



FIRST TRAINING SERIES AT IECEP HOME FOR ECT MEMBERS

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Equal opportunities for all as "members have the chance for growth and involvement," this is part of the lyrics of the recently launched IECEP Hymn sung for the first time at IECEP Home, the National Office, during the two-day ECT Series: Cyber Security Fundamentals Lecture and Workshop held on 23 and 30 July 2022.

In coordination with the Electronics Engineers Foundation of the Philippines and Fortinet, one of the global leaders in cybersecurity solutions, IECEP through the Memberships, Organizational Development and Chapters Committee (MODCC) hosted the first-ever session at the Training Hub of IECEP Home, after its inauguration in December 2021.

The series covers fundamentals and workshop activities aimed to further strengthen the competencies and skills of ECTs. The training highlighted cybersecurity concepts with workshop demonstrations and hands-on sessions.

The return of Face-to-Face engagements due to significant improvements in the COVID-19 Vaccination Drive of the government is recognized by IECEP as it revitalizes similar membership opportunities this year, specially by holding the upcoming back-to-back 72nd Annual General Membership Meeting and Convention at the Philippine International Convention Center as a Hybrid Event, and the National Students Summit at Marikina Convention Center in a primarily physical format, this November.

Reservations for IECEP Home's Facilities are coursed through the website and undertaken by the Property Management Committee of the Institute. Building guidelines, general policies and user reminders are likewise listed at the website for proper guidance of event organizers and even the general membership.

Use of Facilities in IECEP Home shall be subject to the approval of the Property Manager duly designated by the National Board of Directors (BoD) based on the principles of equitable opportunities of access, alignment to the objectives of the Institute, and promotion of membership services.

Dr. Mishell D. Lawas, PECE, IECEP National President said "... let's leverage our facilities for the benefit of the members and our stakeholders, like the IECEP Foundation."

Participants to the ECT Training Series were welcomed to the Members' Lounge, Reception and Waiting Area and Innovation Corner; sites in IECEP Home which are always open for everyone.

Part of the proceeds of the activity were donated to the IECEP Foundation as part of the Institute's commitment towards its rejuvenation. Engr. Melvin C. Acosta, PECE, Chair, IECEP Foundation extended the greetings of the Board of Trustees for IECEP and the participants to the training series.

Similar trainings shall be offered by IECEP in upcoming months. To check the events calendar, visit the IECEP Home section of iecepnational.com, the official website.



IECEP Officially Accredits FOUR NATIONAL SPECIALIZATION SOCIETIES, Steps up CPSP Programs

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As IECEP gears up for the Career Progression and Specialization Program (CPSP) bannered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), a total of Four (4) National Specialization Societies have been officially accredited by IECEP National last May 6, 2022.

The Four Specialization Societies, in order of their Accreditation Number, are as follows :

1. Biomedical Electronics Society
2. Power Electronics Society
3. Engineering and Project Management Society
4. Telecommunications Society

The accreditation ascertains recognition for each of the societies as the sole and legitimate society for each field of specialization endorsed by the National Board as defined on IECEP Board Resolution Number 2021-013 and 2022-006.

Membership for each of the societies is free and up to a maximum of 3 affiliated society for each member.

The Societies, not only would lead the charge for the advancement of their field of specialization, but also will be IECEP's main working arms in the implementation of the CPSP program for electronics engineering practitioners under the guidance of the IECEP National Specialization Societies. All IECEP members are encouraged to take part and be a member of these societies especially for members who would want to be recognized as a specialist or advanced professional engineer in their field of specialization.

The official accreditation for the four societies has been awarded at the last IECEP Midyear Convention, held at Davao City, last June 2-4, 2022.



CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF ELECTRONICS PRACTITIONERS AMID THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

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The Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines (IECEP) aside from being the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) of Electronics Practitioners (i.e. PECE / ECE / ECT), is also the endorsing body for electronics practitioners seeking for level upgrades. Members in Good Standing who met respective requirements are to be endorsed by IECEP to corresponding bodies such as Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Philippine Technological Council (PTC). Before enumerating various Advanced Levels of Engineering practices, it is understood that this article is for information dissemination purposes as separate workshops are offered by PTC (with collaboration of IECEP).

