.f, RA 10912).

I would like to share to you a caveat in this continuing learning process that “engineering education must avoid the cliché of teaching more and more about less and less, until it teaches everything about nothing”. This only means that we should study the essentials of engineering technology and practice that will enhance proficiency and integrity in our craft.

MARIA CATALINA E. CABRAL, Ph.D.  
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## PICE-UAE MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY 2017

From the Chapter President:

Dear fellow Civil Engineers,

I am writing this message with great pride and honor as we celebrate this year's Annual Midyear General Assembly. My deepest gratitude for the support of our general membership, the past and current Chapter Board of Directors and the delegation from our National Headquarters. *Mabuhay po kayo!*



### Proficiency and Ingenuity of Filipino Civil Engineers

At this age of construction and technological growth, Filipino engineering professionals are known globally for their high degree of expertise. This is evidenced by the huge number of Filipinos employed overseas, where technical staffs of top international AEC companies including government project implementing agencies are composed of mostly Filipinos.

For civil engineering profession alone, the diversity of specialization includes structural engineering, transportation engineering, water engineering, geotechnical engineering, project management and construction engineering, and environmental and energy engineering. These specializations, which we basically gained through practical experience and continuing professional development, has reached all parts of the world. And indeed, reverberates the proficiency and ingenuity of Filipino Civil Engineers.

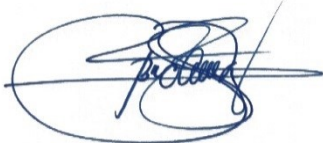
### Understanding the Importance of Advancement in Engineering Practice

The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Engineering Registers allow movement of engineering professionals, reduce barriers and ease the process of engineers to gain access to work and practice in other economies. These registers ensure that professional engineers have the opportunity to have their professional standing recognized within the ASEAN/APEC region thereby contributing to the globalization of professional engineering services. This is of particular benefit to engineering firms that are providing services to other ASEAN/APEC economies but it also adds value to individuals who may wish, at some stage, to work in these economies.

As engineering professionals working overseas, it is vital that we are aware of these registers and inclined to pursue such registrations. Apparently, due to oil price downfall, the construction sector employment is shifting from the Middle East to Mainland and Maritime South East Asia. Thus, having the qualifications to move freely from ME to SE could be of great advantage in our future.

Henceforth, I encourage the general membership to assess his/her level of expertise and address the necessary competencies to meet the requirements of an advanced level engineer. Let us exert our efforts to contribute to the development of engineering practice. Let us lead/manage our projects to the highest level of control, quality, and workmanship. Let us demonstrate engineering leadership through innovation, community involvement, and motivating/mentoring others. Let us do proactive research and strive to identify opportunities for new or improved processes and/or products/materials to further development of construction technologies.

Yours sincerely,



**BROWENN N. DE LEON**  
2017 Chapter President





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## IPP Message

My warmest greetings and congratulations to the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers – United Arab Emirates Chapter. May the celebration of our 5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and 2017 Midyear General Assembly be more exciting and meaningful.

I would like to commend the 2017 Board of Directors for the continued exemplary performance in leadership, solidarity and services. True to our foundation and objectives, PICE-UAE is one of the role model International Filipino Professional Organization.

As we embark in this year's theme, "Proficiency and Ingenuity of Civil Engineers – Understanding the Importance of the Advancement of Engineering Practice", may this event run in the spirit of open communication among all participants and yield greater knowledge to all of us, so that in this way the conference will contribute to further prosperity and welfare of the Filipino Civil Engineers.

I wish PICE-UAE more years of great achievements and success in the future.

Congratulations to all and kudos to President Browenn De Leon and to the whole 2017 Board of Directors.

GOD Bless All. Mabuhay po ang PICE!

Best regards,

**Wencie Ernest Duro BESA, MSc, ASEAN Eng**  
Immediate Past President, PICE - UAE Chapter

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I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to PICE-UAE 2017 Board of Directors, Officers, and Members and to the working committee who made this event “PICE-UAE Mid-Year Assembly for the year 2017” happen here in Dubai, UAE.

