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Please contact our VP of Communication for signing up as volunteer. We request our members to share their views on how to improve our chapter activities

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Note: For concern and questions, kindly write to VP of Communication & Coordination.

Note

from the President - Bhaskar Swamy

This year has been another productive one for our chapter; your Board of Directors has concentrated on providing benefits to the membership. We have seen not only increase in membership but an increase in our bi-monthly chapter meeting attendance. Some of the programs instituted or improved this year.

- Our first chapter meeting after the new board was elected in June took off on Aug 17 and was well attended by over 60 members.
- PMP Prep workshop was well attended and was conducted by well experienced professionals through the effort from our Vice President Education.
- Our second chapter meeting in October was a grand success.

The current board has been working to achieve a greater recognition not only from our esteemed members but also from PMI Component group. Member's participation has been very encouraging and we hope to garnish more members to attend.

Our

Vision

Support members' project management career development by enhancing existing services and support member skill set development. Enhance the volunteer program to improve recognition, recruiting, retention and resource management. (Initiative: Secretary)

We encourage our members to participate and present interesting topics that would benefit young project leaders who would become a professional in the near future. Some of the topics that may be of interest are as follows:

1. Leadership Can be Taught and Can be Learned.
2. Treating Innovation as a Project.
3. Treating Innovation as a Project.
4. Can women be effective project managers?



Did you know?

Aphorisms from Thiruvalluvar's Thirukurals form the basis for a new book on management by V. Srinivasan: "New Age Management Philosophy from Ancient Indian Wisdom".

PMI now has a dedicated customer care center in India. The India Service Centre is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will be closed on national holidays.

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Recent Events of the **PMI** Chennai Chapter

PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCES IN CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE – November 2nd, 2007

By Mr. AK Chabra, Ex-Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise



AK CHABRA PRESENTATION ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE

Mr. Chabra gave an interactive talk on project management based on his rich experience as the Chief Commissioner and Central Excise. He elicited anecdotes from the project for setting up the Data Center in the customs house as well others like the application of CBT for the employees of the Customs and Excise Department. He said the mantra for success lies in 'Plan Plan Plan' followed by 'Execution Execution Execution'. He said that leadership is important and every PM should take direct ownership and cannot pass the buck. He recommended assertive style of leadership and is bound to give results.

APPLICATION OF SPEECH TECHNOLOGY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT – November 2nd, 2007

By Mr. C Mohan Ram, CEO, Lattice Bridge InfoTech

This was an innovative topic and PMI Chennai Chapter members who attended were really enthralled by the talk which listed ways for PM professionals to benefit from the new Speech Technology. His mantra for success is 'Communicate Communicate and Communicate' & the talk was on how to leverage technology advances to help this mantra!

The main area of Speech Technology application would be in the Human Resources management – though there are other innovative ways PMs could apply and benefit from this technology. He mentioned how the Speech Technology has moved from the DTMF to error free speech synthesis and recognition. In his presentation he demonstrated how using

Speech Technology a manager could call for a team meeting using a tool similar to Outlook Calendar – while walking down a busy sidewalk.



ROLE OF SPEECH TECHNOLOGY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT



MR. PALANIAPPAN & MR. CHANDRA THANKING MR. MOHAN RAM

Application for PMs include team management, meeting planning, recruitment, online interviewing, bio-metrics to avoid spoofing, intellectual property protection etc. The attendance was thin for this Chapter event – only around 20 members attended – and we would like more attendance to motivate the board for more Chapter events.

DISASTER RECOVERY AND REHEARSAL FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Planning And Execution – October 12th, 2007

By K.N. Ganesh, Project Manager, HP Globalsoft, Chennai

ATTRIBUTES OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECT MANAGEMENT – October 12th, 2007

By D Rajasekar, President, Accel Frontline, Chennai.



SECTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 12th OCTOBER EVENT

eReads reference at

www.pmi-chennai.org

For the benefit of members we are describing the access to the eReads reference suite:

1. Log into the PMI website.
[Those who have not created their own ID and password please do so first using the Secure Sign In link in the top left corner]
2. Click on the Resources tab
3. Click on the eReads and Reference link in the left side
4. You will be taken to the PMI partnership books 24x7 site
5. Use the virtual tour to understand the various options available within the site
6. Browse by category of books
7. Search by key words and read available online books

Utilize this membership benefit from PMI and enhance your Project Management knowledge!

PMP PREPARATORY TRAINING PROGRAM

September 1st – 12th, 2007

The first PMP preparation training program under the new board was conducted during last quarter. There were 16 members from various organizations and neighboring states who benefited. All the sessions were taken by existing PMPs (our Chennai chapter members) and other professionals who brought their rich experiences in the subject areas.

The course was rated 9 out of 10 overall – with 10 being the highest. Our special thanks to all the faculties who made this training a grand success.

The participants as well as faculties were issued certificates by A Chandrasekaran, our VP Education and Certification. "The course was very interactive and we got great benefits from this course" – a participant.

CHALLENGES IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY – August 17th, 2007

By RTN Suresh Krishn, MD Isha Homes



MR SURESH KRISHN TALK ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

We had an excellent perspective from Civil Engineering side on project management challenges. Like many other PM professionals, labor resources are a big challenge – especially availability and switching of experienced hands to other builders for a small incremental wage. Another big challenge he mentioned was the cost escalation and absence of data.

WHY PROJECTS SUCCEED AND WHY THEY FAIL – August 17th, 2007

Dr. Muralidharan and Mr. Chandrasekaran and Mr Bhaskar Samy brought a lively discussion on project successes and failures. What came out strongly from the discussions was that most projects fail at the planning phase itself. If the planning is done meticulously – project success is assured. The following was listed as key to success – Effective Leadership, Project Formulation, Proper identification of vendors & resources, Effective Coordination and monitoring.



MR. GANESAN, DR. MURALI AND MR. BHASKAR SAMY LEADING THE PANEL DISCUSSION

Bhaskar Samy quoted widely from his experience in setting up the Dell SCM initiative and the lessons from that experience for all project managers.

Volunteers

We have received the following names as volunteers for helping the board with its activities. We are looking for more volunteers and do send an email to board@pmi-chennai.org listing your area of interest. Please note that volunteers to the PMI components are also eligible for PDUs

Prem Kumar A S	All Board Activities
Hemendra Vyas	Assist the President
Vijay	Education Communication
N Ayyachamy	For Certification and Education
Shivanath Somanathan	All Board Activities
Mihir Kumar Jhaveri	For Communication and Coordination
Hemanthkumar	
Yogendra Mishra	Organizing PMP activities
Subbiah V	All Board Activities
Vijayaragavan M S N	Faculty for PMP training
Paul Brazil	Faculty for PMP training

Team India Meet



MR. PALANIAPPAN WITH THE OTHER TEAM INDIA MEETING PARTICIPANTS IN HYDERABAD

Member's Area

From this newsletter onwards we intend to devote space for Chennai Chapter member's experiences. Please send your contribution to the chapter board id: board@pmi-chennai.org.

Starting with contribution from V. S. Vidya PMP, Infosys:

"On November 5, Infosys and ATHENA International, an organization that seeks to award exceptional leaders across the world, came together to honor and recognize leadership, excellence and creativity in the business/professional arena. As part of the PMO for this award, I had the good fortune of getting a glimpse of the achievements of successful women leaders in India in the IT/ITES industry. The ATHENA-India Award for 2007 was awarded to Anupama Arya, co-founder and Managing Director of Mobera Systems. The program also recognized two honorees – Nandita Chakravarti, Managing Director, JPMorgan and Anju Talwar, Senior Vice President, Genpact. It was a great opportunity for me to contribute as well as learn from the program"