Report on Essential Project Management Course
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The Project Management Technical Division (PMTD) of IEM, in collaboration with IEM Sarawak Branch, organized a two-day course entitled "Essential Project Management" on 24-25 May 2011 at IEM Sarawak Branch, Ultimate Professional Centre, Kuching. A total of 28 participants attended the course. They were comprised of both IEM members and non-IEM members from various industries. The course was conducted by Ir. Lee Boon Chong, the current Chairman of PMTD.

The course contents were closely referenced to PMBOK Guide, 4th edition of the Project Management Institute (PMI), in addition to other important relevant topics. The course first covered the fundamental concept and framework as well as project business link before moving to the five project management process groups namely initiation, planning, execution, monitoring and controlling, and closing.

Under the five project management process groups are the forty two project management processes juxtaposed into the nine knowledge areas, namely project integration management, project scope management, project time management, project cost management, project quality management, project human resource management, project communications management, project risk management, and project procurement management. Important concepts, inputs, outputs, tools and techniques pertaining to each and every process were explained. This was supplemented with working examples, useful exercises, real-life case studies, and hands-on applications.

This two-day course was intensive but practical and interactive. The participants took an active part in the entire learning process, showing keen interest in various subject areas. They also gained by sharing their respective experiences and expertise. Feedback from the participants was positive. They learned the structured and integrated approaches, processes, tools and techniques applicable to managing each phase of the project life cycle.

(Attach photos of the course).