

PMI Lahore Newsletter

PMI Lahore Chapter Launches its Newsletter



Dear Readers,

It's a pleasure to welcome you all to the 1st Newsletter of PMI Lahore Chapter.

Lahore is home to the largest PMI Chapter in Pakistan. Since its inception in 2004, our chapter has doubled its membership every year – we are currently standing at 316 members. We owe this increase to a growing awareness for Project Management and to the unprecedented increase in the number of projects in our region. Professionally there has never been a better time to be a project manager in Lahore!

Both the growth of project management and the growth of projects haven't gone un-noticed at PMI. Earlier this year in February 2007, I had a chance to read a paper at the PMI Global Congress on the transformation that project management has brought in the public sector. In October 2007, this paper was read at the PMI Global Congress in Atlanta, USA. These occasions presented great opportunities for PMI members from across the globe to interact and learn more about Pakistan. Thanks to these and other interactions, PMI Network will be featuring projects in Punjab in its December 2008 issue.

Like last year, we are once again ready to celebrate the International Project Management Day in November 2007. In addition to a great networking opportunity for all members, this time the chapter will be handing out plaques to all those members who have demonstrated their professional commitment to project management by attaining PMI's PMP certification.

Finally, I would like to thank Noman Zafar Chaudry and the team of volunteers whose efforts have helped make this newsletter a reality. I hope the level of participation will continue to grow and help make this publication a must read for anyone who is connected to projects or project management in our region. Happy reading...!

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PMI Announces PgMP Certification

Program Management Professional (PgMP)

PMI's newest credential has been developed to demonstrate the skills of professionals who manage multiple related projects that are aligned with an organization's strategy. Those with the PgMP credential have successfully completed a rigorous multi-stage knowledge, skills and experience assessment process.



“Plan what you do and do what you plan”

PMI Global Congress 2007 - North America

PMI Global Congress events are a series of major project management educational and networking events organized by PMI. These events allow participants representing various industries and countries to interact and share their knowledge on topics of mutual interest.

Recently PMI Global Congress 2007 was held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. This city itself has a host of mega projects to boast about including The Georgia Aquarium, a 290 Million USD project which included habitats of various species and was completed in only 44 months.

PMI Lahore Chapter regularly participates in PMI's International Congress events and this time it was again represented at the Congress where a paper

“Project Management Reform Experience in the Public Sector” by Khalid Ahmad Khan, PMP was read. The paper reviewed the reform efforts underway in Punjab Government to promote the use of modern project management.

The paper was highly appreciated by the attendees and the comments received reflected how project management practitioners around the world face similar problems in implementing project management tools and techniques.

More Global Congress events are coming up including PMI Global Congress 2008 Asia Pacific in Sydney Australia during March 2008. Further details are available on www.PMI.org.

PMP Preparation Training Program

By M. Naveed Akhtar, PMP



Group of participants from a PMP Preparation Training Program

Lahore Chapter has been conducting training courses in association with various training experts in order to provide knowledge to aspiring PMPs.

Currently Lahore Chapter has partnered with BMC and

Dr. Azhar Mansur Khan, Associate Dir. BMC, conducts this 5-day training workshop in Lahore.

Success rate of participants attending these courses has been outstanding and since May 2007, six courses have been conducted so far with an average of one course per month.

Through an arrangement with PITB, participants belonging to any Punjab Government department get full waiver of their training course fee.



Very interesting incentives have also been included in these trainings e.g. PMI members get 33% discount on the course fee, and after the course the first 6 participants of every batch achieving success in PMP examination receive 50% to 100% refund of their PMP examination fee (depending upon their sequence of clearing the PMP examination).



Preparing a project WBS increases the success chances by as much as 15%

Project Maker Launched

By Noman Zafar Chaudry, PMP

Project Maker is a very simple, free and easy to use project planning and monitoring tool custom developed for the inception and initial planning of projects through an intuitive interface.

Primarily designed for use within Government of Punjab departments during project proposal preparation stage, it can be easily used within any public or private entity involved with inception and planning of development projects.

4 trainings on this tool were conducted by P&D

department during Sep/Oct 2007, and more than 70 participants including senior and mid-level Punjab Government officers attended these trainings.

