



IIEE HIGHLIGHTS

THE START OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IIEE AND HONOR MICE GROUP



Ramil R. Tan, Executive Director

Xiamen, China – On the invitation of the Honor Mice Group of China and with the end view of furthering the relationship of the IIEE with its biggest international Expo contributor, the 2018 Executive Committee headed by the National President Noel T. Fernandez flew to Xiamen, China on March 9, 2018. Accompanied by the National Vice-President for Internal Affairs Cirilo C. Calibjo, National Vice-President for External Affairs Florencio Berenguel, National Secretary Ramon Gatchalian, National Treasurer Eugenio Araullo and

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QUALITY IS A JOURNEY – A WAY OF LIFE IIEE ISO 9001 TRANSITION TO 9001:2015 VERSION

*Ramil R. Tan
Executive Director*

Having re-certified as an ISO 9001:2008 compliant organization, the Institute of Electrical Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. (IIEE) never stops living to its core value of excellence. Thus, in March 8, 2018, it began another challenge of transitioning from the ISO 9001:2008 version now

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the IIEE Executive Director Ramil Tan – the group were met by all the executives of the Honor Mice Group headed by its General Manager Bob Li.

Honor Mice Group – China is IIEE's international partner that is in-charge of bringing Chinese exhibitors in the institute Expo during IIEE's Annual National Convention and 3E XPO.

During the meeting, the two groups scouted all possibilities of business

cooperation's and engagement that will mutually redound to the benefit of both entities. After the meeting, Honor Mice Group immediately committed a minimum of 100 booths to the 2018 IIEE Expo in the Annual National Convention and 3E XPO at SMX Convention Center. Honor Mice Group is still looking for the increase in the number of exhibitors that it will be bringing to 3E XPO once a formal Memorandum of Agreement is signed between IIEE and Honor Mice Group.



IIEE MIDDLE EAST (GULF) REGION HELD CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING IN BAHRAIN

Ramil R. Tan
Executive Director

To facilitate the official kick-off of the 2018 Middle Regional Conference to be held on June 15 to 16 in Manama, Bahrain, the IIEE Middle East Region conducted its Chapter President's Meeting in Manama, Bahrain on March 30, 2018 in IBIS Style Hotel, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Presided by the Governor Robert Mabulay of the interim Middle East Region, the meeting was attended by 9 out of 11 Chapter Presidents in the Middle East Region and representatives from

various Chapters therewith. The Chapter Presidents Meeting dwells primarily on the details, programs and specific requirements in preparation for the hosting of the 2018 Middle East Regional Conference to be hosted by the Bahrain Chapter.

From the registration, protocols and processes, Governor Robert Mabulay left no stone unturned and discussed and facilitated even the minutest details for the holding of the regional conference.

BID OF BOOTH CONTRACTORS

John Paul Madero
Head, Marketing Department

09 March 2018, IIEE invites bidder of booths for the forthcoming 43rd Annual National Convention and 3E XPO 2018. It was participated by Exists Corporation and MSD Godspeed Exhibitions Corporation. Exhibit Bureau Chairman Florencio Berenguel and Executive Director Ramil Tan examines the submitted documents. Upon intensive review, the committee has decided to award the bid to MSD Godspeed as the official booth contractor. Present also in the bidding are Exhibit Bureau Officer - Engineer Gem Tan, Marketing Executive II - Ms. Khat Magno, and Purchasing Officer - Mr. Herbert Osorio.



Bidding of 3E XPO2018 headed by Chairman of Exhibit Bureau, Florencio D. Berenguel

FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR IIEE EMPLOYEES

*Yhella N. Miraran
Human Resource Officer*

Do you experience difficulty saving from your hard-earned money? Do you want to be financially stable? Of course the common answer is YES. Everybody wants a brighter future and a peaceful life after retirement, however only few employees are COMMITTED to save.