First, ECEs may apply for Upgrade as Professional Electronics Engineer (PECE) once you obtained at least seven (7) years of professional experience practicing as Electronics Engineer (ECE). More specifically, the local IECEP Chapter where the applicant is a member of serves as the first evaluator of the application; after the applicant has secured a Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) from the National Secretariat. Once cleared of the requirements, the local chapter will forward the application documents to IECEP National, and it will be up for another review by the Committee on Advanced Engineering Register (AER). IECEP National has issued an Administrative Order, accessible on the Official IECEP Website, iecepnational.com, as guidance for the corresponding processing fee for this application.

Second, ECE practitioners may proceed to another Advanced Engineering Level such as ASEAN and APEC (which also requires at least seven years of professional experience and practice, and already having secured PECE status). The initial steps are similar with the steps in applying for PECE, i.e. endorsement from IECEP. Once endorsed by IECEP, documents will be forwarded to PTC for further processing. Likewise, applicant may also apply for ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer (ACPE) which is governed by the PRC. Application to these has a common initial step, the endorsement of IECEP.

Third, how about the ECTs? Are there career advancement opportunities for them? The answer is YES. The ASEAN Engineering Register (AER) keeps the roster of ASEAN engineering practitioners which also includes ASEAN Technicians / Technologists. At present, AER has more than nine thousand ASEAN Engineers and more than five hundred ASEAN Technicians/Technologists. Surprisingly, around two thousand eight hundred (2800) from the roster are actually Filipinos. Given that there are ten (10) ASEAN Member States, the equal distribution of ASEAN Engineers per country should have been only nine hundred.

Fourth, career advancement is not limited only to Advanced Level Engineers. IECEP through its various specializations societies spearheads the fulfillment of IECEP Mission-Vision that addresses the challenges of fast pacing technology. Referring to the practice of Electronics Engineering stated in Republic Act No. 9292, the scope is indeed broad.



The National Specializations Societies (NSS) will cater mutual help both to IECEP and to its stakeholders. Moreover, having these accredited societies mobilized, determination of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) topics to offer would be easy as pool of experts in respective fields are available. The 1st NSS Conference will be held on October 1-2, 2022 at IECEP Home - National Office. Furthermore, application for affiliate members was opened by IECEP this August 2022. This move will open faster flow of knowledge as plenty of ideas will be made available from professionals of allied fields of engineering discipline.

While opportunities are promising, challenges are always present and indeed considered the twin of opportunities. A question may rise... "is it okay to maintain the status quo because I will pursue neither upgrade nor specialization because it is not appreciated in my work?" This is a practical question from many people and considered a pragmatic approach. However, aside from the fact that CPD has legal bases, let us enumerate some potential competence of an engineer:

- "An understanding of the engineering profession and of the registrants' responsibility to their colleagues, employers or clients, to the community at large, and to the environment;"
- "Knowledge of the use of technologies relevant to their field of specialisation;"
- "An ability to work on multi-disciplinary projects;"
- "Knowledge of industrial relations and the principles of management, taking into account technical, financial and human considerations;"
- "Skills in communication, both oral and written, including the ability to write clear reports;"

Those selected competencies obtained from ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEEO) Guidelines are actually either core or allied functions of an engineer in the practice of profession. Whether you will pursue career advancement or not, those competencies should be performed and exhibited in the workplace especially now, in the new normal. Complying or even exceeding those expected competencies may lead towards advanced level careers with the help of IECEP, in view of the digital transformation we are all part of.

YOUR EMAIL GOES TO... THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT!

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The National Office of IECEP, Inc. is the nerve center of operations of the organization - from data entry as membership on-boarding to the MyIECEP Portal, to ID printing and packaging the membership welcome kit... name it, and probably each one of us would have had a brief encounter with the National Secretariat.

But how well do we know them, the "to whom it may concern" of your e-mails? Join me as I get up close and personal with the backbone of the IECEP National Office.