Future trainings are being planned during the coming months as well keeping in view its mandatory implementation announced by the P&D department for all Punjab Government projects.





What Is Your Project Type?

By Najam Ahmad Shah, PMP

The three Project Parameters, Time, Performance and Cost are inter-

linked; change one and the other two get affected. Project Manager's handling of the project is defined by the sponsor's choice on which constraint to assign to each project parameter i.e. Constraint (fixed requirement), Enhance (try to optimize) and Accept (allow changes). Each constraint can only be used once as shown in the grid on right.

In this specific case, the Sponsor does not want to compromise on Scope/Quality (Performance) by

	Time	Performance	Cost
Constrain		●	
Enhance	●		
Accept			●

marking it as **Constrain**, he wants Time to be optimized by marking it as **Enhance** and is willing to bear additional Costs by marking it as **Accept**. You can use this grid template to find out your project type.

"Of several possible interpretations of a communication, the least convenient is usually the correct one."

Joke Of The Month

A woman in a hot-air balloon was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help? I promised a friend I would meet her an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man replied, "You are in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above alkali desert scrub habitat, 2.7 miles west of the Colorado River near one of the remnant populations and spawning grounds of the razorback sucker."

"You must be a biologist" said the balloonist. "I am" replied the man, "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea

what to make of your information, and the fact that I am still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help so far."

The man below responded, "You must be a project manager." "I am", replied the balloonist, "but how did you know that?"

"Well," said the man, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise to someone that you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is, you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but somehow it's now my fault!"



Taunsa Barrage Project - A Project Management Success

By Noman Zafar Chaudry, PMP

The Rs. 11 Billion Taunsa Barrage Rehabilitation Project is part of the Program initiated by Punjab Government to rehabilitate all barrages in Punjab.

This project is being executed in three packages, one for all Civil Works and two for the Electrical & Mechanical works.

The project was planned using PMI Framework and has become a classic success story with Civil Works in the river, originally planned for 3 years, completed in 2 years. Also, the detailed planning effort done by the Contractor and PMU, P&D De-

partment, helped in handling various risks and crises faced by project including a major breach of coffer dam during January 2007.

Electrical & Mechanical works are also going as planned and are expected to finish in time. Hence the project is expected to finish by the originally planned date of December 2008—making it a Project Management success story.



Rehabilitation works at Taunsa Barrage Project

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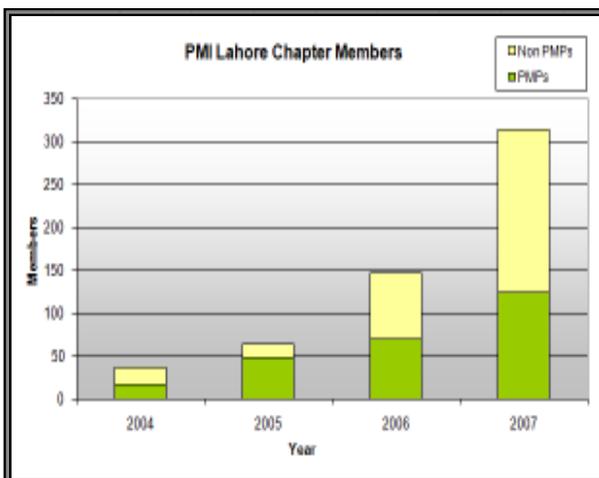
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PMI and Lahore Chapter

PMI Lahore Chapter growth has been very aggressive since its creation and the numbers have been doubling every year. Current active membership stands at 316 members by the end of September 2007, while more members are joining every day. Number of certified PMPs is also growing every day with a lot of PMPs coming from the Public Sector in Punjab.



About PMI

With more than 240,000 members in over 160 countries, PMI is the leading membership association for the project management profession. PMI is actively engaged in advocacy for the profession, setting professional standards, conducting research and providing access to a wealth of information and resources. PMI also promotes career and professional development and offers certification, networking and community involvement opportunities.

For more than 36 years, PMI has advanced the careers of practitioners who have made project management indispensable in achieving business results.