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Dear Readers,

It is an exciting time to be in the Project Management profession right now. There are a wide variety of areas requiring project management skills and everywhere you look the need for someone to take ownership of and see an initiative through to completion is becoming paramount.

In our last newsletter we mentioned briefly about the upcoming SAARC PM conference to be held in Colombo this year. We complement that introduction in this volume and bring to you more news, tit-bits, volunteer opportunities and a host of ways in which, you, can take part, and help make a difference to yourself and the PM community and the country.

The theme of this conference has been aptly named 'Economic Development through the best practices of project management'. Since May 2009, Sri Lanka has tried to foster the need for growth in all aspects and economic development has been one of the focal points. So it is only appropriate that as a project management body we provide our support and knowledge to help take Sri Lanka to the next level of growth throughout the island.

The PMI CC Chapter update will highlight industries that are being targeted and the companies assisting us. As always we urge the public and private sectors to assist in spreading the word, volunteering and participating in our untiring and continued effort to sustain the growth and proliferation of project management in Sri Lanka.

Registrations for the SAARC conference is now open, please book your seats early. Visit the site at (<http://www.pmicolombo.org/saarc/>). There will be many opportunities for networking, gaining PDUs, meeting some key members from the PMI regional chapters not to mention a host of entertainment and excellent educational benefits.

Thank you
The Editor

For Comments and feedback please contact editor@pmicolombo.org

PMI Member Forums 2010:

The PMI member forums are a monthly event focusing on knowledge sharing, networking, team bonding and awareness building about the potential, the scope and the dire need of experienced and certified project managers in the post-war re-construction phase in Sri Lanka.

These member forums are also an opportunity for those already certified to accumulate their PDU's and those with simply an interest to gain more insight to the value of a career in this field.

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Blue Ocean Strategy.

By: Managala P.B. Yapa

Managing Director / CEO Colombo Dockyard PLC



Mr Mangala Yapa delivered an interesting and eloquent speech on his personal experiences in driving the Blue Ocean strategy at Colombo Dockyard and taking the Company to the level it is at today.

PMI CC - CHAPTER UPDATE

SAARC PM CONFERENCE – UPDATE

- PARTNERSHIPS –

ICTA partners with PMI CC for both the conference and the workshops to be held at the Galadari hotel in September 2010.

Media partners have pledged their support and offered their valued presence and services prior to and at the event. List of media partners are available on the website at www.pmicolombo.org/saarc

Further partnerships with financial institutions to be finalized over the next two weeks; the members will be kept informed on all activities to the run-up of the event.

- SPEAKERS –

10 Foreign speakers from the PMI region and regional chapters will be present at this event.

2 Speakers from the Project Management Institute USA

Several speakers from Sri Lankan companies that specialize in Project management on a large scale.

More opportunities are available for speaker slots in the education and practitioner verticals. Here is your chance to apply as a speaker at this prestigious event. Log onto the conference website for further details.

- CHIEF GUEST AND OTHER DIGNITARIES –

The Hon, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, D.M. Jayaratne will represent the President of Sri Lanka at this event.

Several Ministers and Associate Ministers from the Ministries of Economic Development, Higher Education and Science and Technology will be present on this occasion.

PMI CC QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

PMI CC wishes to announce that four 'quarterly magazines' are to be published from the chapter each year. The first publication, Q3 2010, is expected to be launched during the SAARC Conference being held in Colombo during September this year.

The scope of the magazine will be the delivery of content rich articles and real-life stories about Project management in all disciplines from the PM community to the PM community in Sri Lanka.

While the initial efforts are targeted purely at widening our user base to encompass other industries, the goal is also, to provide PMP's with opportunities for PDU accumulation and critically evaluating the projects they run and sharing it, if it can be shared, with a wider audience.

PMI CC requests all recommended articles to be submitted to the editor@pmicolombo.org to be included in this inaugural volume to be published this year.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Early bird registrations close on the 20th of August!!

