

BE WITH US ALWAYS, HAND-IN-HAND

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*We gather because
we know now to make
it fun, and We Know
how to stand*

***Hand-in-Hand
to enhance
Project Management***

By just recalling PMI MENA Chapter's last Event in the year 2009 with the Title; Hand-in-Hand to Enhance Project Management, held in El Alfy Hall in the American University in New Cairo on Monday; December 28th, 2009 ... I simply find myself "smiling"!!

Amazing how a gathering full of intellectuals, PMPs, professionals, pioneers in their fields, and more; after a long working day, and for five successive hours that took us till after 10:00 p.m., could be such a refreshing experience, real uniting efforts in order to make everyone happy and gaining benefits of the outcome of the Event.

By an interesting opening by Dr. Eng. Sammer Ezz El Din - Professor of Construction Engineering and Chairman of the Construction Eng. Department at the AUC - the Seminar began. He thanked PMI MENA Chapter for their continuous efforts in bringing in education awareness, and their continuous efforts to spread the project management knowledge.



The opening was followed by a number of Speakers representing PMI MENA Chapter: where on top came Professor Dr. Ing. Gamal Nassar - President of PMI MENA Chapter & Secretary General of the Egyptian

Society of Consulting Engineers, and the Society of Egyptian Arbitrators, and Ex-member of the FIDIC executive committee - who in turn thanked the AUC in New Cairo for embracing the event and facilitating all the necessary to contribute in its success.

Eng. Hazem Awad - Project Management Strategy and BD Vodafone-Egypt, and PMI MENA Chapter Board Member - presented PMI MENA Chapter's activity through the year 2009, its efforts and achievements to enhance its services to the community, and future expectations were emphasized. Mrs. Ola Fathalla - Freelancer Trainer and Consultant - presented the efforts done on voluntary work, the initiated committees, the purpose of each committee, and accomplishments by each committee to date, where being a volunteer herself; she encouraged attendees to participate and share the adventure and the fun of voluntary work.

Remarkable knowledge sessions were presented by Eng. Akram El Najjar for best practices in acquiring different credentials (PgMP, PMI-RMP .. etc.) where attendees were impressed by the acquaintance and presenting skills of Eng. Akram. Eng. Hesham Abu Ghazala (Zuhair El Fayez Construction Consultants) presented Best Practices of Remarkable Projects to show how the Project Management methodology applies and affects real live projects. E-Government and E-Signature completed



project was the topic presented by Eng. Sameh Bedair, showing the government's efforts to realize the rapid changes in technology and applying it successfully to its operations for the sake of improving and facilitating the services provided to the population.

Volunteers were the real Heroes, that day. Volunteer Speakers, volunteer organizers, volunteers at the spot during the event as "needs" emerged. Everybody was so enthusiastic to make it enjoyable and a success. This Event was done by "US" for "US", and that is what made it very special.

So please join the Chapter in the applause to the Volunteers represented in Ms. Eman El Awady, Mr. Ahmed Moustafa, Mr. Moheb Thabet, and all the PR Committee Volunteers, and all other volunteers, who gave a hand immediately and without waiting to be asked to do so in order to nourish the Event for the sake of those who made the effort to attend and be among this loving bouquet of People of the Project Management Community.