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2018-2019 MMR Chair is 2020 Outstanding Professional in Accountancy

MMR congratulates Ms. Marivic C. España as Professional Regulatory Commission's 2020 Outstanding Professional of the Year in the Field of Accountancy. The recognition is the highest award bestowed by the Commission upon a professional for sufficiently demonstrating professional competence of the highest degree and conducting herself with integrity in the exercise of her profession.

Our warmest congratulations to our former Chair!



Great Things Come From Small Beginnings

The MMR, MM GAO and the four Chapters jointly conducted a courtesy visit and turned over 500 copies of the book "Accounting" to the Department of Education - National Capital Region Dr. Genia V. Santos on September 23, 2020. Present were MMR Chair Mhycke C. Gallego, EMMC President Noel E. Canlas, WMMC President Asser Tamayo, EMMC Director for Education Richard R. Ibarra, NMMC Director for Government Elmer B. Enriquez, WMMC Treasurer Ronald Eric Buen, and MMR Administrative Manager Fanny Madraga.

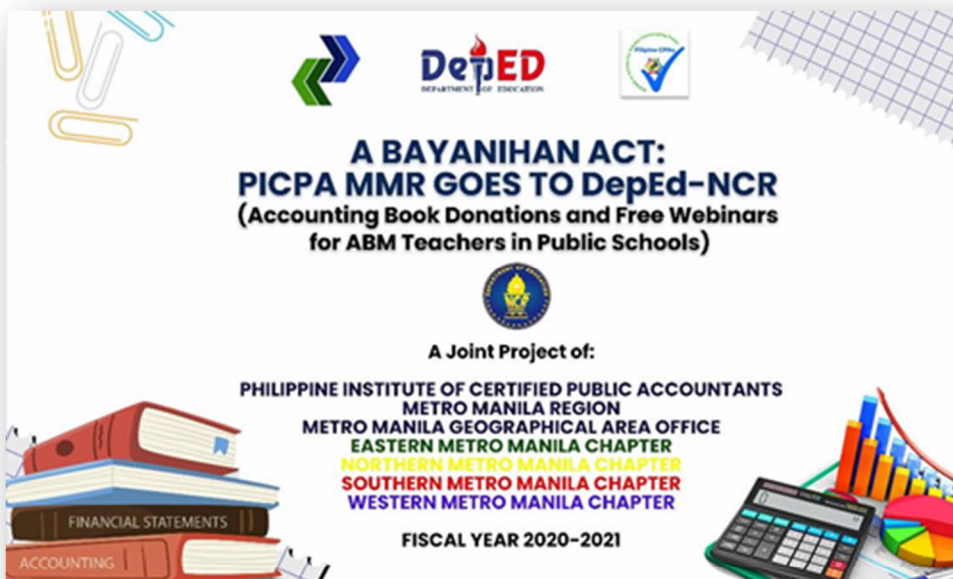
The activity is part of the project "A Bayanihan Act: PICPA MMR Goes to DepEd-NCR"- Accounting Book Donations and Free Webinars for ABM Teachers in Public High Schools. The first webinar for the ABM Teachers is scheduled on October 10, 2020.

PICPA MMR Professional Chair and IIA Certification/Orientation



MMR helped promote various certifications of the The Institute of Internal Auditors Philippines (IIA) to members for professional advancement leading to international certification. In line with this objective, IIA invited all PICPA Members to avail of the CIA Challenge Exam. For more information, contact certification@iia-p.org.

The orientation was organized by IIA Philippines President Abigail Blanca M. Pena, Chief Operating Officer Eloi M. Acosta and Professional Development Manager Rudolph A. Jimenez.

