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PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch takes members on site visit to KIMS, KNPC



Kuwait 13th March 2010, PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch and KPC Community of Project Management (CofPM) organized a site visit to Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) Integrated Management Systems (KIMS) Department for a briefing on KNPC's Supply Chain Optimization (SCO) Project.

The event, which was sponsored by KNPC KIMS took place at KIMS site near Mina Al-Ahmadi Refinery and was attended by 40 members of PMI AGC Kuwait Branch.

Mr. Sulaiman Mohammad, Team Leader, Infrastructure & Coordination, KIMS presented a detailed overview of the Supply Chain Optimization Project including the project objectives, governance, high-level scope, project time line, framework, applications map, challenges faced and lessons learned.

Mr. Sulaiman Mohammad mentioned that the project was governed using proven methodologies and industry best practices e.g. Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) of PMI, ITIL, COBIT, RUP etc. The SCO Project consists of more than 5000 different activities. As part of the project scope, a new department, appropriately named as Manufacturing Optimization Group (MOG), has commenced operations from January 1, 2010. MOG is undertaking a refinery wide

(global) administration of supply chain operations "across all KNPC refineries" as a single production unit relying on leadership, collaboration and best practice business processes.

Mr. Sulaiman Mohammad also added that the success of the project was made possible due to highly competent manpower and the quality of resources involved, coupled with high commitment from KNPC executive management. The successful implementation of Supply Chain Optimization Project is a big leap towards KNPC's strategic vision and it makes KNPC a major player in the global refining industry. It helped KNPC to transform into a customer focused organization that delivers specialized products on schedule with minimum giveaways while maximizing refinery utilization, increasing the productivity of existing assets and improving overall profitability.

It is pertinent to note that, this is for the first time ever in the petroleum industry, that a suite of decision making support tools - incorporating a number of new business processes - was successfully deployed on such a massive scale. Supply Chain Optimization implementation in KNPC is a world-first as no other production or refining facility in the petroleum industry has the fully integrated decision making chain of production processes, a



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Statistics Corner		
	Members	PMPs
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PMI AGC	3,817	1,521
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PMI Career Framework

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benefit which was successfully realized through this project.

The participants showed keen interest in the briefing and asked numerous questions which were answered by the experts from the KIMS implementation team.

In the end Mr. Ahmed Samir, Vice President Programs of PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch, congratulated the entire KIMS team on the successful implementation of the Supply Chain Optimization Project. He mentioned that

Supply Chain Optimization is a good example of utilizing Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) which is widely recognized as the defacto standard in all areas of Project Management. On behalf of PMI-AGC, he expressed gratitude for Manager, KIMS Mr. Dabbous Al-Dabbous in sponsoring this event. PMI-AGC and KPC Community of Project Management (CofPM) presented certificates of appreciation and mementos to KNPC Integrated Management Systems (KIMS) for hosting the event.

New PMI Certification Holders – Congratulations

	<p>Ramez Magdy Khalil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI Member since Sep 2009. • Certified PMP (Feb 2010). • Project Manager at Ahmadiyah Contracting & Trading Co
	<p>Mohammed Mahmoud Salem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI Member since Jul 2008. • Certified PMP (Jan 2009). • Certified RMP (Feb 2010). • Project Manager at KCC Engineering & Contracting Co
	<p>Ala'a Al-Ali</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI Member since Nov 2007. • Certified PMP (Feb 2010). • Certified RMP (Feb 2010). • PMO Director at Agility
	<p>Wael Samir Khalil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMI Member since Jul 2007. • Certified PMP (Aug 2007). • Certified RMP (Jan 2010). • Consultant & Projects Manager at Counselors Consultancy House (CCH)
	<p>Kummarguntla Raghunath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified PMP (Dec 2009). • Projects Engineer for Technical Systems Team in KOC IT Group



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Reward your team members by helping them earn or maintain PMI Credentials

Many of us project managers occasionally use spot rewards to boost morale and enhance performance of team members. The rewards typically include tangible items like electronics, shopping vouchers or dinner at a chic restaurant. Some project managers also manage to provide short leisure trips or extra paid holidays as incentives. Today I would like to make the case for rewarding your team members by sending them for training to earn PMI credentials, paying for their credential exam fee or sending members already certified to courses which may facilitate maintenance of continued certification requirements.

As a reaction to the global recession, many organizations have slashed their training budgets, and at the same time, have also raised the bar for retaining or acquiring staff. This has resulted in a tremendous increase in the value of certification. More and more individuals are now looking at investing in themselves by pursuing respected credentials, and if increased enrolments for PMP exam preparation seminars are any indication, PMI credentials are very much in demand and considered highly valuable.

