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▶ **New Faces in PMI**

There are now 31,089 PMI members in Asia Pacific as of 30 September 2005. This represents 15 percent of the total PMI membership.

▶ **PMI Did You Know?**

PMI has launched two new Webinars. The Webinars are a dynamic alternative to the traditional use of brochures and even Web site content. In addition, they are a way to share PMI information in a format you may enjoy.

"[PMI Membership Orientation](#)" introduces PMI to new and prospective members and presents the many programs, products and services that PMI offers.

"[Serving as a PMI Volunteer](#)," illustrates the PMI volunteer experience, describing contributions to the profession, roles, responsibilities and accountability, as well as

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**Joint Effort of PMI Pakistan Chapters in Disaster Relief Work**

Pakistan has been struck by the worst earthquake in its history. Villages have been wiped out, thousands have died and tens of thousands are injured. And the disaster is far from over.

Almost 2 million people have been made homeless and the injured have limited access to food, water, shelter or medical aid. Efforts are underway to get much needed items to the victims.

PMI Lahore Chapter President Khalid Ahmad Khan, PMP, is coordinating with PMI Regional Mentor Suhail Iqbal, PMP, to organise a PMI volunteer group from all three chapters in Pakistan to help with the planning of the post disaster recovery efforts using the framework developed by PMI from the Tsunami disaster.

The Lahore Chapter has compiled a contact list of organisations that are helping in the disaster relief work. You can contribute monetary assistance or send relief supplies to designated drop spots. All details can be found on the Lahore [chapter Web page](#).

Khalid Ahmad Khan, PMP  
Chapter President  
PMI Lahore, Pakistan Chapter

***A message of condolence from PMI Chair Louis J. Mercken, MBA, PMP, and PMI CEO Gregory Balestrero to the victims of the Pakistani Earthquake.***

On behalf of the global leadership, members and staff of PMI, we want to express our deepest sympathy and concern for the victims of the massive earthquake that ravaged parts of Pakistan on 8 October. The quake, which measured 7.6 on the Richter scale, took more than 53,000 lives and left more than 3 million homeless.

In response to this disaster of unimaginable proportion, PMI is matching the personal generosity of its leadership and staff by contributing \$25,000 (US) to relief organizations that provide medicine, food, clothing and shelter to

accountability, as well as personal rewards. This webinar also explains how to access leadership development opportunities.

## ▶ Asia Pacific Diary Dates

### Events

If you are organising a PMI event in the Asia Pacific region, [please let us know](#).

#### 4–5 November 2005

**PMI Tokyo Chapter**  
PMI Tokyo Forum 2005

Tokyo, Japan

[Details](#)

#### 10–11 November 2005

**PMI North India Chapter**  
PMICon2005: Achieving India Inc. Objectives with Project Management Excellence

New Delhi, India

[Details](#)

#### 13–16 November 2005

**International Project Management Association (IPMA)**

PMI Participation in 19th IPMA World Congress

New Delhi, India

[Details](#)

#### 18–19 November 2005

**PMI Hong Kong Chapter**

1<sup>st</sup> Greater China Project Management Summit 2005: Greater China Project Management in Action

Beijing, China

[Details](#)

#### 27 February–1 March 2006

**PMI Global Congress 2006—Asia Pacific**

Pakistanis in dire need. This contribution echoes PMI's actions of support for victims of other disasters. Personal generosity and the power of volunteerism are hallmarks of PMI's culture and history, which spans nearly 37 years.

In addition to the financial contribution, PMI's Board of Directors will establish for the project management profession an enduring legacy, a commitment of support that dates to the tragic tsunami that struck Southeast Asia late last year. In cooperation with nearly 80 PMI volunteers from nearly 20 countries and representatives of Learning for International NGOs (LINGOS), PMI will soon release its "Post Disaster Rebuild and Training Methodology," which will provide the knowledge foundation to efficiently and effectively support relief agencies in their effort to rebuild areas impacted by natural disasters.

In the meantime, we ask you to please support the victims by contributing your time, talents or treasure to the relief effort. The relief organizations section of PMI's Web site recommends and links to organizations to whom you may contribute. Thank you for your continued support of PMI and of those in need who will benefit so dearly from your generosity.

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## Event Highlights

**PMI Global Congress 2006—Asia Pacific**  
**27 February–1 March 2006**  
**Bangkok, Thailand**

**[Online Registration Now Open!](#)**

### Master Strategist Chin-Ning Chu to Give Keynote Speech at PMI Global Congress 2006—Asia Pacific



*Chin-Ning Chu*

PMI Global Congress 2006—Asia Pacific gets off to a sizzling start when Chin-Ning Chu presents the keynote speech on *Leadership According To Sun Tzu's Art Of War*.