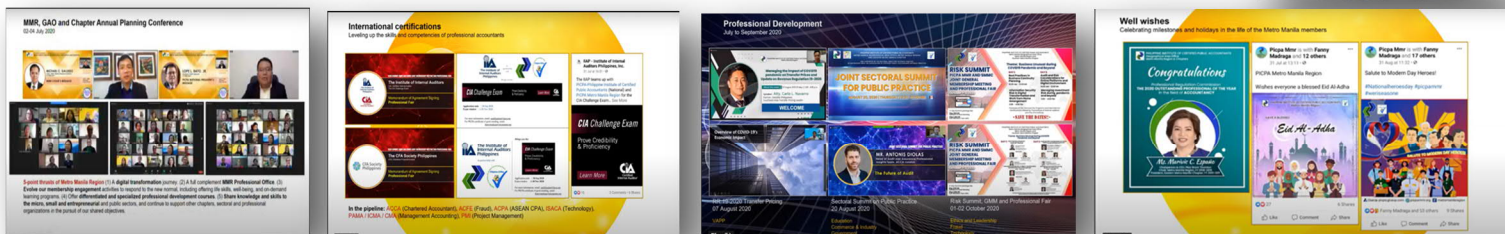


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MMR Chairman's 1st Quarter Report

- MMR Chair Mhycke C. Gallego delivered his 1st Quarter Report to members during the 1st MMR Membership Meeting on October 1, 2020 where he cited the regions accomplishments from July to September, 2020.
- In Professional Development, there were 71 webinars held with an average attendance of 175 participants.
- As for Membership, there were already 6,333 MGS as of August 31, 2020 out of 13,652 MGS as of June 30, 2020 representing 46% membership renewals.
- Chair Mhycke gladly invited everyone to be a volunteer leader with PICPA MMR.



MM GAO Chair Dimaculangan Reports 1st Quarter Performance

- Metro Manila GAO Chair Tess Z. Dimaculangan delivered her First Quarter Report to members during the Risk Summit: MMR and SMMC Joint Membership Meeting and Professional Fair on October 1, 2020.
- Chair Dimaculangan highlighted the First Joint Sectoral Summit in Public Practice conducted in cooperation with the MMR and host-chapter EMMC, in collaboration with AC-PAPP and supported by the National Director for Public Practice.
- The Joint Sectoral Summit in Public Practice was held August 20-21, 2020 with respected and recognized local and foreign speakers who shared their insight and best practices.
- With over 400 participants in attendance as well as speakers and reactors coming from the private and public sector, the summit was a success.



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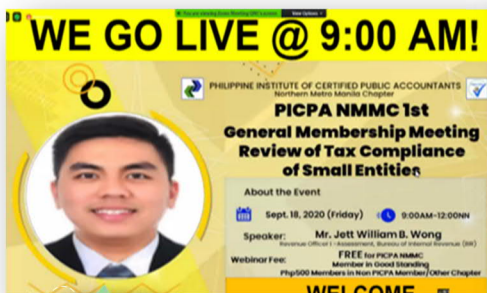
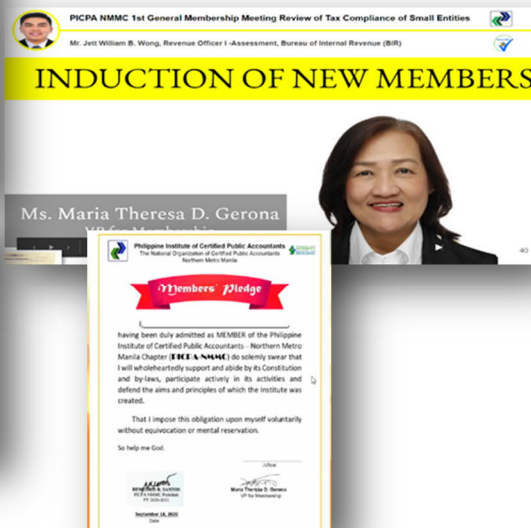
1st General Membership Meeting

NMMC held its 1st General Membership Meeting (GMM) virtually on September 18, 2020 from 9am-12nn where President Remy R. Santos delivered her 1st Quarter Report. The GMM was in partnership with BIR Revenue District Office No. 49 – North Makati headed by RDO Frederico Q. Pilarca and ARDO Joe S. Soriano as part of the BIR's Pananaw 2020 and Tax Awareness Program of the District Office. Mr. Jett William B. Wong, discussed the "Review of Tax Compliance of Small Entities".



