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FIDIC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TRAINING MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2017 SHARING MY EXPERIENCE

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I was pleasantly surprised when I practically stumbled on the FIDIC Young Professionals Training Management Programme (YPTMP) early this year. Although I must say I did not know what to expect when the programme started, my eight months long training had been one of the most defining moments in my professional development.

My participation in the YPTMP, 2017 gave me the chance to meet students from various countries and technical backgrounds. And the virtual class discussions on Podio after lectures were very interesting and engaging. I must admit that I learned as much from the contributions of my class mates as I learned from our Mentors and study materials.

The final sessions of the programme which was the FIDIC annual conference held in Jakarta was totally mind-blowing; a well deserving end to a great journey. I was able to finally meet with course mates and put faces to their contributions in the virtual class. It was a rich mix of cultural diversity, technical backgrounds and ideas that had roots in one place; "Consulting Engineering and our future".



The series of lectures, breakout sessions and group discussions on real life managerial issues in the consulting industry were too much of an opportunity that a young professional could ever ask for. I now have an entirely different perspective about engineering; it is about people. It is about working with other human beings to provide solutions to social issues.

A big lesson for me from the YP training was the idea of sustainable thinking. With increasing population and its attendant heavy strain on the already diminishing global resources, the role of engineers will be pivotal to containing these stresses and delivering better quality of life. Engineers will have to have engage with society with high principles of integrity to deliver quality and smart designs while contributing to building resilient communities.

The programme although very endearing, the classes are structured such that working professionals can easily combine it with work life. Now will I recommend the YP programme to anyone? Of course, Yes! and I think it a must for any young professional who wants to be adequately moulded to make an impact in the consulting industry.

