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GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDER AGENCIES BID IECEP CONGRATULATIONS FOR EAGM 2.0

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Participants to the Convention Proper of IECEP eAGM 2.0 were welcomed by esteemed guest speakers Commissioner Jose Y. Cueto, Jr., Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and Secretary Martin M. Andanar from the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO). Fire Director Louie S. Puracan of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) also extended his commendations to IECEP during the AGM Proper.

Themed Embracing Digital Transformation in the Time of New Normal, the 71st Annual General Membership Meeting and Convention was held for eight (8) days from 27 November to 04 December 2021 in view of providing opportunities for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for IECEP Members and celebrating the accomplishments of the Institute amid the pandemic.

Professional Regulation Commissioner Cueto delivered the Keynote Address during the event's opening. The Commissioner acknowledged the new normal as a driving force for professionals to utilize alternative platforms to render services, citing electronics as an enabler for telehealth, telemedicine, and telepharmacy in the healthcare sector. PRC expanded its e-Services, the Commissioner narrated, "by implementing the CPD accreditation system, online certification, and virtual oath-taking."

PCOO Secretary Andanar in turn highlighted the impacts of COVID-19, including the changes to news and current affairs, and the inevitable shift towards digital platforms which plays a key role in dismissing disinformation. "Digitization of processes and operations have never been more important than now... we are confident in the Duterte Administration that our electronics engineers and the whole IECEP will continue to be valuable partners of the government towards our collective recovery from the pandemic and our societal progress as we adapt to the new normal," said Secretary Andanar.

Fire Protection Chief Louie S. Puracan, through Deputy Chief for Operations, Fire Chief Superintendent Wilberto Rico Niel A. Kwan Tiu, shared how in the pandemic, digital transformation has bridged the physical distance and in making a fire-safe nation. Congratulations was relayed to IECEP for "...the continuous development and improvement of technologies [in fire safety]." The message of Fire Director Puracan also stressed the "...great working relationship between IECEP and BFP."

With government support emanating from the PRC, PCOO and BFP, among other agencies involved as stakeholders of IECEP, the national leadership remains steadfast in advocating for the practice of profession in various disciplines and in nurturing the fast paced evolution of the electronics engineering industry in light of the rapid technological growth and digital transformation.

This 2022, IECEP shall revisit its partnership with the government to renew its commitment in the advocacy of promoting the national ICT development agenda in the new normal.



ASSISTANCE TO TYPHOON-AFFECTED LOCAL CHAPTERS EXTENDED

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The onslaught of Typhoon Odette last December 2021 has left many Filipinos in the affected provinces and municipalities without water, electricity, and telecommunications service.

In an emergency online meeting, the National Board of Directors (BoD) 2021 has resolved the necessity of providing financial assistance to chapters, whose areas of jurisdiction include the devastated localities

Ten (10) local chapters were identified to be recipients of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) each, including CARAGA, Eastern Visayas, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Iloilo, North Mindanao, Iligan and Palawan.

According to the resolution, the funding may be used for special projects and programs to assist in the response efforts within the chapter's jurisdiction for the benefit of members, as appropriate, and the immediate community.

Dr. Mishell D. Lawas, PECE, President, IECEP, Inc. said "...with this ready support, the leadership is hopeful that local chapters are able to effect positive impacts in the community they belong."

The Finance Committee has likewise launched a Digital Payments Portal to accept donations from interested members and chapters, proceeds of which amounting to Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four and Fifty Six Centavos (Php 96,464.56) were divided equally among the beneficiary chapters.

IECEP, Inc. extends its gratitude to contributing members and chapters, for the support extended to typhoon-affected local chapters.

IECEP CARAGA, in a statement, likewise thanked the donors and contributors, and cited that the monetary support will be "...used to procure equipment for solar power systems to be installed in Dinagat Islands to provide charging stations to the residents, as most of the areas still have no electricity."

Several local chapters also engaged directly in collaborative engagements with affected chapters in delivering services to the communities.

"This is a testament to how #OneIECEP lives on, as a value we premise on being united, even in this difficult time for some of our brothers and sisters," added President Lawas.

Truly, with the Bayanihan spirit, IECEP cares.

NO MORE DISTANCING FROM DREAMS FOR NEW ELECTRONICS PROFESSIONALS

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With the peak daily infections of COVID-19 reaching tens of thousands of cases, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) recommended the suspension of face-to-face licensure examinations.

After a hiatus of nearly two (2) years, the IATF-MEID finally gave the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) a nod for the conduct of the Electronics Engineer (ECE) and Electronics Technician (ECT) Licensure Examination during the last quarter of 2021.

According to the PRC, 710 out of 1,484 passed the ECE Licensure Examination while 738 out of 974 passed the ECT Licensure Examination administered in October by the Board of Electronics Engineering (BECE) in Manila, Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Lucena, Pagadian, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao and Zamboanga.

The ECT examination was dominated by Mark Justine Ramos Cudiamat, David Xyz Temple Callena tied with Kenneth Diaz Chan, Sidfrey Nacional Alberca tied with Isaac Noah Malinois Enriquez, Ian Piolo Briones Evangelista and Tim Patrick Bayudan Nieves.

In the top ranks of the ECE examination are David Xyz Temple Callena, Hashim Monir Mokamad Ambia, Kenneth Diaz Chan, Sidfrey Nacional Alberca, Johnson Ralph Festejo Perez, Rom Ivan Fajardo Balangue tied with Bryce Bertram Siopan Sison, Camille Joy Bermido Vidal, Jackal Antoni Banda Oculam tied with Johaimen Madid Omar, Norman David Paray Medina tied with Tim Patrick Bayudan Nieves, and Alyssa Mayette Cobol Caraang tied with Hanna Mhei Noche San Jose.



Oath-taking ceremonies for newly licensed ECEs and ECTs were done online, referred to as e-oath, and coincided with the conduct of IECEP 71st Annual General Membership Meeting and Convention also done virtually, dubbed as eAGM 2.0.

Dr. Alnar L. Detalla, PECE, Chair, BECE, in a statement, said "...new ECEs and ECTs will face a new challenge - the pandemic; the context by which they will apply their knowledge should consider digital transformation."

IECEP Inc., through the joint effort of the Membership and Finance Committee, has issued an administrative order to provide guidance for the initial registration of ECEs and ECTs to the Institute, which included a special registration page for the new professionals, equipped with Digital Payments, and on-boarding to the MyIECEP Portal.

During the e-oath, Dr. Mishell D. Lawas, PECE, President, IECEP Inc. warmly greeted the new ECEs and ECTs. The National President extended the invitation to complete their registration with IECEP, and even attend the Convention Proper of the eAGM 2.0 at discounted rates, "...as a welcome gift," Dr. Lawas added.



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