Induction of new members

NMMC continues to grow despite the pandemic. In its 2nd GMM, the NMMC family welcomed thirty one (31) new members to its fold. NMMC Vice-President for Membership and Director Tess Gerona led the induction of the new members who were given a specially designed face mask with NMMC logo.



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Tax awareness projects with BIR

PARTNERSHIP WITH RDO NO. 27 – CALOOCAN CITY

On September 2, 2020, Revenue Region No. 5 – Caloocan City headed by Director Ma. Gracia B. Javier and Revenue District Office No. 27 – Caloocan City headed by Mr. Miguel B. Morada, Jr. in partnership with the NMMC offered to the taxpayers of Caloocan City the webinar “Understanding Tax Impact on Online Selling and Tax Updates”. Atty. Rozenn G. Novilla, a Group Supervisor in RDO No. 27 – Caloocan City was the speaker.

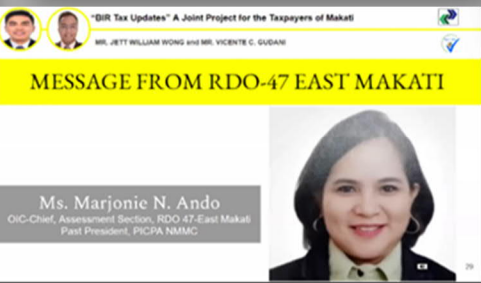


BIR RDO No. 47 East Makati Donates to NMMC

The BIR Revenue District Office No. 47 – East Makati thru RDO Renato L. Ruiz and CAS Marjonie N. Ando and the rest of the revenue officers assigned in East Makati joined the NMMC in its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) advocacies and donated cash for use by the Committee on Social Involvement on its CSR programs and activities.

PARTNERSHIP WITH BIR RDO No. 47 – EAST MAKATI

On September 23, 2020, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Revenue Region No. 8A – Makati City and Revenue District Office No. 47 – East Makati headed by RDO Renato L. Ruiz, ARDO Renan A. Plata and Chief Assessment Section Marjonie N. Ando spearheaded a tax awareness project and partnered with NMMC. With both offices sharing common advocacy, a webinar entitled “BIR Tax Updates” was offered to the taxpayers under the jurisdiction of RDO No. 47 – East Makati. Immediate Past President Mr. Vic C. Gudani representing NMMC and Mr. Jett William B. Wong representing RDO 47 – East Makati were the speakers in the said event.



PARTNERSHIP WITH BIR RDO No. 49 – NORTH MAKATI and SMMC

On September 29, 2020, a similar project was held and this time in partnership with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Revenue Region No. 8A – Makati City and Revenue District Office No. 49 – North Makati headed by RDO Frederico Q. Pilarca and ARDO Joe S. Soriano. Group Supervisor Dianah-Lynn M. Karim ensured the successful conduct of the webinar “What’s up at BIR? A Relevant Tax Updates Seminar”. The joint NMMC and SMMC webinar’s speaker was Mr. Vic C. Gudani and was made available to the taxpayers under the revenue jurisdiction of RDO No. 49 – North Makati. Ms. Maridur V. Rosario, the energetic and proactive Regional Director of Revenue Region No. 8A – Makati City gave the welcome remarks.



Regular Chapter Meeting

On September 24, 2020, the NMMC held its 3rd Virtual Regular Meeting where President Remy R. Santos presided the lively meeting. The officers and members presented their reports of accomplishments for the month of September. Members born in the month of September were greeted with a virtual celebration.



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Donation for a Cause

The NMMC On-Line Bingo Games and first fund raising project Donation-For-A-Cause originally scheduled on September 26, 2020 was moved to October 3, 2020 due to the scheduled maintenance of a major internet provider.