The IIEE, through the Human Resource & Development Department, does not only provide trainings/seminars for professional growth and career advancement, it also encourages the employees to save little portion of their salary by holding a financial planning and wealth management program with the

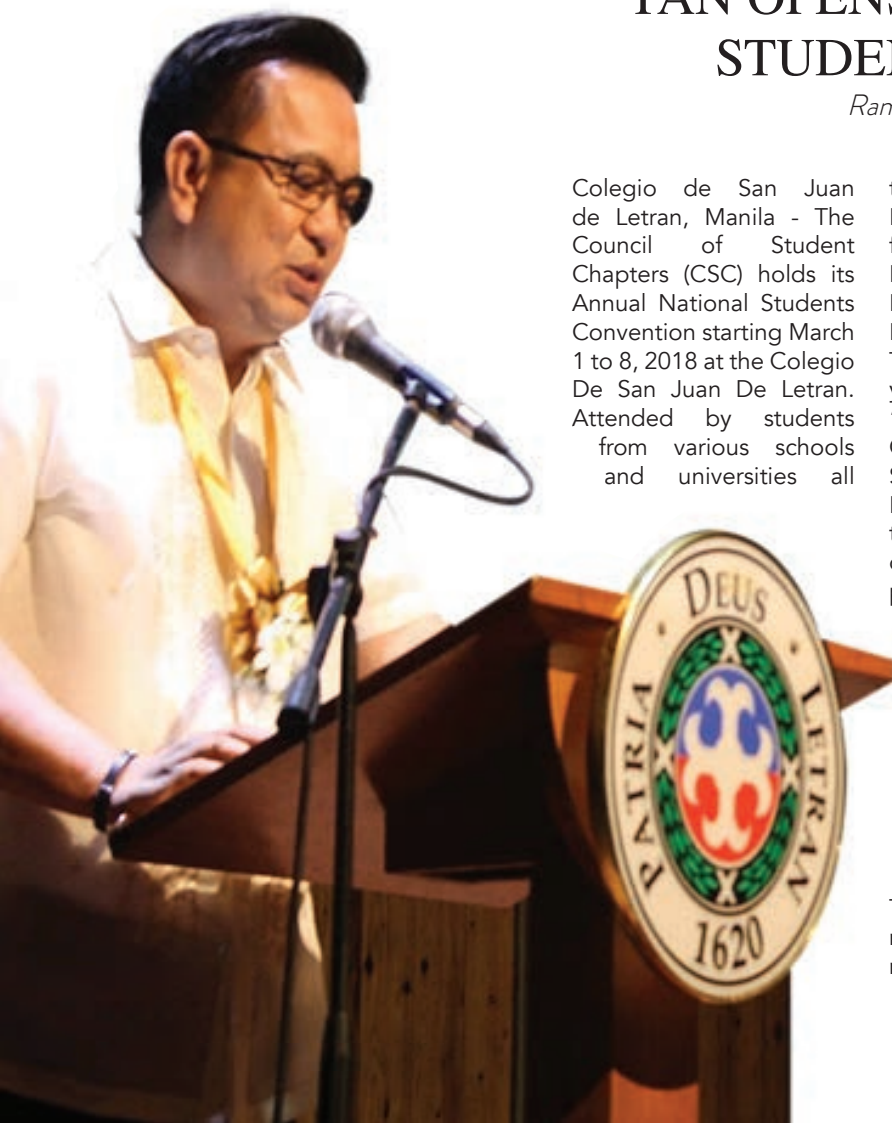
help of trusted international insurance companies in the country. Among the presenters are Axa Life last February 17, 2018; PhilamLife last February 28, 2018 and PruLife U.K. last March 3, 2018.

The resource speakers include top financial consultants of the insurance companies such as Mr. Alvin Tabañag, personal money management coach and registered financial planner for Axa Life; Ms. Emelita S. Abanto, Financial Advisor for PhilamLife; and Ms. Charmaine Manango, Unit Manager and Licensed Financial Advisor from Prulife U.K.



TAN OPENS THE 2018 NATIONAL STUDENTS CONVENTION

Ramil R. Tan, Executive Director



Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Manila - The Council of Student Chapters (CSC) holds its Annual National Students Convention starting March 1 to 8, 2018 at the Colegio De San Juan De Letran. Attended by students from various schools and universities all

throughout the Philippines, the event was formally opened by IIEE Executive Director Ramil R. Tan.