MARIAN BORABO

Marian hails from Imus, Cavite. She is the Lead Secretariat in charge of the day-to-day operations of IECEP, from engaging with surprise visitors at IECEP Home, to disseminating Board Resolutions to Chapter Officers, and much more. Overall, she is the point person for packages arriving at the Office, also the one-stop shop information desk for members' concerns and the right hand of the Secretary-General.

In her free time, Marian cooks hearty dishes loved by her friends, colleagues and the National Directors, especially myself. She frequently talks about K-Drama (and has a huge poster of Jungkook on her office wall), furnishing her house and trips with her boyfriend, and doing paintings and portraits.

Her motto is: "grow through what you go through."



ARVIN MISTADES

Arvin lives in Quezon City. He is the go-to person for any finance-related matter, both on the budget and the audit side.

His expertise on supporting the fiscal management of the Institute is commendable and revered by many, especially by myself as the National Treasurer.

Arvin's social media is full of adventures on his bike, cycling to Laguna, Bulacan, Rizal, Cavite, Batangas, and other scenic routes. Sounds like visiting chapters nearby NCR to me! He is also a practicing Christian.

His idea of a good quote is "work smarter not harder."



MA. PAMELLA ESTELLA

Pam is from Quezon City. She takes care of the membership concerns, specifically issuance of IDs, and supporting the Membership, Organizational Development and Chapters Committee (MODCC).

Pam is family-oriented and speaks highly of her daughter, Janella Naeyo. She used to be a graphic artist, but is now focusing on her career in IECEP. In terms of tenure, she has seen at least six National Presidents in office.

She believes in the adage “improve myself, strive for growth, satisfy dreams...”

ELISSA MAE BAUTISTA

Mae resides at Binangonan, Rizal. Her focus is CPD concerns and accreditation of IECEP Seminars and Programs. Her idea of good office relations revolves on the idea that the National Secretariat and the Board of Directors (BoD) are to closely work together and maintain a healthy communications line.

Mae used to be the youngest staff, before the recent hiring exercise. Hers is a profile of beach escapes, outdoor living and celebrity vlogs. She is soon to be a mother of a baby girl.

“If travelling was free, you’d never see me again,” she hopes.



CESAR MERCADO JR

Cesar commutes from Las Pinas City. This gentleman is IECEP’s Liaison Officer, best known for his nickname, Mr. M, his ID says so. He loves seafood, and plays basketball on Sundays. He is also into leisure biking.

His dedication to IECEP is commendable, as he shares his desire to be with the Institute up until his services are still needed.

Asked of his mantra, he quickly responded with “live life to the fullest.”



KRISALYN DELA TORRE

Kris is originally from Bacolod but has transferred to Cavite. Recently hired as Secretariat Support, she facilitates requirements under the MODCC, the Education and Student Affairs Committee (ESAC), and the Engineering Registers Committee (ERC).

Kris used to be a barista, and promised to make pleasant coffee for everyone. According to her, she likes to cook, and challenges friends in chess games. The idea of working for cruise ships inspires her.

She best exemplifies: "progress, not perfection."

MARYA VERNICE MERCADO

Marya's home is located at Las Pinas. She was also recently on-boarded as Secretariat Support to handle the operational concerns of the Finance Committee, the Property Management Committee (PMC), the Publications Committee (PubComm), and the Website and Portal Committee.

Marya's experience was in customer relations. She likes volleyball, and has a talent for singing. On a videoke night, she would instantly pick "If I ain't got you" as her song of choice. In front of her is a career in railway engineering.

"Forget the mistake, remember the lesson," best describes her disposition in life.



It was just fitting to devote this article to the hard-working staff of IECEP, as most of them have been with the Institute longer than National Directors... after all, our term at the least is just two (2) years, and them? Way more! The most tenured staff member has served IECEP since 2009, for approximately 13 years.

Year in and year out, the BoD changes every so often, but it is they, the National Secretariat Staff, who have really weathered all storms.

I am no stranger to the intricacies of running our organization from the administrative and office management side of things, hence my experience closely working with the National Secretariat is not at all brief. With this acknowledgment, several initiatives have already been completed for staff empowerment and increasing the benefits of being employed by IECEP, including insurance coverage, performance bonuses, and travel opportunities. More can be expected in the following quarters when new incentives are to be introduced, including merit-based salary increase, re-organization of the staff assignment, and annual office vacation.

