

REPORT ON FIDIC YPMTP 2013

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A. Objectives in Joining the Program

Being a young civil engineer working for seven years in the engineering consulting industry in Vietnam, I have never felt a greater need to enrich my experience and skills in both technical and management aspects. I really am excited about a FIDIC BST scholarship for attending Young Professional Management Training Programme because the programme would give me a great opportunity to learn from other professionals in the world and hone my leadership skills. It would be highly helpful to be in becoming a better leader in professional consulting especially in international environments.

B. Experience/Feedback on the Podio On-Line/Virtual Sessions

I would like to say that were it not for support of Podio, our program would never reach success. By dint of using effective tools on Podio, we were able to hold the online classes/meetings smoothly and successfully. In addition, with technical support being available at any time, we hardly had any troubles we encountered during the actual virtual sessions.

Regarding to online meetings, actually this is first time for me to attend online course organized by big international organization like FIDIC. Unlike most courses which I have attended in my country are purely theoretical, YPMTP course is both theoretical and practical, especially case studies where I had opportunity to gain wealth of experience through various answers on each question by participants and show my idea as well. Besides, the mentors helped me and other participants learn a lot and made our group discussions more dynamic and exciting. Nevertheless, to some questions, due to various reasons like busy with individual works or spending a lot of time on studying and reading more related documents to have the best answers for difficult questions, some of us, including me, responded questions on Podio a bit late. As a result, editors had litter time to do their works.

C. Experience/Feedback on the YPMTP Sessions and FIDIC Conference in Barcelona

The YPMTP sessions in Barcelona offered a wonderful to consolidate all the lessons that I gained during the online meetings. By having to face to face and group discussion with other young professional participants in team 2 and 3, I could understanding deeply case studies and learn how to combine different ideas of participants so as to have perfect answers for each case study, such as in case of preparation for presentation of each case study and Future Leader Workshop. Besides, the mentors played the most important role in our success. With wealth of knowledge and experience, they were willing to give us useful instruction and explanation for difficult cases we faced.

FIDIC Conference in Barcelona, I was so impressive in organization and lecturers of conference for following reasons:

First, lectures in conference were of great value and diverse from Urban development, infrastructure, resources to working with government administration. It was extremely useful for me. However, some of lectures were at high level, so I had difficult to understanding clearly.

Second, organization of conference was perfect. This is first time for me to take part in so big conference, but I didn't meet any difficulties because I was equipped with enough knowledge and information provided carefully and timely by technical support or assistance. Furthermore, by visiting to exhibitions from many famous consulting companies around the world in the conference, I had chance to update latest information about software, like BST 10 Global, exchange experience. In addition, outdoor activities was also excellent. In here, I could enjoy Barcelona's traditional food, famous architecture and more importantly, I could consolidate relationship other Young Professional thanks to having more time to share experience and culture.

D. Lessons Learned and Knowledge Gained from the YPMTP

In completing the program, I was able to gain the following:

1. Better understanding of FIDIC that is quite unfamiliar to many engineers in my countries.
2. Broaden my knowledge on variety of other fields which play vital role to become excellent leader in the consulting industry in future through three case studies: Organization and Human Resources Development, Business Development Framework and Business Development Instruments
3. Understanding primarily on Client/Consultant Model Services Agreement (White Book)
4. Fresh perspectives on crucial quality of potential leader
5. Cultivate teamwork and communication skills,
6. Widen networks by knowing friends from many countries in the world and learn to appreciate the different viewpoint and cultures.
7. Share my experience and lessons in engineering consulting with my colleagues from other countries
8. Open opportunity to attend other consultant organization like ASPAC

E. Recommendation

With desire to dig deeper into professional knowledge of contract or other fields by attending training courses, I wish that I could take part in Online Training course on Red and Yellow Book in 2014. Unfortunately, some fee of courses is beyond financial capacity. So, I hope that FIDIC could kindly give more sponsors for young engineers in developing countries to put dream come into being.