In his opening message, Tan mentioned this year's CSC theme, viz: "Embracing Global Challenges through Sustainable Energy Practices" is a challenge that provides a platform on sustainable energy practices - a consolidation of all interest, of all people from all walks of life henceforth this occasion is not only a gathering of CSC and electrical practitioners but of all professionals sharing the same vision and goals with the CSC"

Tan further stated, "With more than 50,000 active members, IIEE is indeed

a formidable organization that continues to shape the future of electrical practice and the public perception on the electrical profession. With the able young men and women of the CSC - I am becoming more inspired to help steering the wheel of the institute towards the attainment of its vision, mission and goals, and indeed, as mentioned by another national officer - the electrical engineering and electrical technology studentry is the greatest resource of future leaders of the institute."

The Students National Convention is held every year to intensify activities of students gearing towards professional excellence in their chosen field of electrical practice.

IIEE ISO 9001 TRANSITION TO...

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to ISO 9001:2015 version, embracing global challenges by promoting quality management system at par with international standards.

To set the tone of the transition, and as required by the regulation, the institute created the new Quality Management Team head by its Quality Management Representative, the IIEE Executive Director Ramil R. Tan with Ms. KB Llamas, IIEE's Para-Legal who is heading the ISO transition team from PI-MIS Head Mary Anne Guillen.



ERC MODIFIES STANDARDS FOR OPERATIONS OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

*Myrna M. Velasco (Manila Bulletin)
March 22, 2018*

With heavy integration of variable renewable energy (VRE) or the power facilities with on-and-off electricity generation, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) noted that it has been prompted into modifying the Philippine Distribution Code (PDC) for the power utilities sector.

The PDC is basically the power distribution sector's bible that shall be guiding this sub-segment of the electric power industry through the required standards and level of efficiencies that they must strive for in their operations. The modified standards,

according to the ERC, will be enforced on the strength of the regulatory body's Resolution No. 02, series of 2018. The updated policies had been crafted and adopted through the proposed mechanisms of the Distribution Management Committee (DMC), an independent body that has recommendatory powers on the rules crafting of the industry's regulator.

The revised PDC, it was emphasized, "has taken into account the Philippines' adoption of new and emerging technologies, including VRE, as well as best practices and experiences of foreign

jurisdictions in the use of these technologies."

ERC Chairperson Agnes T. Devanadera further qualified that the fortified edict for the country's power distribution sector had been a "result of several years of technical review, analysis and coordination work among the members of technical staff of the DMC in close collaboration with the stakeholders of the power distribution sector."

The regulatory agency had guided the formulation of the revised fiat and standards for the sector.

The ERC chair explained that they had seen "the need to update the existing PDC to include new standards, policies, requirements and rules issued by the ERC, Department of Energy and other authorities to address issues on the developments brought about by the promotion of renewable energy and open access and retail competition."

Other main focus of revisions in the distribution sector's code delved with the "establishment

of connection and operational requirements for embedded generating plants," – both for conventional and variable RE sources.

Additionally, the embedded generating plants had been "classified according to their characteristics and installed capacity."

Further prescriptions were also set on "specified procedures for new connection and modifications of existing connection to guide prospective project proponents in connecting to the distribution system."

The decree similarly touched on the operation of distribution system within the domains of economic zones; as well as amendments to other laws, such as that of Republic Act 7920 or the New Electrical Engineering Law.

The revised PDC, it was further noted, has likewise been harmonized with the relevant provisions of the old code; as well as with rules governing the country's Wholesale Electricity Spot Market.