There is not a single day in the National Office when action stops. Everyday presents itself with new challenges and, yes, problems to resolve. Lost COGS? Check! SOA for Sponsorship? Check! PECE Application Requirements? Check! CPD Follow-up? Check! Affiliation fee for HEIs? Check! No single formula is available to describe the daily battles of our office heroes, which by the way, they must all win!

In fact, the office has likewise evolved with the times. From a single condo unit, the staff now has plants to water, several bed sheets to wash, and audio-video equipment to maintain... which are not part of what they originally signed up for.

Convenience for members and chapters means introducing systems to the National Secretariat, because we now have an administrator for all those new applications, such as Shopee, PayMongo, Enstack, on top of their assignments for the Facebook Page, Website and the MyIECEP Portal, and of course, their e-mails, whose storage by the way are all upgraded to 100GB—and increasing!

To tell you honestly, part of the consideration for the transfer of the National Office to its present location was the welfare of the staff, because while we may be having a perfectly good office in the outskirts of the city, we cannot sacrifice access for the staff. In any case, IECEP got lucky and got a central location and a commute-friendly site for the staff and members alike.

And so next time, dear members, when we chance an encounter with the Secretariat Staff online, at the MIDCON or AGM, or at the IECEP Home, let's give them a smile. A little kindness goes a long way, they say, for it has taken IECEP years to have dedicated personnel we all must treat as family.

Let us offer our snappy salute to Marian, Arvin, Pam, Mae, Cesar, Kris, and Marya!

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WELCOME TO THE IECEP FAMILY: INSTITUTIONAL AND AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP LAUNCHED

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IECEP, the only accredited and integrated professional organization for electronics engineering practitioners, is recognized, not only as one of the oldest professional organizations in the Philippines, but also as one of the biggest in terms of number of professionals in its roster.

To further expand its reach and cater to the growing needs of its members, IECEP has re-activated its Institutional and Affiliate Membership Grades. Membership acceptance to both have re-opened last August 1, 2022.

The Institutional Membership provides the opportunity for a company and/or organization to support and be a part of IECEP activities and, at the same time, be a partner for a variety of services which includes marketing, promotions, training and education, professional advancements and recognitions, and social responsibility drives. It is open for companies/organizations who belong to the private and public sector. Membership dues, according to business classification, is available at IECEP Board Resolution 2022-019.

The Affiliate Membership is applicable to Electronics Engineering/Electronics Related Course Graduates/Practitioners/Underboards and Allied Professions (i.e. IT, CS, CPE, Cybersecurity, Data Science, and others) in accordance to the conditions as defined in the aforementioned IECEP Board Resolution above. The Affiliate Membership aims to promote inclusivity and borderless practice with fellow electronics engineering practitioners while sharing the same objectives and advocacies.

Forms for Institutional Membership is available through the National Secretariat while the New Affiliate Members are accepted at the National Office through a published Step-by-step guide for Affiliate Membership.

Contact the National secretariat through its published contact numbers or email via iecep.secretariat@gmail.com for further information.

NATIONAL OFFICE JOINS NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL AND EXERCISES

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Preparedness is key, and the National Office Staff took it to practice by participating in the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) last 08 September 2022.

It can be recalled that last 27 July 2022, in response to the earthquake felt across Metro Manila that morning, the Property Manager, after the visual inspection of the Support Staff of the IECEP Home - National Office, reported that the building and its facilities did not sustain any damages and that the on-site National Secretariat are all safe.

THIRD QUARTER NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS
EARTHQUAKE DRILL
DUCK COVER HOLD
8 SEPTEMBER 2022, 8:00A.M.
(START OF THE PROGRAM)
#NSED2022 #BidaAngHanda #ResiliencePH



However, to err on the side of caution, it was declared that members shall not be admitted at the National Office to complete physical assessments and in case of aftershocks.