#joinNMMC in this noble activity. Help us help others. You can be a Silver, Gold or Platinum Sponsor. For inquiries, you may contact Ms. Katherine Sobremonte or NMMC Secretariat Ms. Ramira Manlutac at 0917-317-4533.

Sponsors and ticket holders shared their blessings and helped our public school teachers who were the beneficiaries of the program. Donations in cash or in kind were most welcomed.

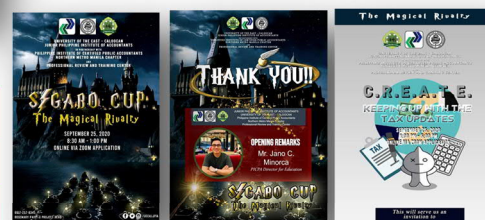
Donation of accounting books to DepEd-NCR

The NMMC joined the Metro Manila Region and other Metro Manila Chapters in the project "A Bayanihan Act: PICPA MMR Goes to DepEd-NCR".



NMMC supports JPIA Day

NMMC supported the Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) in holding "Sigabo Cup: The Magical Rivalry" and the "C.R.E.A.T.E. Keeping Up With the Tax Updates" on September 25, 2020. This project was made in collaboration with the Professional Review and Training Center (PRTC) and in partnership with the University of the East – Caloocan Campus and the JPIA – UE Caloocan Chapter in coordination with the NFJPIA. PRTC Reviewers Dr. Cedric Val R. Naranjo and Vic C. Gudani delivered the lectures. PRTC Review Director and 3rd placer in the October 1999 CPA Licensure Examination Mr. Reynaldo R. Ocampo gave an inspirational message.



Webinars Conducted

Date	Seminar	Speaker
September 16, 2020	Ethical Practices in Marketing, Auditing and Consultancy Services of CPAs	Dean Danny A. Cabulay
September 16, 2020	Financial Literacy for Professional: The Antidote to Scams	Dean Estelita D. Bello
September 25, 2020	Blockchain Technology and Its Impact on the Accountancy Profession	Mr. Jeff-Mike Smith V. Sule
September 26, 2020	From Boring to Lively: Effective Online Presentations	Mr. Orlando P. Tugob
September 26, 2020	Capital Budgeting Analysis in COVID Times	Mr. Jesse Rey L. Meneses

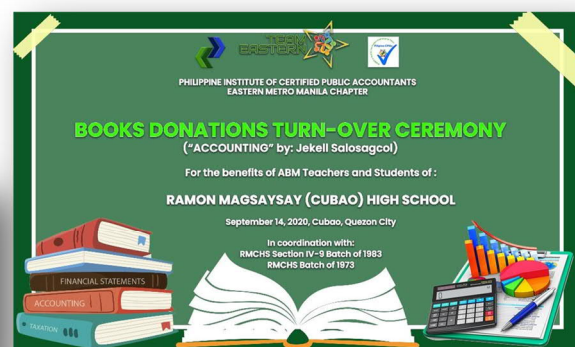
EASTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

EMMC Conducts 3rd Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Team PICPA EMMC held its third virtual regular Board Meeting on September 15, 2020, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. President Noel E. Canlas led the team in the discussion of various exciting projects and updates of previous activities.



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EASTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

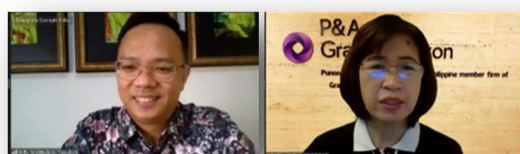
1ST General Membership Meeting FY2020-2021

EMMC held its 1st General Membership Meeting on September 24, 2020. The Chairman of the Board of Accountancy, Hon. Noe G. Quinano-la delivered the keynote address with more than 300 participants attended. President Noel E. Canlas reported the First Quarter Accomplishments and encouraged the members to support the upcoming activities of the Chapter. Two technical session were also conducted for the benefits of PICPA members.