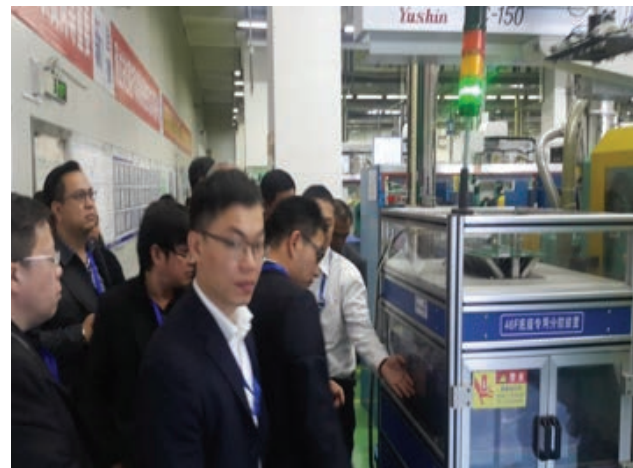
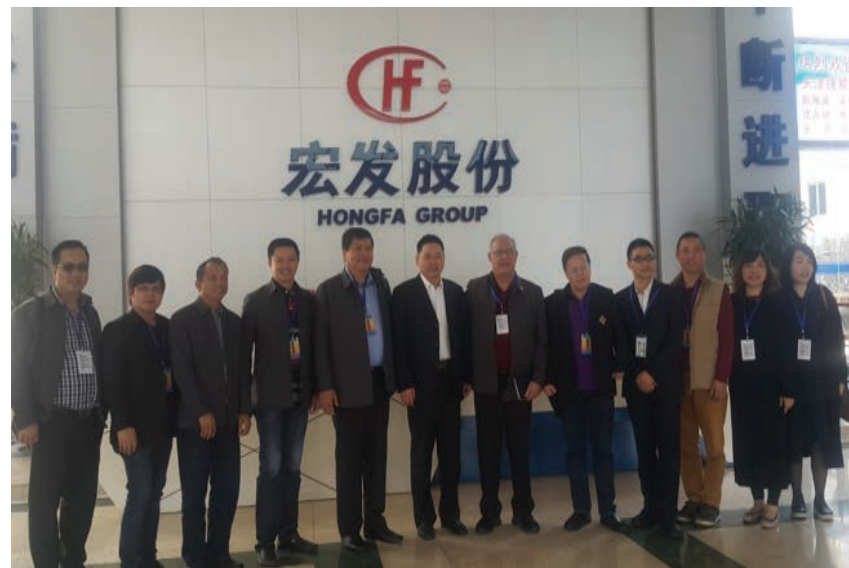
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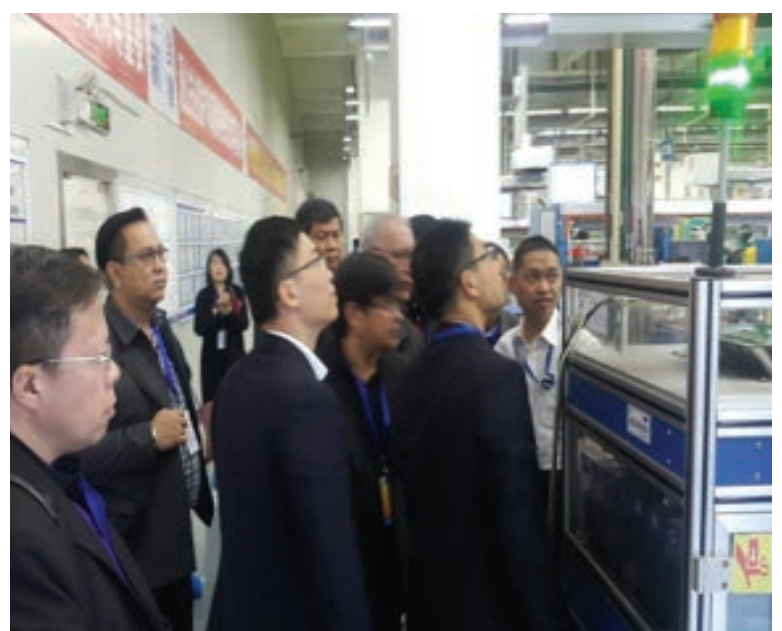
Ramil R. Tan, Executive Director

Xiamen, China – Hongfa is the leading relay manufacturer in China and one of the leading relay suppliers and manufacturers in the world. Hongfa ranks No. 1 in relay industry in China in terms of overall economic efficiency.