Annually, the month of July is commemorated as the National Disaster Resilience Month (NDRM) based on Executive Order no. 29 s. 2017, which emphasizes the need to understand disaster risk, investing in disaster risk reduction management, increasing disaster awareness programs, and enhancing community disaster preparedness for effective response.

Its 2022 theme banners "Sambayanang Pilipino, Nagkakaisa Tungo sa Katatagan at Maunlad na Kinabukasan" sought to advocate unity towards resilience and sustainable development.

Dr. Mishell D. Lawas, PECE, National President, shared her concern, "IECEP recognizes the need to be prepared and ready, not only in theory but also in practice, for any disasters, as the Philippines is predisposed to these hazards."

IECEP Home is equipped with First Aid and Emergency Kits strategically placed in all rooms and available in all floors. There is an officer-of-the-day designated to lead evacuation activities as may be necessary. The National Office Secretariat shall also undergo trainings on Basic Life Support, and other capacity-building programs related to Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH).

IECEP-CAR GIVES BACK

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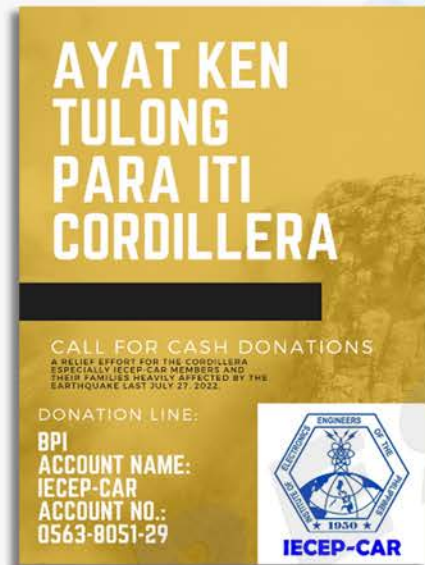
At 0843H, July 27, 2022, an estimated 7.0 magnitude struck northwestern Luzon and was felt in more than 60% of the main Philippine island. With a depth of 15 kilometers, it was felt very strongly in Benguet, Dagupan and Ilocos Sur and strongly up until Cagayan and Metro Manila.

As for most of the Cordillerans, it was reminiscent of the quake that killed more than a thousand citizens and damaged properties all across the main island of the archipelago.

Almost immediately, and after ensuring the safety of our immediate families, the current Board of Trustees of IECEP – CAR Chapter launched an email and SMS communication to all its members. With the member database more than 90% updated with email, SMS and even social media contact details, the chapter was able to reach out to its members and gather information, although in high hopes that nobody was seriously affected, on how the earthquake has shaken them.

As the responses gradually were received, the Board went to work to acquire more details as the members were now in direct communication and sharing details about their status and what help was required. It took the Board quite some time to consolidate as well as acquire the information on how to send help but in the end, the sending of help was all that mattered.

Thru the thoughtful donations coming from the other chapters, IECEP – NCR NE, IECEP Batangas, IECEP Tarlac and IECEP Pampanga, the Board combined its resources and sent monetary donations via online payment platforms to the members who responded. A member even volunteered to distribute aid to members of his community who also needed help. Truly, this showed that IECEP is ONE in helping as an organization who cares for its members.



On August 20, 2022, the IECEP – CAR Board of Trustees held its first face to face Board meeting which highlighted the sending of monetary donations to members who were affected by the recent earthquake as well as personally awarding the Certificates of Scholarships to four (4) young and deserving BSECE students who fulfilled the requirements set forth in the guidelines for the grant. The following students were present during the event to receive their certificates, the financial grant as well as be recognized by both the professional and student chapters:

- JAMAICA B. BABARAN 4th Year BSECE St. Louis University
- PATRICIA D. DURAN 2nd Year BSECE St. Louis University
- ERNESTINE GAIL A. DULCE 3rd Year BSECE St. Louis University
- JOHANNA JHEANA A. JACINTO 2nd Year BSECE University of Baguio



Witnessing the ceremonies were the President and Vice President of the Student Chapter who took time to be with Board and participate in the activities.

IECEP-TARLAC FORGES PARTNERSHIP WITH TARLAC AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

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The Institute of Electronics Engineers of the Philippines, Inc. – Tarlac Chapter (IECEP Tarlac) signed Memorandum of Understanding for partnership on two (2) corporate social responsibility with Tarlac Agricultural University.