MMR Chair Mhycke C. Gallego discussed "Progressing CPD into the Philippine Qualification Framework (Building-up the Professionals CPAs)" while Atty. Eleanor Roque, a Principal at P&A Grant Thornton lectured on "Navigating Through Uncertainties-Webinar on CREATE and Other Tax Updates".

Free Livelihood Seminars

The EMMC through its Social Development and Recovery Committee in collaboration with PICPA National NGO Development Committee, organized a Skills Retooling and Development Webinars to help PICPA members, NGOs and various entities and individuals who were retrenched or whose businesses were affected by the ongoing pandemic rise up amidst these challenges. Thus, on September 18, 2020, two (2) webinars were held under the Free Livelihood Training Webinars where "Urban Vegetable and Ornamental Plant" was conducted from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon with Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Evelyn Laviña as the Resource Speaker, while "Culinary Skills and Baking & Pastry Demo" with Chef RV Manabat, himself doing the cooking and baking demo was held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



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Date	Seminar	Speaker
September 4, 2020	Finding Happiness Amidst Challenging Times	Ms. Maurice Checa-Sabio
September 15, 2020,	Business Continuity Planning: The Economy's Hope During a Pandemic	Dean Danny A. Cabulay
September 15, 2020	Remedies of Taxpayer Against Tax Audit	Atty. Edward G. Dialogo
September 22, 2020	How to Develop and Prepare Company Manuals	Dean Danny A. Cabulay
September 22, 2020	Financial Transactions and Fraud Schemes	Mr. Jeff-Mike Smith V. Sule
September 29, 2020	Voluntary Assessment and Payment Program of the BIR for the Taxable Year 2018	Mr. John Paulo D. Garcia
September 30, 2020	Communicating with Confidence	Mr. Rudolph A. Jimenez

WESTERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

3rd WMMC Monthly Board Meeting

Last September 19, 2020, 2pm, the Board of Director, officers, and members of WMMC conducted its 3rd Virtual monthly board meeting. The agenda focused on membership campaign. In addition, committee chairs and co-chairs of professional development furnished the Board of the scheduled October webinars. The meeting was very productive and enjoyable due to the support of the PICPA-WMMC advisers and officers.

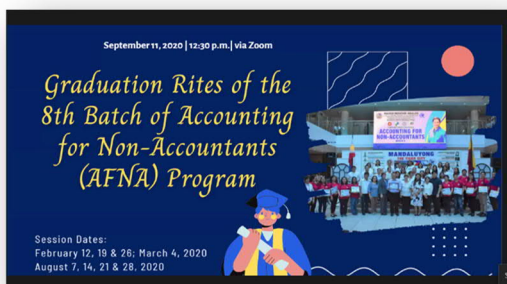


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Accounting for Non-Accountants Program Batch 8

WMMC held the graduation ceremony for Accounting for Non-Accountants (AFNA) Batch 8 on September 11, 2020, 12:30pm via Zoom. It was attended by Ms. Mila Robles from the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Mandaluyong, MMR Chair Mhycke C. Gallego, Dean Lilian Litonjua, CAF, Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) and Dr. Henry Prudente, Chief of PUP Extension Management. The AFNA program caters to entrepreneurs registered with the Department of Trade and Industry from February to April 2020 and resumed on all Fridays of August 2020.



WMMC Membership Campaign

President Asser S. Tamayo and Membership Committee Chair Donrick M. Mendenilla continuously implement the Chapter's membership campaign. Just recently, they held a virtual meeting with Ms. Renee Pedraza, Manager of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and agreed to update each other on accountants employed in BSP for inclusion in the WMMC Membership.