Founded in 1984, Hongfa has become a top-notch relay R&D and production center all over the world under the guidance of “Never rest on our laurels’ Make more progress”. Hongfa owns more than 20 subsidiaries and affiliates wholly or partially. Our products include relays, HV/LV devices, precision parts, automatic production etc. Taking note of the interest of the IIEE in finding partners to expand its Expositions, and on the invitation of the Hongfa group, IIEE officers headed by its National President Noel T. Fernandez visited the Hongfa Group’s headquarters in Xiamen, China on March 12, 2018. The IIEE officers and the top executives of the Hongfa Group seated in the vast conference center in the Hongfa facility where a formal meet and greet started very fruitful exchanges of information, business practices and opportunities. IIEE Executive Director Ramil Tan introduced the IIEE and encouraged Hongfa to participate in the upcoming Annual National Convention and 3E XPO of the IIEE in November, 2018.

After the formal meeting – the officers of the IIEE toured the manufacturing plant of Hongfa, where the best machines, processes, and practices were shown to the awe of the IIEE officers who were present.





19TH SOUTHERN LUZON REGIONAL CONFERENCE

*John Paul Madero
Head, Marketing Department*

Enroute, reroute, one way or another, and detour to reach the location, the members of IIEE from various Chapter of Southern Luzon concur to attend the 19th Southern Luzon Regional Conference hosted by the Batangas Chapter at Provincial Convention Center, Batangas City on 23-24 March 2018.

It was headed by the Batangas Chapter President Edward Barairo and Southern Luzon Governor Maria Josenia Bautro. The event started with the entrance of color followed by a heartfelt choral rendition by the Lyceum of the Philippines University Batangas Chorale. The total number of participated delegates reached 279.

The conference also used the DGSII QR Code facilities to fast track the registration process for new and renewal of members.





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SOUTHERN LUZON REGIONAL CONFERENCE





IIEE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ATTENDS MEETING ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5908

Kenneth A. Jorigue, Publications Officer

Quezon City, Philippines – The House Committee on Higher and Technical Education held a technical working group meeting on House Bill No. 5908 entitled “An Act Mandating the Integration of the National Building code of the Philippines as One of the Subjects in Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Sanitary Engineering, and Architecture.” last March 12, 2018 at the Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House

of Representatives. This meeting was attended by Engr. Jesus David and Engr. Lyndon Bague for IIEE and other stakeholders. The main concern of this meeting is the inclusion of the subject on National Building Code in Engineering and Architecture Course and whether it will be a minor, major or elective subject. If this Bill will be passed into Law, this will become effective starting school year 2018-2019.

LELAC-PPC ROADSHOW EN ROUTE TO BOHOL

*Kristine Bernadette J. Llamas
Paralegal*

Tagbilaran, Bohol – The Former National President and Chairmen of Legislation and Legal Affairs Committee (LELAC), Engr. Leo S. Cabasag and Chairman of Professional Practice Committee (PPC), Engr. Marlon F. Parot graced the invitation of Bohol Chapter in its 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting and Technical Seminar 2018 last March 17, 2018 held at Panda Tea Garden, Tagbilaran City, Bohol. Engr. Cabasag conveyed the significance of the New EE Law which is currently lodged before the Congress and Senate envisioned in addressing and achieving the following:

- 1) A pool of proficient, well-rounded & quality electrical engineers,
- 2) A professional practice that is outstanding, honorable and globally competitive,
- 3) A profession that is valuable,



4) A profession that seeks continuing growth in competence and growth in work life.

Engr. Parot on the other hand, promoted and reiterated the impact of the professional practice manual in guiding the Licensed Electrical Practitioners in the practice of their profession in accordance with the tenets set forth in the latest Electrical Engineering Law. It also serves as a guide for the electrical engineering and senior high school students in choosing their future career. The Manual of Professional Practice was officially released last year.

NGCP, DPWH TEAM UP TO FAST TRACK TRANSMISSION, INFRA DEVELOPMENT

*Danessa Rivera (The Philippine Star)
March 27, 2018*

MANILA, Philippines — The National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) have teamed up to fast track transmission and infrastructure developments.

NGCP OIC-president and CEO Anthony Almeda and DPWH Secretary Mark Villar have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) forging a partnership to align and expedite current and future projects.

The MOU will allow the grid operator to co-locate transmission projects with national highways, bridges and access road projects of the DPWH.

As both NGCP and DPWH are entities which spearhead nation building and national economic growth through infrastructure projects, it is imperative that we institutionalize our coordination efforts, align and synchronize our project planning and execution, NGCP said.

