

## **First-ever “Region 2 Chapter Officers General Assembly” held**

IIEE Region 2 held its first ever “Regional Chapter Officers General Assembly” in Sitio Lucia Resort in Sta. Maria Bulacan on October 24, 2009. It was attended by 70 participants from the different chapters of Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bataan, Olongapo-Zambales, Neva Ecija, and Bulacan including the Region 2 CSC Officers. The delegates were headed by their presidents namely, Rogelio Duque (Pangasinan); Joven Angeles (Tarlac); Benjamin Alamani (Bataan); Victorino Rivera (Olongapo-Zambales); Frank Wy (Nueva Ecija) and Conrado Mendoza (Bulacan). R2 CSC was lead by outgoing Chair Rouella Angeles.

One of the highlights of the opening program is the group singing of the IIEE Hymn by the chapter presidents headed by Region 2 Gov Jonathan Favi. Before officially opening the start of the Assembly, Engr. Favi has given the delegates a brief background of how the event was conceptualized and planned with the main objective of empowering the chapters in Central Luzon.

Engr. Conrado Mendoza, Bulacan Chapter president, welcomed the delegates by expressing his sincerest gratitude to them. In his speech, he said that the event is the start of the resurrection of the Bulacan Chapter. He also encouraged the other chapters to continue being active for the good of the membership.

Engr, Virgilio Luzarez, 2008 Bulacan Chapter president, gave recognition to the participants by introducing each one of them. The chapter presidents then gave their messages of vision, expectations, encouragement, experience, resurrection, aspirations, etc. of region 2.

The officers of the newly-reactivated Bataan Chapter with Benjamin Alamani as president, were inducted into office, followed by induction of the newly-elected officers of the R2CSC.

BEE member, Hon. Francis Mapile graced the event with a talk about CPE, after which, participants aired their concerns and clarifications. Engr. Mapile has given everyone concrete answers that helped them fully understand issues concerning CPE and renewal of PRC license.

The 2008 IIEE National president, Hon. Hipolito Leoncio, was also present and gave an inspirational message. He commended the presidents and officers of the different chapters for coming up with such an event. He then asked the Bataan chapter officers to stand and explained to them their duties and gave them some tips on how to serve fulfillingly. He also mentioned about the great potential of the Bulacan chapter to be one of the most successful chapters of IIEE.

The Guest Speaker of the activity was 2009 IIEE VP-Internal, Hon. Gregorio Guevarra. In his message, he expressed his elation about the newly-energized region 2 chapters. He informed the delegates what the national office has been doing and plans to do to empower the chapters, generally directed towards the benefit of the membership. He then took the chance to invite the participants to attend the 2009 ANC and encouraged everyone to be one in uplifting the IIEE organization to its peak.

Newly-appointed BEE Chair, Hon. Fortunato Leynes, very kind enough to grace the occasion with his presence, has discussed PRC updates. He particularly explained the requirements to becoming an APEC engineer and the benefits attached to it. He also discussed issues concerning the EE professional practice.

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