The collaboration includes environmental partnership wherein IECEP Tarlac adopted-an-area at Calao Forest Reserve, Sitio Calao, Mayantoc, Tarlac.

The kick-off of this partnership was last July 30, 2022 in cooperation with IECEP Tarlac State University Student Chapter and Tarlac Agricultural University – College of Engineering and Technology Student Council.

It was attended by one of most notable speakers, Engr. Allan Sabado and the event was also graced by IECEP Pampanga Governor, Engr. Bryan Delos Reyes.



The second collaboration with TAU includes technical partnership wherein IECEP Tarlac will provide technical expertise relating to the FM station to be built at the College of Arts and Sciences.

Initial meeting was held last November 30, 2021 with Dean Ma. Theresa Nardo.

The partnership with Tarlac Agricultural University was made official last September 19, 2022 upon the signing of Memorandum of Understanding at Tarlac Agriculture University (TAU) which was attended by IECEP Tarlac Officers: Engr. Michelle Lucila Barbara F. Vidad, Governor; Engr. Don Louie A. Sanvictores, VG-Internal; Engr. Dianne R. Cayetano, Treasurer; Engr. Donna Fay N. Labrador, BOD - Education; and Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) Officials: Max P. Guillermo, Ph.D., University President; Ma. Theresa Nardo, Ph.D., Dean of College of Arts and Sciences.



IECEP-RIZAL CELEBRATES ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY

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IECEP's 44th accredited chapter, Rizal Chapter, celebrated its 5th Anniversary last September 17, 2022 at Rosalla's Events Place, Taytay, Rizal. The momentous event is free and exclusive to all IECEP Rizal Chapter members with the 2022 IECEP Rizal Officers and Board of Trustees under the leadership of Chapter Governor Engr. Ronwaldo J. Reyes leading the charge.



Esteemed guests and VIPs include Rizal Province Vice Governor Hon. Dr. Reynaldo "Junrey" San Juan, Rizal Province Board Member Hon. Fernando "Jun" Cabitac, IECEP National Vice President for Internal Affairs and IECEP Rizal 2020 Governor Engr. Lyle Anthony Jowill G. Villas, IECEP National Auditor Engr. Ira V. Estropia, IECEP National Board of Director and IECEP Rizal 2020-2021 Vice Governor for Education Engr. Eugene H. Embalzado, Jr., Former IECEP National Board of Director and IECEP Rizal 2021 Governor Engr. Dennis L. Molina, former DICT Assistant Secretary Engr. Allan S. Cabanlong and DICT Rizal Province Head Engr. Zendie S. Cabanlong. Founding and former Chapter Officers and Trustees were also present on the event.

Almost 200 professionals and student chapter leaders partied the night away which was also sponsored by Philsource Ventures Group Inc. (PVGI), Bosch Philippines, and United Safety Technology Distribution, Inc. (USTDI).

IECEP Rizal Chapter is home to around a thousand electronics engineering professionals from the province of Rizal. True to the vision of IECEP to exhibit excellence in all of its undertakings, IECEP Rizal Chapter, since its accreditation on November 2017, has been awarded IECEP Best Local Chapter once (2021), IECEP Best Local Chapter 1st Runner-Up twice (2018 and 2020), and IECEP Best Local Chapter 2nd Runner-Up once (2019).





NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES, ENHANCED SERVICES, PROMISES FULFILLED

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Effective 01 August 2022, IECEP essentially addressed the white elephant in any organization - its membership fees. The Memberships, Organization Development and Chapters Committee (MODCC) and the Finance Committee in a series of consultative discussions finally endorsed the updated fees, presented by none less than the National President - Dr. Mishell D. Lawas, PECE in MIDCON 2022, which was unanimously accepted by the general membership given the various milestones achieved by the Institute in recent years.