Again it is a milestone accomplishment of PICE-UAE thru volunteerism spirit to uplift the ethical feelings of every individual members of our organization. I believe that your objective to encourage Filipino Engineers here in UAE to become globally competitive and promote the highest ethical standards of practice is possible thru patience and dedication as you did to make this event happen. It is about time that the enhancement of the level of competitiveness and excellence in the engineering profession be continuously initiated amongst Filipino Engineers. This will lead us to sustain our globally famous positive work ethics.

I would like to take this opportunity to say “Big Thank You” to all Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs and Members for your invaluable support to your professional organization and to every Filipino Engineers.

Mabuhay! God Bless us all.

**Engr. Melchor L. Peralta**  
PICE-UAE Charter President 2012

A very big congratulation to PICE-UAE Chapter for the success of the very first ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment officiated by Philippine Technological Council (PTC), held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan by Rotana Hotel Abu Dhabi. Mark another “Milestone and Historic Event” for PICE-UAE Chapter, the host and organizer. Some members and officers of the organization who were approved for conferment as ASEAN Engineers and their names shall be listed in the ASEAN Engineering Register (AER) have joined forces for a common goal, to conduct and host the very first ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment here in UAE. As most of the conferees, if not all, have no luxury time to travel outside the country to attend conferment and accordingly spend more.

Why call it “Milestone and Historic Event” for PICE-UAE Chapter? It’s for sure without doubt, the hosting of the very first ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment in Abu Dhabi. In addition, according to the PTC Officials, the oath-taking ceremony of the newly conferred ASEAN Engineers is the very first time of its kind in the history of ASEAN Engineer conferment. The oath-taking ceremony was later followed by the ASEAN Engineers previously conferred in the Philippines and Qatar. Not only that, it is also during this event that the very first issuance of ASEAN Engineer Identification Cards were distributed. Lucky for this batch of ASEAN Engineer conferees, they will be remembered longer along with this PICE-UAE Chapter milestone and historic event. There are more to know about the event, please continue reading until the end.

Before going furthermore, I’d like to tell you where it started. It may not seem to be in perfect angles but the story line is there to grasp. There were several PICE-UAE members and officers who attended the ASEAN Engineer conferment in the Philippines and Qatar. Unfortunately for the other sixteen (16) conferees that have not made it yet for some reasons, they communicated, joined forces and agreed to hold the ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment here in UAE. This plan was brought to the attention of the PICE-UAE BOD’s and officers and the majority shows willingness to support but without financial support from the organization due to non-availability of fund and no budget allocated for the planned event. Nonetheless, the planning and preparations for the event continued. A Special Committee on AER Applications was formed to look after the interest of the ASEAN Engineer conferees and applicants. In addition, an Organizing Committee was also formed spearheaded by the Special Committee on AER Applications to look after the planning and preparations needed for the success of the event, a memorable one.

With the eagerness of the conferees, Special Committee officers and Organizing Committee officers hold regular meetings to ensure the ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment will push through with the limited time and no budget. Some of the conferees come forward and confidently volunteered to look for sponsors and guaranteed a sponsorship amount of approximately 70% of the event budget proposal. This boosts the spirits of the conferees and committee officers and made the group livelier and more than excited. Smiling faces are all over the meeting room and the atmosphere is getting better and better. Realizing the ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment is really going to happen very soon. Thereby, the planning and preparations for the event continues ahead until the day of the conferment. During the planning and preparations, we have included in the programme the Write-Shop and Seminar on ASEAN, APEC & ACPE Engineering Registries. We also have invited other professional organizations to take part of the upcoming event. It is the best interest of the Special Committee on AER Applications and Organizing Committee to ensure the planning and preparations of the ASEAN Engineer Special Conferment to be memorable.





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PALACE RAYHAAN  
Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
24 March 2017  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Registration Starts @ 7:00AM**

### Registration Fees:

Conferees AED1000  
Applicants AED500  
Non-Conferees AED150  
General/Accompany AED150

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