*Sun Tzu's Art of War*, the ancient Chinese treatise on strategy, is the most widely read business book in the world. Chin-Ning is the foremost authority on the practical application of Sun Tzu's principles and their applicability to the modern workplace. She is a promoter of strategic thinking as the core competency among leaders of government and corporations worldwide.

Besides being an outstanding author and speaker, an Eastern philosopher and historian, a marketer, a sales warrior, a business and political consultant, and the master strategist, Chin-Ning is also an accomplished fashion designer, classical music historian, opera singer, actress and film-maker. Chin-Ning is the president of the Strategic Learning Institute, President of Asian Marketing Consultants, Inc. and chairperson of NeuroScience Industries, Inc.

PMI Global Congress 2006—Asia Pacific runs 27 February–1 March at the Shangri-La Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. Early registration is now open, and PMI offers three easy ways to register: online, by fax or by postal mail. Visit the Congress Web site for more information, to register, or for forms and instructions.

For those who would like to take advantage of exposure and networking opportunities for Asia Pacific, download the exhibit and sponsorship

## Examination

The following are paper and pencil examination dates for Project Management Professional (PMP®) and Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) exams in places where computer-based testing centres are unavailable, unless otherwise stated.

### 10 December 2005

Adelaide, Australia  
(closing date for applications:  
3 October 2005)

### 10 December 2005

China  
(closing date for applications:  
3 October 2005)

[prospectus](#).

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## PMI Component Updates



### PMI CEO to Visit North India Chapter Congress



*Upendra Giri, PMP,  
PMI North India  
Chapter President*

PMI North India will be organising the Project Management Congress 2005. Themed *Achieving India Inc. Objectives with Project Management Excellence*, this event will be held in New Delhi on 10–11 November 2005.

PMI CEO Gregory Balestrero will deliver the keynote address. PMI Vice Chair Iain Fraser, FMPINZ, PMI, will attend along with other guests and speakers who are leaders in the project management profession.

The Congress is the first of its kind in India and will provide an excellent platform for project practitioners, academicians, and professionals to share, publish and leverage experiences and best practices in project management.

The North India Chapter thanks its event sponsors IBM, Microsoft, Primavera, CIOL, DIT (Government of India) and supporting organisations UNICEF, National Institute of Smart Government, The Indus Entrepreneurs, Software Technology Parks of India, PMI Pearl City, Hiltron and Indian School of Business.

For details and registration [click here](#).

Upendra Giri, PMP  
Chapter President  
PMI North India Chapter

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### Recipient of the PMI Donald S. Barrie Award 2005



Congratulations to Faisal Manzoor Arain, recipient of the PMI Donald S. Barrie Award 2005!

Mr. Arain, doctoral candidate and research scholar with the Department of Building, School of Design and



*PMI Chair Louis Mercken, MBA, PMP (left) presents the award to research scholar Faisal Manzoor Arain*

Environment at the National University of Singapore, is the first person in the Asia Pacific region to win this prestigious award, which recognises a paper that advances the PMBOK® in the field of design, procurement and/or construction by contributing to the engineering and construction industry.

As part of the award, he received an honorarium, hotel accommodation and registration to attend PMI Global Congress 2005—North America held in Toronto, Canada last September. At the congress, he presented his award winning paper entitled "Strategic Management of Variation Orders for Institutional Buildings: Leveraging on Information Technology".

Mr. Arain's ongoing research is in the area of IT application in construction project management. His research concentrates on developing a knowledge-based decision support system (KBDSS) for effective management of variations in educational building projects in Singapore. His doctoral research is expected to help raise the overall level of productivity in the construction industry.

He would like to earnestly acknowledge the National University of Singapore for the financial support and the Ministry of Education, Singapore for collaborating in this research project.

More information on Mr. Arain's award winning paper is available on the [PMI Web site](#).

**The PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) is now accepting papers for consideration for the 2006 Donald S. Barrie Award. The call for papers closes 19 April 2006.** Criteria and further information can be found on the [PMIEF Web site](#) or by contacting [diane.fromm@pmi.org](mailto:diane.fromm@pmi.org).

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### **PricewaterhouseCoopers is Platinum Sponsor for PMI Sydney**



*(From left) PMI Sydney Chapter President Gordon Bartlett, PMP, PricewaterhouseCoopers Partner Rob Blumor, PricewaterhouseCoopers Director Mike Salah, PMI CEO Gregory Balestrero and PMI Sydney Chapter Vice President Sandeep Mathur, PMP*

The Sydney Chapter is pleased to announce its platinum sponsorship agreement with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). This will provide the chapter with use of PwC facilities at Darling Park, Sydney, for breakfast seminars, chapter meetings and board meetings for 2005–2006. The announcement coincided with the Region 10 Roadshow visit by PMI CEO Gregory Balestrero.

