

AND FINALLY I GOT MY PMP® CERTIFICATION



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It's been almost two years since I first started the process of getting my Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. At first, I wasn't taking it serious enough. I started to study PMP - third edition by myself. I thought that self study is enough. I took an online study course and started reading the PMBOK on my own. Ultimately, this was a terrible decision, as it kept me not focusing on getting my certification. I wasn't at all taking it seriously and accordingly, I missed preparing for the third edition.

I felt terrible when the fourth edition started, as I wasted a lot of time. This time, I took it seriously and made it my major objective to gain the certification.

One of my trustworthy friends guided me to join the PMI and become a member at MENA Chapter. As I trusted her a lot, I joined both PMI and MENA Chapter and registered for the PMP certification course. I did not imagine that the course will make any difference than the one I took online, but I told myself, let's wait and see.

From the first lecture at MENA Chapter, I realized the big difference between the course I took online and that provided by MENA Chapter. The instructors are very well experienced, and they really have the ability and talent to drive you to understand and learn; although all lectures were provided at night and I had to attend after a long working day. Even though I was always tired and exhausted after a long business hectic day, the quality of the instructors forced me to listen and benefit. Their quality of teaching was my gateway to understanding the PMBOK and knowing exactly how to study for my exam.

It took me five months to prepare for my certification, two of them were the course and the other three months were for studying and preparing for the exam.

After I had that rich course, I had to find the best way to study. Here's the trick. The best way from my point of view is to study "your way".

Also remember, you will NEVER feel prepared or satisfied with your knowledge before taking the exam. You have to understand the PMBOK very well, solve as many questions as you can, and believe me.... it's worth it!!



Sherin in action as Volunteer
This helped her to pass her PMP exam.



Was with us in our Hand In Hand event

BEST PRACTICES OF REMARKABLE PROJECTS

Project name: King Khalid University Campus by Eng. Hisham Abu Ghazala, PMP

Project in brief

The project is located in the Sothern part of Saudi Arabia on 8 million square meters land. The project total built up area exceeds 2.6 million square meters covering over 70 different facilities. The buildings complexities varies to cover educational, administrative, laboratories, medical, sport and other facilities.

Project Challenges

- Preservation of the environmental conditions of the site
- Construction urgency as the fund for construction was granted from the Saudi government
- Stakeholders and their presence in different cities.
- Phasing of the design and construction while maintaining project integrity



Details will follow next Issue