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Special points of interest

- The seminar-workshop on Hazardous Waste Management and Spill Prevention & Control was attended by more than 170 participants, 58 are new members.
- The next seminar/workshop will be on April 24, 2009.

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Congratulations! Class "Magilas" 1st BOSH Graduates of PSSP-MER

Khurais, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In the middle of this araban desert frequented almost daily by sandstorms, the world's biggest oil & gas project (a US\$15B Saudi Aramco mega project) is currently on its finishing stages. From the more that 38,000 (peak) labor-force, a group of sixteen (16) highly motivated and safety-oriented Filipinos attended the **first** BOSH Training Course conducted by the PSSP-MER upon its recognition by the Philippine DOLE-BWYC as a Safety Training Organization last February 2009.

The course commenced last March 30, 2009 and culminated with a simple but heart-warming graduation rites on April 11, 2009. A total of 25 safety topics were taught to the class including a practicum on Public Speaking. Each daily session is capped with a competency evaluation test covering the topics presented on that particular day. A cumula-

tive average rating of 75% and above (for all the subjects) is required for the participants to be qualified for graduation. ALL of the sixteen participants successfully completed the safety course and qualified for graduation.

The participants adopted "MAGILAS" (Smart) as their class name. They elected from among them *Fabian & Dulay* as President, *Rolando Feralino* as vice-President, *Giovanna M. Magat* as Secretary, and *Nazar A. Apal* as the Treasurer.

"*Integrity and Dignity*". These are the ideals the MAGILAS class enjoins their members to preserve and maintain. The integrity and dignity of a true Safety Practitioner as required from each one of them by the PSSP-MER, and by the DOLE-BWYC of the Republic of the Philippines.

All the participants are also active members of the ASPPI-MEC.
Levi S. Alejo



Other Highlights of the Graduation Rites.... *by Levi S. Alejo*

Renato Rey Barraca, Managing Director of PSSP-MER, and one of the instructors, gave the inspirational talk and expressed his high expectations from the graduating "MAGILAS" class. Peter Q. Panganiban, the youngest but HIQ instructor introduced and declared the members of the "Magilas" Class as "GRADUATES". Ambrocio Pelobello, their electrical safety

instructor, lead in their graduation oath-taking

After the awarding of certificates, Levi Alejo, Training Committee Chairman and instructor, gave his message of encouragement to the graduates to maintain 100% dedication and pride for the safety profession.

Kudos to the Event Over-all

Coordinator; Engr. Rolando Yambot, HSE Engineer, for his superb preparation of the requirements and venue for the lectures and graduation rites :

Ramon Aguilar with a 94.28% rating is the class Valedictorian, Nazar Apal, 93.48%, the Salutatorian, and Arnel Velarde, 91.88% the Honorable-Mention. HEP, HEP—HURRAY to Class "MAGILAS"!!!!