MEMBERS SPECIAL!! WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT . PLEASE BOOK YOUR SEAT BEFORE 15TH OF AUGUST BY PAYING ONLY 50% AND BALANCE BEFORE 30TH OF AUGUST.

VOLUNTEERS! VOLUNTEERS!!

We thank the member community for volunteering to take on several roles at this conference. We have had an amazing support from them

We still need a few more volunteers to assist with marketing and communications aspects for 2hour slots on a daily basis during the run-up to the event. This will be to provide assistance for registrations and provide any information to foreign participants. Interested parties, please apply online.



Please mark your calendars for the AUGUST member forum

Topic : To be finalized. It will be an area of relevance to risk management in the MAG operation worldwide.

Speaker: Andy Gleeson

Location: Hotel Galadari

Date and Time: Wednesday, 26th August, 2010.
From 5PM – 8PM

For reservations contact PMI CC on 011 4362638 or email info@pmicolombo.org

Andy Gleeson's Profile



Technical Operations/ Country Manager – Sri Lanka.

I've been with MAG for almost six years and spent time in [Iraq](#), [Lebanon](#), [Jordan](#) and now Sri Lanka. To date, I have mostly been involved in post conflict clearance, emergency response and minefield clearance. Why MAG? Well it would be fair to say that the contracting is extremely attractive, not having to bounce from one year-to-year contract to another gives a great feeling of job security. Inevitably this leads to greater demands, longer term projects the ability to get involved in MAG's strategies and business areas.

The fact that you can move from country to country means you can meet and work and interact with other staff members, travelling the world and seeing sights reserved for a select few. This added to the fact that ultimately we release land to the needy and deserving makes for a great deal of job satisfaction, team spirit and, to coin a phrase, *esprit de corps*.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The PMI Colombo Chapter has commenced training programs on PMP and CAPM examinations for the September 2010 and December 2010 examinations.

The Chapter is also available to assist with the registration procedures and any assistance you might require.

Please visit the website for details on lecture dates and times.

Next PMP course is scheduled to commence on the 23rd of August 2010

Contact PMI Colombo Chapter for registration details.

UP COMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS FROM PMI CC

***** A MOCK EXAM IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE PMI CHAPTER PREMISES ON SUNDAY THE 22ND AUGUST, 2010. INTERESTED PARTIES CAN CONTACT THE CHAPTER FOR MORE DETAILS**

NEXT PMP EXAMs ARE SCHEDULED FOR

11TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

4TH DECEMBER, 2010

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

"More details on SAARC PM Regional Conference 2010"

THIS IS YOUR SPACE

This space in the PMI CC monthly newsletter is for you to share your thoughts and ideas. Send us something you or your organization has done that you would like the PM community to know about.

Have you made a speech about Project Management? Do you have a new idea? How did you manage a particularly complex or large project through to completion?

If you have a tale to tell, We want to hear from you!

Please be kind enough to limit entries to this section to a maximum of 500 words; please include your full name and organization. Send all entries to editor@pmicolombo.org with subject titled 'THIS IS YOUR SPACE'.



The Project Managers Joke Corner!

The Hot Air Balloon

A woman was in a hot air balloon. She spotted someone below and lowered closer to the ground to get his attention. She shouted, "Hey, I don't know where I am. Can you help me?"

The man responded, "You are in a hot air balloon. You're about twenty feet above the ground, three miles East of the Mississippi river."

"You must be a Geologist," the woman replied.

"Why yes!," said the man, "How did you know?"



Everything you have told me is true, but I do not know what to do with this information. Honestly, I am still lost. You haven't been any help at all," she explained.

"Ah, you are a Project Manager," noted the man.

"Yes, I am a Project Manager. How did you know?" she asked.

"You have no idea where you are or where you are going. You've gotten to where you are now due to a lot of hot air. And now you expect me to fix your situation. You are in the same situation now as you were before I came along, but somehow this is my fault!"