In earlier meetings, the parties have identified an initial list of 13 DPWH projects which can be aligned and co-located with NGCP projects.

NGCP said the MOU would also pave the way to exploring other possible projects according to the programs of DPWH and NGCP’s Transmission Development Plan (TDP).

Through the efficient and coordinated use of land, resources and facilities, we will optimize right-of-way (ROW) acquisition activities and ultimately expedite completion of both transmission backbone and road network projects, it said.

ROW has been among the top problems NGCP is facing. Since 2015, it has been urging Congress to pass a law that will prohibit acts – such as planting tall growing plants, construction of hazardous improvements, preventing or refusing entry to the property for purposes of repair of electric power lines – which will undermine the security and operations of transmission lines.

NGCP, which clinched a 25-year concession to run the country’s power transmission network in 2009, maintains over 20,000 circuit kilometers of transmission lines.

PEE MENTORING SEMINARS

Jorge Polangco Jr., Membership Staff

METRO MANILA WEST SECTOR PEE MENTORING - MARCH 3 and 17, 2018

Technical Writing for Engineers and Workshop for PEC 1 Code Review for IIEE Metro West members held at Philippine Chen-Kuang High School, San Juan City. With Engr. Ariel P. Duran, Deputy Governor of Metro West and other officers collaborated for the success of the said event. The seminar taught the members on how to improve their sentence grammar, to prepare TER and to develop their research paper. The workshop for PEC1 helped them to review and differentiate the changes of PEC 1 2009 and PEC 1 2017 edition.

METRO MANILA EAST SECTOR PEE MENTORING - MARCH 10, 2018

PEE Mentoring for the members of Metro East and other chapter members of IIEE held at Kainan sa Bahay-Bahayan, Brgy. Masinag, Antipolo City. The topics discussed are ARC-Flash, Power Systems and Harmonics etc. Guided by the Resource Speakers, it helped the members do an actual computation on power loads, grounding and short circuit calculations.



PALACE APPOINTS ESCALANTE AS PCAB BOARD MEMBER

Ramil R. Tan, Executive Director

Manila – Engr. Arthur Escalante, former National President of the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. (IIEE) and currently the Chairman of the Building Committee of the institute, has been appointed as Board Member of the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB), an agency attached to the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) was formed by virtue of RA 4566 passed by Congress in 1965. It was originally called the Philippine License Board for Contractors (PLBC). With the creation of the CIAP, the PLBC was made an implementing arm thereof, among others, and was renamed PCAB.

The law was enacted in 965 to ensure for the safety of the public that only qualified and reliable contractors are allowed to undertake construction in the country, meaning those obtaining the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License.

Escalante was also President of the Society of Philippine Electro technical Constructors and Suppliers, Inc. (SPECS) from 2010 to 2011.

LETRAN MANILA HOSTS NSCON

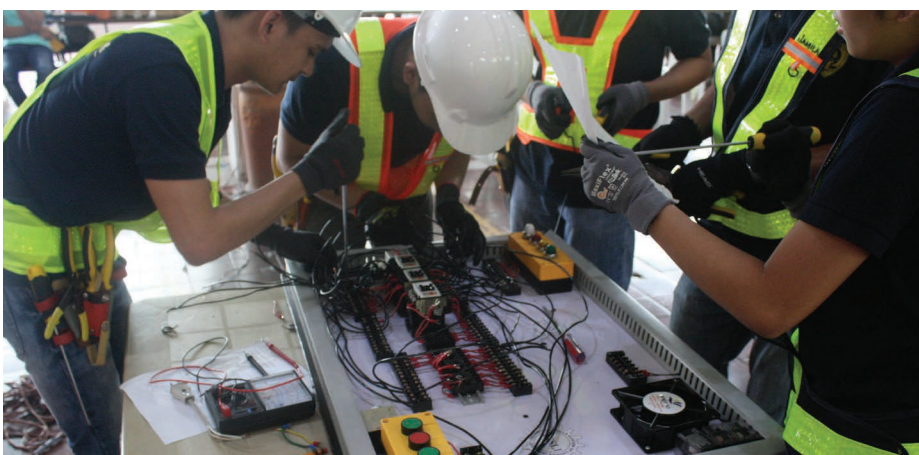
*Marc Mabingnay, Senior Membership Staff
Christian Russel Mainar, TUP Manila*

Brimming with various activities specifically designed for Electrical Engineering students and Electrical Technology, the 19th National Student Convention (NSCon) graced the halls of the Colegio de San Juan de Letran – Manila last March 1-3, 2018. The NSCon gathers and supports its member in terms of professional growth and information dissemination.