The sponsorship will help the chapter financially and will place it in a better position for next year when it co-hosts the major Promac2006 conference in September. PwC's support is timely, as chapter membership has crossed the 1,000 member mark and is poised for significant growth in coming years.

Detailed information on PMI Sydney's activities, future events and resources can be found on the [chapter Web site](#).

Sandeep Mathur, PMP  
Chapter Vice President  
PMI Sydney, Australia Chapter

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## **Jakarta Chapter Organises Project Management Seminar and PMP® Inauguration**



*Attendees at PMI Jakarta's Project Management Seminar and PMP Inauguration*

On 28 September, the Jakarta Chapter, with support from IAMPI (Indonesian Society of Project Management Professionals) and Ericsson Indonesia, held a knowledge-sharing seminar on project management at the Mercantile Club Jakarta.

Chapter President Adi Prasetyo, PMP, and IAMPI President Hari Gumuruh, PMP, delivered the opening speeches. Both organisations commit to work more closely together and enhance relationships to advance the practice, science and profession of project management in Indonesia.

The guests-of-honour were Mats Bostrups, President Director of Ericsson Indonesia and Sudarsono Hardjosoeratno MT, President Director of PT Hutama Karya (a state owned construction company).

Guest speaker Sean Bowie, PMP, Project Director of Ericsson Indonesia, shared information with the seminar participants about Ericsson's 3G Mobile Telecommunication Projects in Indonesia.

This event also included a session to recognise individuals who received their Project Management Professional (PMP) credential over the last two months. The new PMPs include executives from government and industries such as banking, telecommunication, insurance, construction, information technology, oil and gas.

For further information on activities, future events and resources from PMI Jakarta, please visit the [chapter Web site](#).

Adi Prasetyo, PMP  
Chapter President  
PMI Jakarta, Indonesia Chapter

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## PMI Hong Kong Seminar Training on Six Sigma a Sold Out Success



*Marcel Ekkel, PMP (left),  
PMI Hong Kong subcommittee member  
presenting a token of appreciation to  
Andrew Moses*

Members of the PMI Hong Kong Chapter had an opportunity to learn from Andrew Moses, Senior Vice President, Business Improvement, HSBC Securities Services Asia Pacific, about the importance of Six Sigma and its impact on a successful organisation. Mr. Moses has been in the banking business for more than 30 years with experience in investment banking, lending, training and quality management.

Mr. Moses engaged the audience in an interactive presentation about Six Sigma beginning with the basics and followed by deployment of the Six

Sigma approach.

He shared with attendees examples of projects done within HSBC worldwide, the selection process and their reason for success. Attendees were enlightened to know that millions of dollars may be saved on projects of three to six month duration.

The event broke Chapter attendance records. The more than 100 participants expressed positive remarks and look back on the event as a good experience.

The PMI Hong Kong Program Committee expresses their thanks to subcommittee member Marcel Ekkel for his great support to this seminar.

Detailed information on PMI Hong Kong's activities, future events and resources can be found on the [chapter Web site](#).

Sindy Yau, PMP  
Chapter Secretary  
PMI Hong Kong Chapter

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## PMI Lahore Chapter Organises Continuing Certification Requirements Workshop

PMI Lahore held a workshop on 1 October at the Pearl Continental Lahore Hotel to explain [Continuing Certification Requirements](#) to individuals who recently attained their Project Management Professional credential. The objective of the workshop was also to develop a plan for chapter activities in the coming year

Chapter President Khalid Ahmad Khan, PMP, welcomed participants and conducted the workshop which was attended by 60 chapter members including 30 PMPs. He noted with appreciation the surge in members in Lahore, which jumped from just three to 41 members in the chapter's first year, 2004, and stands at 143 members today.

The workshop was supported by the Project Management Unit of the Punjab Government with the sponsorship of the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB). Rizwan Sheikh, PMP, Chairman of PITB and Vice-President of the Lahore Chapter gave an outline of sponsored project management training programs that are being offered by the government to strengthen project management capacity in the market.

The workshop concluded with the Chapter President unveiling the new chapter Web site [www.pmilhr.org.pk](http://www.pmilhr.org.pk).

Khalid Ahmad Khan, PMP  
Chapter President  
PMI Lahore, Pakistan Chapter

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