GSPE Hosts MATHCOUNTS Competition

The Guam Society of Professional Engineers sponsored the MATHCOUNTS Guam State competition on Saturday, March 23. Approximately 44 students from six middle schools advanced to this round to compete for the opportunity to participate in the national competition in Washington, DC, May 13-14.

Congratulations to the mathletes and coach who will represent the Guam team!

- Brayden Blas - St. Anthony Catholic School
- Haoming Chen - Harvest Christian Academy
- Junnan Chen - Harvest Christian Academy
- Noah Kim - St. John’s School
- Rebecca Leon Guerrero (coach) - St. John’s School.

UOG Welcomes New Dean of School of Engineering

The University of Guam welcomes its new Dean of the School of Engineering, Dr. Hiroshan Hettiarachchi, P.E. Hettiarachchi comes to Guam from Michigan where he practiced as an independent sustainability consultant focusing on circular economy, waste management, and geotechnical engineering issues, according to a news release.

Hettiarachchi holds a PHD in civil engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, a master of science in soil engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand, and a bachelor of science in civil engineering from the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka. He offers over 25 years of diverse experience in academic/industry/research settings and new program development.

He brings diverse and international workplace experiences to UOG. Before his consulting work in Michigan, he was at the United Nations as a professor and the Head of Waste (Resources) Management Unit at the United Nations University.
Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) in Dresden, Germany. At UNU-FLORES he established a sustainability-related doctoral program in integrated management of water, soil, and waste.

"We look forward to Dr. Hettiarachchi’s leadership as our School of Engineering serves a growing number of engineering majors and as it continues to develop pathways to employment for our graduates with industry partners," said UOG President Anita Borja Enriquez. From its first set of 12 civil engineering graduates in December 2021, UOG now has 182 declared civil engineering majors. Read more.

**Concerns Raised Over Temporary Power**

With the passage of Bill 206-37, legislation intended to avoid delays in the procurement of temporary power for Guam, the local power utility now appeals to the attorney general for a swift review of a temporary power contract and says it will work collaboratively for a positive outcome, *The Guam Daily Post* reports.

According to the Guam Power Authority, the Public Utilities Commission has expressed its support to expeditiously approve the contract so that work can begin to bring the temporary power online. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed Bill 206 into law just a day after its passage.

Although the contract hasn't been awarded, GPA has chosen Aggreko to be the vendor for the temporary power project. In addition to 20 megawatts of temporary power, GPA negotiated for the repair of up to 18 existing Yigo diesel units which may restore up to 20 MW of additional generation capacity. The contract is expected to cost $25 million over two years.

GPA wants to bring in temporary power to bridge generation needs until the new Ukudu power plant is commissioned in Dededo and to mitigate load shedding in the summer months, when energy demand historically increases. Read more.

**Guam Licensing News**

**Annual PE License Renewals**

The Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors recently announced that annual registration for licensees will expire on April 30.

Access more information about the renewal process and registration fees here. Registrants can renew online and also access digital certificates and pocket registration cards through the Professionals Dashboard.

**Licensing Board Meeting**
The board will hold its next board meeting on **Thursday, May 9**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

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NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—“Workability Wednesdays”—to support members with their professional development goals. The first webinars of the spring season will take place on **April 3**—NSPE’s Board of Ethical Review Presents: The Duty to Act; **April 17**—Second Best Protection Against Risk; and **May 1**—Enhancing Building Safety: Mitigating Risks of Slip, Trips, and Falls (Celebration of National Building Safety Month).

Additional presentations will take place in May and June. Register now at [NSPE’s PE Institute](#) and invite a colleague to attend.

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The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee has released new documents - EJCDC® E-580, Teaming Agreement to Pursue Joint Professional Services Opportunity and EJCDC® E-590, Joint Venture Agreement for Professional Services (2024 editions). NSPE members will receive a 50% discount on the EJCDC documents.

The E-580, Teaming Agreement to Pursue Joint Professional Services Opportunity is intended for a collaboration between two design firms that have decided to join together to pursue an opportunity to obtain work. The E-590, Joint Venture Agreement for Professional Services is a contract document in which two or more design firms agree to join together to provide specific professional services to a third party.

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