SKILLS OLYMPICS

The Skill Olympics Competition covers competitions on Building Wiring Installation and Programmable Logic Circuit. Six competing educational institution from different provinces and regions vied for the top plum. The participants were: Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Sta. Mesa, Manila; Technological Institute of the Philippines – Quezon City; De La Salle Lipa – Batangas; Camarines Sur Polytechnic College – Bicol; Computer Arts & Technological College – Bicol; Divine World College of Legazpi – Bicol.

The Divine World Legazpi, Bicol hailed as the champion followed by Camarines Sur Polytechnic University and Polytechnic University of the Philippines Sta. Mesa, respectively.





NATIONAL MATH WIZARD & NATIONAL QUIZ SHOW

NSCon traditionally conducts Math Wizard and Quiz Show to showcase the best among participants from different regional colleges and universities. The event was graced by the IIEE National Secretary Engr. Ramon Z. Gatchalian and Metro Manila Regional Governor Engr. Rodrigo T. Pecolera on the third day of the convention. The Board of Judges consists of Engr. Gerardo V. Lozada, Engr. Roland P. Vasquez, Engr. Ranillo E. Maatubang, Engr. Ryan Anthony K. Umali, Engr. Kirby A. Colinares, Engr. Ronald V. Dollentas (SAC Chairman), and Engr. Tristan Daniel C. Zabala (SAC Member).

Winners of the competitions were University of San Carlos, 1st Place in Math Wizard and University of Batangas in National Quiz Show.



PAG-IBIG FUND PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS

*Yhella N. Miraran
Human Resource Officer*

Known for providing affordable housing loans for its members, the Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-Ibig introduced its new programs and services to the employees of IIEE during the general orientation held last March 19, 2018 at IIEE National Office, Cubao, Quezon City.

Aside from offering affordable housing loan, Pag-Ibig Fund is now offering Provident Programs which include Modified Modified Pag-Ibig 2 (MP2) Savings (voluntary), Multi-Purpose Loan (MPL) and Calamity Loan. Likewise, active members for fifteen (15) and twenty (20) years may avail the provident claims under the following circumstances: permanently departing from the country, termination from the service by health reason, permanent total disability and death.

On the other hand, Pag-Ibig Fund Home Lending Programs offers the lowest interest rate of 5.375% up to 6.375% per annum. For the minimum wage earners, they offer much affordable interest rate of 3% per annum.

MMR TECH SEMINAR AT WORLDBEX

Monica Sibi, Metro Manila Region Staff



Online Registration has been implemented for IIEE Metro Manila Region Technical Seminar 2018 during Worldbex held last March 18, 2018 at Meeting Room 7-9, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City. Seminar ID with QR Code was provided to the delegates by DGSJ. Their coming in and coming out was monitored by scanning the code. It was indeed a great success for Metro Manila Region to use QR code in registration for the first time. The registration for the seminar lasted for only thirty-three minutes.



MMR Gov. Rodrigo T. Pecolera giving Inspirational Talk to the members of Metro Manila Region. He mentioned that the registration process for the seminars and conference will implement online registration with QR Code in the registrants ID. The members will adjust at the moment but he assured them that they are the one who will surely benefit for the said changes.



Engr. Rodrigo T. Pecolera, Governor of Metro Manila Region, signed the contract for the venue (5F, Megatrade Hall 2 & 3, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City) of 5th Metro Manila Regional Conference held at ABE Restaurant, SM Megamall. With Ms. Abigail S. Torres, National Sales Manager of Megatrade Hall, Engr. Rolito C. Gualvez, Deputy Director of MMR Conference Bureau and Deputy Governor of Metro South.



More than 225 delegates attended the seminar from the five areas of Metro Manila Region who wore their respective polo shirt. There are also few attendees from other chapters e.g. Foreign and Bulacan.