WMMC Visits Partner Schools, Donates School and Anti-COVID Supplies



Committed to a strong, active and devoted duty to society, PICPA WMMC through its Committee on Social Involvement inked a partnership with the Hermingildo J. Atienza Elementary School (HJAES) in Baseco, Port Area, Manila on September 30, 2020, a new addition to the Chapter's partner schools in its Adopt-A-School Program. Board Members led by Director for Commerce and Industry Alfonso G. Garcia, visited HJAES and donated children's books, reams of bond papers, vitamins, bottles of alcohol, face masks and shields, and soaps given by WMMC members. With him were WMMC Auditor Ma. Luisa G. Melegrito, Director for Education Francisco M. Caliwan, Jr., Assistant Treasurer Nassief M. Limgas, Co-Chair for Social Involvement Committee Hartney Molina, and Bhebe Agudo, Office Staff.

The donations were received by the School Principal Mr. Graciano A. Budoy, Jr., the Brigada Eskwela Coordinator Mr. Ruel T. Nalda, the PTA President Mrs. Joy Campañera, and the rest of the teachers of HJAES. Mr. Budoy thanked the WMMC. In his message, he also shared that PICPA-WMMC is instrumental in the achievement of Brigada Eskwela 2020 theme "Pagpapanatili ng Bayan-nihan Tungo sa Kalidad na Edukasyon para sa Kabataan".



Webinars Conducted		
Date	Seminar	Speaker
September 17, 2020	Business Continuity Planning	Dean Danny A. Cabulay
September 19, 2020	Mastering Withholding Tax	Atty. Arnold A. Apdua
September 22, 2020	Computer Assisted Accounting/Auditing Techniques (CAATs) using Excel Module 1 & 2	Mr. Alejandro A. Palacio
September 23, 2020	Overview of the CREATE bill	Atty. Cesar Nickolai F. Soriano, Jr.
September 25, 2020	How to Develop and Prepare Company's Manual	Dean Danny A. Cabulay
September 26, 2020	Mastering Value-Added Tax	Atty. Arnold A. Apdua
September 29, 2020	Latest BIR Issuances on Related Party Transactions	Atty. Deonah L. Marco-Go



SOUTHERN METRO MANILA CHAPTER

PICPA SMMC & NFJPIA NCR team up to tackle mental health

In coordination with NFJPIA NCR, PICPA SMMC held a webinar with the theme #PICPASMCC CARES last September 20, 2020. The session focused on Mental Health Awareness, which coincided with the observation of September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. According to the World Health Organization, while the Philippines has ranked consistently in the Top 5 of a global optimism index, the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) revealed a significant increase in monthly hotline calls— from pre-lockdown levels of 80 to nearly 400 calls regarding depression. It shows the impact of the pandemic on one’s mental health cannot be ignored, with young adults as the especially vulnerable group.

Ms. Dulce Esguerra of the Guidance & Counseling Department at Far Eastern University - Makati served as the event’s speaker. A registered guidance counselor and a mental health professional, Ms. Esguerra set the context of today’s challenging environment showing stress as a natural reaction in such situation – along with its different manifestation. She went on to say the importance of talking about mental health as part of one’s overall well-being and gave tips on how to prevent severe mental health conditions.

The event was hosted by JPIA – Far Eastern University – Makati via Zoom platform and was attended by around 900 registered participants from 72 local chapters.

Public Service Announcement: The National Center for Mental Health has a crisis hotline that provides free mental health support for those affected by the pandemic. They can be reached through 0917-899-USAP (8727) or 7-7-989-USAP (8727).

PICPA-SMMC Announces Top 3 Entries in the #PICPA SMMCares Poem Contest

In observance of the National Suicide Prevention Month and in partnership with NFJPIA NCR-South, SMMC recently held a poem competition to raise “care” (compassion, acceptance, resiliency, and empathy) as a way of helping students maintain good mental health. The activity showcased talents in creating and reciting original symphonies of poetry about with the theme “Let’s CARE: Create, Adjust, Rise, Empower.”