Being a PMI member yourself, and most probably a credential holder as well, you should consider rewarding your project team members through sending them for the highly regarded and valued PMI credential training. For a remarkable performance, nothing can be more gratifying for a project management practitioner than a chance to make a long term investment in an exceedingly promising career. PMI offers a host of credentials suitable for practitioners based on their experience, roles and areas of specialization. You can select from titles like CAPM, PMP, PMI-SP and PMI-RMP. Those already certified can be sent to courses that may help them in maintaining their credential through accumulation of PDUs.

As you advance in your career towards program management, you can yourself pursue PgMP as well. You can find more details about PMI credentials at:

<http://www.pmi.org/CareerDevelopment/>

PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch and PMI Registered Education Providers (R.E.P) in Kuwait, provide training seminars and workshops to help individuals prepare for all credentials from PMI.

At PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch, we have a PMP Exam Preparation Seminar planned in May 2010. We also have two workshops on Value Management planned for later this year and these can be perfect rewards for those already certified. Please reserve seats for your team members from now to ensure availability. You may also contact the Kuwait based R.E.Ps for their offerings which I am sure they will gladly extend to you for distribution as rewards to high performers.

For any clarifications or further information, please feel free to contact the Programs Team of PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch at: programs@pmiagckw.com

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PMI Vocabulary

Probability and Impact Matrix. *A common way to determine whether a risk is considered low, moderate, or high by combining the two dimensions of a risk: its probability of occurrence and its impact on objectives if it occurs (PMBOK 2008, p. 433).*

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Technical Presentation - "PMC Contractors perspective"



Kuwait, Mar 29, 2010 - The Project Management Institute - Arabian Gulf Chapter (PMI-AGC) Kuwait Branch hosted a Technical Presentation titled "PMC Contractors Perspective".

The event, which was sponsored by "Projacs" and "The Community of Project Management - KPC" took place at Bubyan Sporting Club in Salwa. Project Managers, executives and various delegates from different organizations attended the event.

In his presentation, Mr. Peter Wilson, Project Director, Fluor; covered potential outlook for major projects and large development programs, particularly in the Middle East and Gulf region, being engineered and built by international contractors makes the appointment of an effective PMC for Owners more critical for the ultimate successful delivery of projects.

The presentation examined the role of a PMC and the services it provides for major oil and gas and petrochemical projects. It touched on why an Owner organization would choose to employ a PMC and the challenges for

both the Owner and the PMC in executing a project and administering a PMC contract.

Mr. Mohammad Al-Ajmi, PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch VP Membership & Public Relations, highlighted that this technical presentation is intended to provide a forum for the professional exchange of ideas and knowledge and allow project management experts and practitioners to share their experience, Lessons Learned and real life solutions in a friendly environment.

It is pertinent to note that since its launch in 2002, the Kuwait Branch of PMI-AGC has been successfully promoting Project Management knowledge across the region and making valuable benefits available to the local community. This includes the delivery of various project management events, interactive networking sessions, technical presentations, training courses and workshops. For more details on upcoming events, available benefits, and opportunities for involvement, please visit the branch website at www.pmiagckw.org



Kuwait Branch Team participates in PMI-AGC First VPs and Directors meeting in Abu Dhabi



Abu Dhabi, Mar 19, 2010 - The Project Management Institute - Arabian Gulf Chapter (PMI-AGC) hosted its first VPs and Directors meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The event agenda included meetings with the PMI-AGC Board, and recognition of VPs and Directors.

The one day event was chaired by Mohamed A. Hammad, PMI-AGC president, and included representatives from each of the chapter branches.

From Kuwait, Mr. Ahmad Samir, VP Programs, and Mr. Rami Al-Haddad, Director of IT & Publications, represented the branch.

The meeting was a great opportunity for improving the collaboration channels between the branches and providing insight to the challenges and experiences across the branches.