MARINDUQUE

THE HEART OF THE PHILIPPINES

Ramil R. Tan, Executive Director

Marinduque is an island province in the Philippines located in Southwestern Tagalog Region or MIMAROPA, formerly designated as Region IV-B. Its capital is the Municipality of Boac. Marinduque lies between Tayabas Bay to the north and Sibuyan Sea to the south. It is west of the Bondoc Peninsula of Quezon province; east of Mindoro Island; and north of the island province of Romblon.

The province of Marinduque was ranked number 1 by the Philippine National Police and Philippine Security Forces as the 2013 Most Peaceful Province of the country due to its low crime rate statistics alternately ranking with the province of Batanes yearly. Further, for almost 200 years, the province is home to one of the

oldest religious festivals of the country, the Moriones celebrated annually every Holy Week.

Marinduque is usually called the HEART OF THE PHILIPPINES, not only because when you look at the Philippine Map – Marinduque, a heart shaped island, occupies the space where the heart is located in human anatomy.

The province is composed of six municipalities namely, Boac, Mogpog, Gasan, Sta. Cruz, Torrijos and Buenavista. While the capital town is Boac, many said that the Municipality of Sta. Cruz is the most vibrant of these municipalities.

Marinduque is not only known for its white sand beaches and spectacular island resorts, as the Holy Week in the predominantly Catholic country is approaching, the island province is hosting the most historical and awesome 'MORIONES FESTIVAL'.

As part of the Southern Tagalog Region, the people in the island speaks Tagalog, although you may observe that their Tagalog is actually a fusion of Bicolano, Bisaya and Marinduqueno. Nonetheless, save for the very complicated words, local dialect is generally understandable from the perspective of the Tagalog language.

Hamos na kamo sa Marinduque !!!



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FIRE PREVENTION MONTH KICK-OFF CEREMONY

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Manila City, Philippines – In celebration of Fire Prevention Month, the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers together with the other government and non-government institutions participated to the Bureau of Fire and Protections’ kick-off ceremony with the theme of “Ligtas na Pilipinas ang ating Hangad, Pag-iingat sa Sunog ay sa Sarili Ipatupad” this previous March 1, 2018. The activity started a rally at Central Station of LRT wherein the participants walked going to Quirino Grandstand where the program proper held.



CUSI SEEKS POWER COOPS’ MASTER PLAN FOR ENERGIZATION TARGET

*Danessa Rivera (The Philippine Star)
March 27, 2018*

MANILA, Philippines — Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi has ordered electric cooperatives (ECs) to submit the master plan to resolve faster the electricity access gap in rural areas before the 2022 target. This as ECs, under the supervision of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), have reaffirmed their commitment to work together to bridge electricity access gap, especially in remote and far-flung communities with

poor living conditions. In a recent dialogue with the Department of Energy (DOE) and NEA, the general managers of different ECs nationwide committed to submit a master plan identifying the unserved and underserved sitios within their respective franchise areas. The master plan—which should provide a roadmap to meet a specific goal: access to electricity for all by 2022—should be prepared and submitted in two months.

Cusi underscored the role the ECs play in uplifting the economic status of underprivileged Filipinos. “Electricity creates wealth. It empowers people to create wealth. So let’s give them the opportunity to uplift their lives by giving them the electricity that they need,” he said. The energy chief also urged the ECs to face the challenges in bridging the electricity access gap and be creative in lighting up the rural communities. He said ECs should also find ways to lower down their electricity costs and systems loss to increase their power efficiency. “The 2022 (timeline) let’s make it happen earlier. Make it happen in 2020 or even earlier... I hope that we can put it in our hearts to really find ways on how to serve our

community, especially the less privileged people,” he said. For the government’s part, Cusi assured the power distribution utilities of government’s assistance. The DOE, NEA and National Power Corp. (Napocor) will join forces and consolidate their resources to address the concerns of the ECs with respect to lighting up the rural areas that have no electricity. The agencies will form composite monitoring teams to assist the ECs to meet their action timelines. The dialog was in response to the recent directive of President Duterte to expedite rural electrification by allowing the entry of private sector, giving the communities more options.