

Report on Joint Japan - Indonesia PMI Event conducted on 24 September 2016

The first overseas event of PMI Japan Chapter - International Relationship Community (IRC) of PMI Japan held on 24 September 2016 at Jakarta with active cooperation from PMI Indonesia chapter was a grand success. PMI Indonesia chapter was a great host- offering splendid venue, admirable speakers and packed audience. Content and delivery of presentations showed depth of preparation level.

Though IRC has been a meeting place for the expatriate and bilingual PMP holders living in Japan, since its establishment at Tokyo, it never thought of conducting an overseas event- till Mr Kentaro Sakamoto and Ms Anna Khodijah came together with this exciting idea and executed it to perfection. One was visible throughout the event while the other was hopping the world keeping tab on the progress of the event.

The initiation and planning of the event was almost simultaneous, during PMIJ July 2016 Forum side-ways. With limited time for large scale event and as a first step, we considered silver week in Japan as the most feasible time . A task group was formed with few members on either sides that engaged in periodic skype calls to plan the program and details. PMI Indonesia far exceeded the desired support level by securing a venue in central Jakarta and offering a solid ground support. The attendants, 9 from Japan and more than 50 from Indonesia made the packed hall brimming with enthusiasm.

Here are the details of the program!

Agenda	Conducted by
Opening Greetings by PMIJ, PMIIC	Mr. Kaoru Okuzawa - PMIJ President (Recorded clip) Mr. Moh. Ichsan - PMI Region 15 Mentor
Project Management practices	Mr. Haruo Nagamatsu - Senior Executive Officer - Toyo Engineering Corporation, Japan
Jakarta MRT Project	Mr. K. Suda - Project Manager - Toyo Engineering Corporation, Jakarta Office
Project Management on ICE (Integrity, Creativity & Excellence)	Mr. Noerrachman Saleh - PMIIC Board Branch
Recovery activities for a large scale natural disaster by social project management	Mr. Kentaro Sakamoto - PMIJ IRC Chairman
EPC Contract Management	Mrs. Ir. Corina Munthe - PT. Tracon Industri
Project Management for Large Scale ODA Loan Projects in Indonesia	Mr. Masatoshi Kaimasu- Professor Kobe Womens University
Moving Team Member to a Higher Level of Engagement in the Project	Mr. Aji Prasojo R. – PMIIC Branch Bandung
Panel discussion: Learning from Past and Looking forward, Joint Japan-Indonesia projects	Mr. Rajeev Supekar – Host/Moderator Mr. Kenichiro Sugiya, Mr. Masatoshi Kaimasu Mr. Arisman Indrawan, Mrs. Corina Munthe
Vote of Thanks	Mr. Arisman Indrawan - PMIIC President Mr. Kentaro Sakamoto PMIJ IRC Chairman

The attendants were a mix of industry project management practitioners, academics, experienced and college graduates, young and vibrant. We spotted several nationalities in the event. A perfect blend of PMI global event on a mini-scale!

Curious questions followed each lecture and panel discussion. A young software engineering graduate studying project management was inquisitive about career path to be a project manager. Another wanted to invoke her students desire to learn and practice project management. The case about Jakarta MRT project drew attention of many as an ongoing large scale infrastructure project. Soft skills enhancement and social project management topics were new to many and also drew queries. Panel discussion was engrossing with panellists, attendants discussing merits of joint Japan-Indonesia projects advantages like life-cycle cost as well as desirable strong collaboration between Industry-Government-Academics (San-Kan-Gaku) for overall development. A panellist analyzed earlier seminar topic about qualities of Indonesian people - as being polite- illustrating how it does not necessarily go along with the contract management.

A networking party was held at the end of the day with a fond farewell. Event feedback has been received and after analysis will be followed for next event. Mr Handy Matunri and Mr. Yudha Damiat alongwith PMIIC volunteers organized overall event management.

<Event Objectives and achievements>

We had set our objectives for the event beforehand as follows and believe that we achieved those goals successfully.

1. Collecting requirements, information about the newest project management trends in South-Eastern Asia (in this case Indonesia), and show-casing, appealing current Japanese project management examples and techniques simultaneously.
 - . We could show a good example of Japanese project managements such as productivity, preciseness, as well as high quality products and services made possible by organized team and individual commitments by illustrating the MRT project in Jakarta. We felt high interests of Indonesian audience for Japanese overseas supports through projects of public infrastructure constructions.
 - . Introducing volunteer activity of non-governmental/ profitable organizations to support recovery, restorations from large scale natural disaster was another good example to show variations of Japanese project management.
 - . As participants from PMI-Japan, we could learn cultural similarities and differences of human resource management in Indonesia and Japan. I felt Indonesian people tend to pay more value for emotional relationship than logical business-like relationship which we see common in the Asian business culture. To that extent, we could identify similarity between in Indonesia and Japan. And there seemed to be more such similarities.
2. Building long lasting relationship and strong connection with a foreign chapter through cooperative events.

. We could develop a good relationship with Indonesia Chapter through thorough event planning and preparation process for the event, even though this was our first attempt of collaboration with foreign chapter. We believe this experience of cooperation will be a firm basis for our future joint events with Indonesia chapter as well as foundation for our relationship with other chapters.

3. Initiating a new type of activity which we have not tried before to attract interests of both inside and outside of our study group

.We had some feedback sessions after the event in our studying group's monthly meeting and others. Many participants showed positive reactions with expectation for possible future developments of our activities.

As for me, the biggest takeaway was seeing an idea of a joint seminar developing from a simple thought, then initiation, planning stage to the execution across the borders using all sorts of communication tools. Together, we felt that the quality of speakers was on par with those we have seen in international seminars and whether it would be possible to hear them in Japan. On a wider view, this event brought a mix of practicing project managers, academicians, engineers, lawyers, teachers and students etc. in a congenial environment for one whole day! And the benefits it derived for each individual had a common bond of PMI!

With an inaugural overseas event as a grand success, PMIJ IRC has plans to continue and conduct more events in year 2017 and hoist PMIJ flag at other locations too!



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