The revised fee matrix based on Board Resolution 2022 - 019 reflects the current operational structure of the National Office, in consideration of Chapter Administration and enhanced Membership Engagements. It is in line with the full implementation of various Membership Grades such as Fellow, Life, Member (Regular), Associate, Affiliate, Student, Honorary, Institutional and Charter. These add value to the membership as it reflects career and professional development, credibility and stature, and shows a certain level of expertise reached in accordance with the practice of the profession.

The matrix of membership dues also provides for a transparent breakdown of the funding for Welfare, General Operations, Publications and Engagements, Digital Services, Special Projects, and Education and Student Affairs. This enshrines a more stable financial outlook with new and standardized rates which adapt to the modern times and needs of the organization.

Hallmark policies were also issued in accordance to the updated fees such as the Imposition of Moratorium on the Collection of Membership Dues, as provided by Administrative Order No. 2022 - 012, Extension of Life Membership Offering, through BR No. 2022 - 029, Printing of Permanent IDs via BR Nos. 2022 - 08 and 09, and the Introduction of Various Incentive Systems, based on AO No. 2022 - 014, and BR Nos. 2022 - 030 and 031.

As a result of this ecosystem of enhanced membership strategies employed by IECEP, the Institute will be able to reach out to fellow ECEs and ECTs who have long been dormant or inactive. Coupled with the Zero (0) CPD requirement through Undertaking, they could renew their professional ID in no time. IECEP also offers a great variety of Free CPD Program so 15 CPD should be a breeze!

IECEP envisions a bigger, better and bolder family as the Institute will now now be accepting membership applications from Allied Professions (IT, CS, CPE), and even those non-ECE/ECT license holders just yet, or graduates of BS ECE Program who are practicing electronics professionals through the Affiliate Membership Grade!

Through the Institutional Membership Program, IECEP shall likewise strengthen our linkages for professional, technical training, CPD activities, CSRs, and others.

To add, to members' delight, there will also be a faster way of getting hold of the permanent IDs, when they opt to renew through those Chapters with Authority to Print (ATP).

Did you know? IECEP used to reprint IDs every 3 years during renewal of memberships, which caused backlogs. As a solution, IECEP streamlined its membership process, re-designed its IDs for one-time issuance and initiated various changes in security, data handling and verification. All 2022 New Members, 2022 Renewals, and 2020-2022 Active and Members in Good Standing shall receive the new (and permanent ID) absolutely at no cost.

These are just some of the highlights. With the endless support of the General Membership, we can bring IECEP to greater heights. Fulfilling our many promises... congratulations to all of us!



IECEP NATIONAL OFFICE LEADS E-WASTE UPCYCLING

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Launched this September, the National Office, through the Property Management Committee (PMC) spearheaded a month-long E-Waste Collection Drive leading to the commemoration of International E-Waste Day on 14 October.

According to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), "...[t]he rapid growth of the digital society and consumer demand for digital devices is contributing to what has been coined as a tsunami of e-waste."

The ITU further elaborates that "[a] substantial amount of e-waste includes waste derived from discarded ICT equipment such as mobile phones, personal computers, printers, telephones, laptops and routers."

The National Office, having transferred its operation from the previous site to the current location at the IECEP Home, was no stranger to having accumulated E-Waste comprising of unserviceable computer hardware, non-functional ICT equipment and other obsolete electronic devices, based on an inspection carried out by the PMC.

These items were tagged for disposal, through the E-Waste Drive, based on the recently promulgated Assets Disposal Policy, in addition to the Documents Retention Policy as resolved by the National Board of Directors (BoD) in response to the various recommendations of the PMC.

IECEP National President Dr. Mishell D. Lawas, PECE in a statement said "...the National Office is poised to participate in these engagements as these directly promote the responsible use and disposal of electronics devices. The PMC is on the right track in raising awareness among the stakeholders of IECEP, the Chapters, the Secretariat and of course, the general membership."

The collected E-Waste shall be picked up by a partner upcycling organization to carefully process the items, in accordance to the standards, to ensure that harmful substances are disposed of properly while recyclable electronics elements are re-used for other purposes.

Chapters are likewise encouraged to establish similar programs or partner with relevant institutions to minimize the improper and rampant E-Waste disposal.

To learn more about this initiative, visit the Official IECEP Website via iecepnational.com.

Images from:

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