From among the 52 entries received, the following garnered the highest number of “Heart Reacts”:

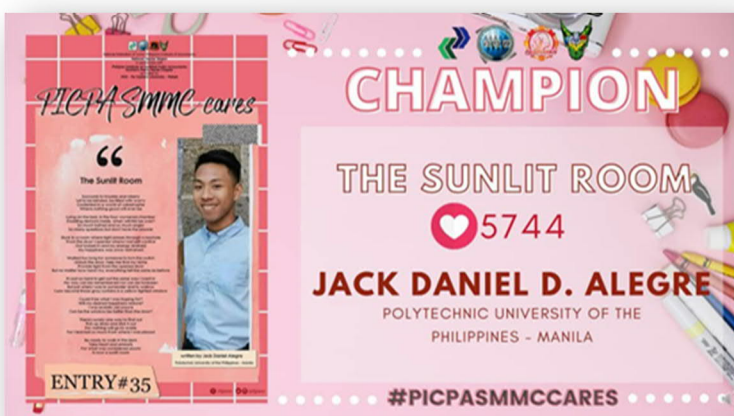
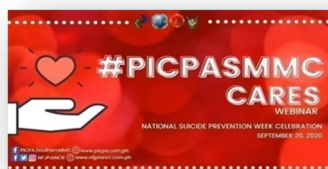
- **1st place:** “The Sunlit Room” by Jack Daniel D. Alegre from PUP-Manila (5,744)
- **2nd place:** “The Warrior Inside” by Ruby Mae Z. Doronio, FEU-Manila (5,622)
- **3rd place:** “Language of Care” by Johndee S. Fernandez, PLM (5,010)

All entries can be found in PICPA-SMMC’s Official Facebook page at “PICPA Southern Metro Manila Chapter – SMMC.”

Congratulations!

SMMC holds 3rd virtual BOD meeting

The SMMC Board of Directors held its monthly meeting last September 8, 2020, via Zoom led by our able Chapter President Crisse U. See. We thank CD Asia, QNE Software, and Roxas Cruz Tagle and Co. for being our September webinars sponsors.



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SMMC announces the list of winners of the 15 day access to CD-Asia tax library

Congratulations to all winners during our September 2020 webinars!

Sept. 12 AM

1. Jerika Chua
2. Giselle Magboo
3. Nelia Mabuti

Sept. 12 PM

1. Maria Cristina Odon
2. Teresita Sy
3. Ryan Ronquillo

Sept. 17

1. Eumell Alexis Pale
2. Donna May Apostol
3. Baby Jean Caringal

Sept. 19

1. Sarinah Lou Mendiola
2. Cheyenne Christine Villamor
3. Precious Joyce Alzate

Sept. 26

1. Ma. Lourdes Buensuceso
2. Noemi Landagan
3. Argel del Puso

Sept. 28 AM

1. Allyses Leyra
2. Heidi Pascua
3. Jeric Martin Tasipit

Sept. 28 PM

1. Eidta Encarnacion
2. Marilou Tanael
3. Eufrocina Concepcion

Sept. 30

1. James Edward Balea
2. Ruel Mandigma
3. Ma. Elena Litao



Webinars Conducted

Date	Seminar	Speaker
September 12, 2020	VAT Issues of Local Suppliers to PEZA Entities and Input VAT Refund	Atty. Willie B. Santiago
September 12, 2020	Leading with Purpose and Influence for Today's Accountants	Mr. Marco Antonio R. Danga
September 17, 2020	Comparison of Expanded Withholding Tax Rules of Top Withholding Agents and Ordinary Taxpayers	Atty. Willie B. Santiago
September 19, 2020	Budgeting & Forecasting under the New Norm	Ms. Rosemary D. de Mesa
September 26, 2020	Fraud: Know It Before It Knows You!	Ms. Rosemary D. de Mesa
September 28, 2020	Audit Considerations for the Impact of COVID-19 and Other Extraordinary Events	Mr. Eric J. Magcale
September 28, 2020	Differences Between Tax and Accounting Rules	Mr. Aaron C. Escartin
September 29, 2020	What's Up BIR?	Mr. Vic C. Gudani
September 30, 2020	Taxation of Expats and OFWs due to COVID-19 Disruption Explained	Ms. Menchie M. Marcos

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