

First SPLE in Bahrain A Success

The Philippine Embassy and POLO-OWWA in Bahrain successfully conducted the first Special Professional Licensure Examination (SPLE) on August 24-26, 2018 at the Philippine School Bahrain (PSB) in A'Ali, Kingdom of Bahrain.



Dir. Jane R. Seveses of PRC holds a briefing among the examinees a day prior to the actual examination dates

A total of 231 examinees from fifteen (15) professional fields including Architecture, Certified Public Accountant, Civil Engineer, Dentist, Electrical Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Electronics Technician, Environmental Planner, Geodetic Engineer, Master Electrician, Master Plumber, Nurse, Mechanical Engineer, Elementary Education and Secondary Education took the grueling examination..

Two officers of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Jane R. Seveses and Rosewyndaluz G. Gascon, OIC-Director of Planning Management and Finance Services and Board Secretary, respectively, supervised the conduct of the SPLE. The two noted the smooth and problem-free conduct of the SPLE considering that this was the first time that it was held in Bahrain.



Labor Attaché Vicente M. Cabe of POLO-Bahrain (4th from left) was flanked by PRC and proctors coming from the Philippine Embassy, POLO and PSB

A total of twenty-seven (27) room watchers/ proctors and seven (7) support personnel mostly composed of Philippine Embassy and POLO-OWWA staff and PSB teachers were involved in managing the conduct of the three-day SPLE which regularly started at 8:00 AM and ended at 6:00 PM. The said personnel were vanguards in upholding the integrity of the SPLE at all times.



PRC's Jane Seveses and Rosewyndaluz Gascon validates the documents of an examinee a day before the actual SPLE

Prior to the actual SPLE, all examinees attended the Document Validation and Issuance of Notice of Admission on August 21-22, 2018 at the Philippine Embassy. They were thoroughly briefed of the mechanics of the examination and the set of behavior expected of examinees.



HE Alfonso A. Ver, Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, poses with staff of PRC, POLO and PSB during the conduct of SPLE at the Philippine School Bahrain in A'Ali

The first to be held in the country, Bahrain becoming a testing center is the initiative of H.E. Alfonso A. Ver, Ambassador of the Philippines to Bahrain and Vicente M. Cabe, Labor Attaché of the Philippine Overseas

Labor Office-Bahrain (POLO-Bahrain), in response to the increasing demand of many professional groups to afford skilled Filipino workers the opportunity to acquire professional licenses. This is likewise a pro-active move inasmuch as the Government

of the Kingdom of Bahrain plans to institute stricter regulations for those without the appropriate professional licenses and credentials.

The Philippine Professional Organization (PPO), the umbrella organization of all professional groups headed by its Chairman, Michael D. Lapeña, partnered with the Post



in making the SPLE a success through the review of the examinees' documents, massive information dissemination, coaching applicants in registering online and in holding review classes and refresher courses among the examinees.

PPO Officers headed by Michael Lapeña assisted the examinees during the Document Validation scheduled on August 21-22, 2018

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