The main areas of discussion included;

- Improving members retention,
- Increasing volunteers involvement
- Plans for Low Fees Seminars
- Events sponsorship, &
- Enhancing networking channels

Upcoming Local Events for 2010

Apr	Workshop "Creating an Environment for Project Success"
Apr	Technical Presentation "Implementing a PMO - a real case study"
May	PMP Exam Preparation Seminar
May	Site Visit
Jun	Breakfast Meeting
Jul	Technical Presentation
Sep	Technical Presentation
Oct	Workshop - Value Engineering (Module 1)
Oct	Site Visit
Nov	Breakfast Meeting
Dec	Workshop - Value Management (Module 2)

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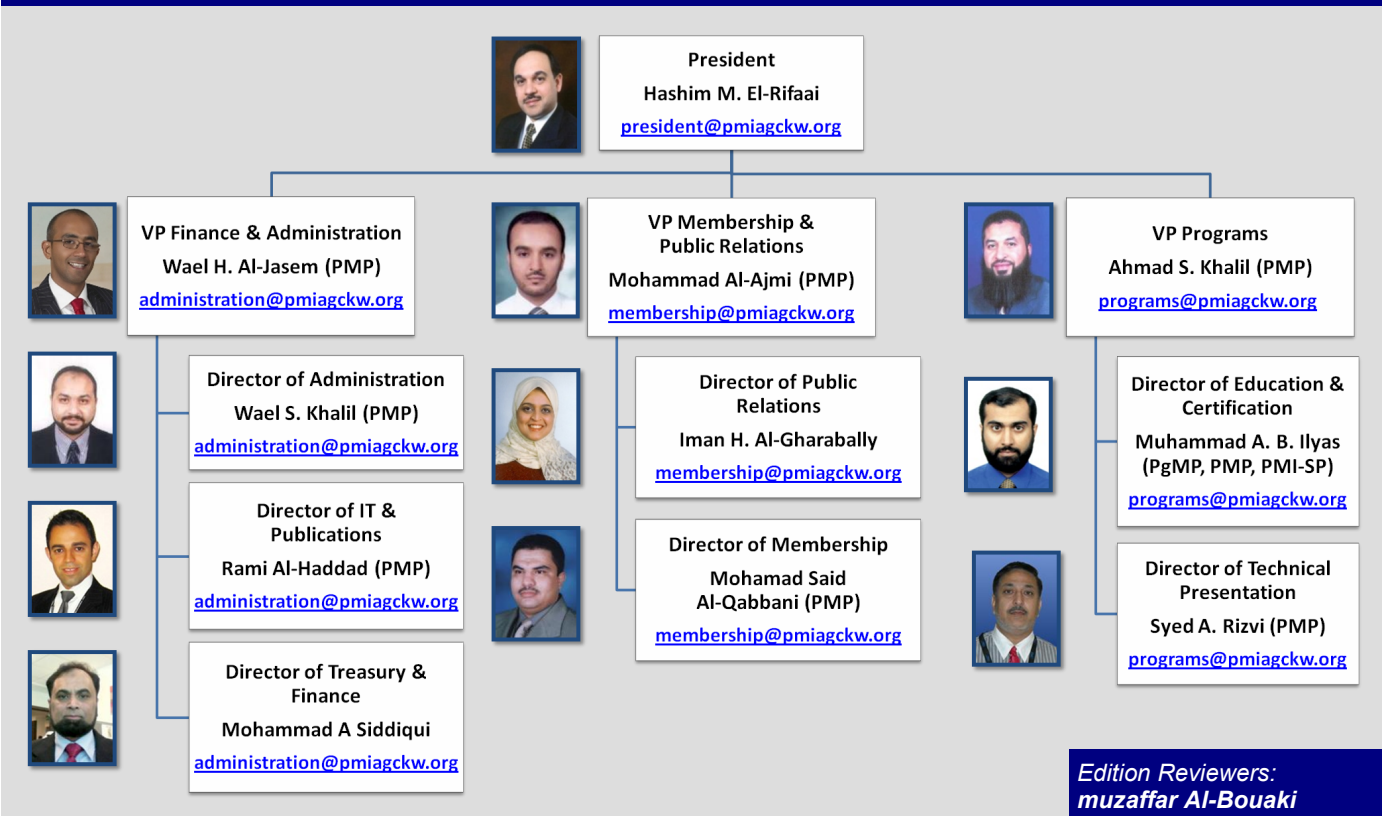
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PMI also promotes career and professional development and offers certification, networking and community involvement opportunities.

The **PMI - Arabian Gulf Chapter (AGC)** was formed in August 1992 and was officially registered in December 1992. The PMI-AGC has seen substantial growth since then and currently has more than 4000 active members.

Within Kuwait, PMI related activities were started in 2002 in coordination with PMI AGC. The **PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch** was formed in September 2006 and has been active ever since to serve the demands of the local members and industry while improving awareness of the tools and practices of project management.

PMI-AGC Kuwait Branch Officers & Directors



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