

# FAOPMA Member News

The latest in happenings and events from the Associations in our region

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## AUSTRALIA

### **D**ue to the COVID-19 pandemic, the biennial conference of the Australian Environmental Pest Managers

Association was cancelled in 2020. As Australia has had no significant local disease transmission for some weeks, a face to face event is planned for this year. This will occur over 22-24 September and to be held at the Star Casino, Gold Coast, Qld. More details can be seen on Page 41 of this issue or go to: <https://aepma.com.au/conference>. ■

## CHINA

### **T**he Chinese Pest Control Association's (CPCA) annual conference was held in the city of Chengdu from April 1st to April 4th.

The conference highlights include the keynote speech by Dr. Zhang Wenhong, who is the leading expert in the fight against COVID-19 in China. A large exhibit that showcases the latest products and services in the pest management industry in China was present, as well we many technical and educational sessions. For more information, please contact: [pioneer@cpca.cn](mailto:pioneer@cpca.cn)

CPCA hosted an essay competition titled "The Weikang Cup" from December 2020 to February

2021. There were 118 essay entrants, which consist of 84 academic papers and 34 essays on general topics related to the pest management industry in China. The competition is intended to encourage knowledge sharing and improve professionalism.

CPCA hosted a national PCO technical competition in December 2020. Competition included entomological knowledge, technical skills, and live question and answer sessions. ■

*Report provided by Mr Pascal Cai.*

## PAKISTAN

### **T**he Structural Pest Management Group of Pakistan along with the C-Shine Group hosted a webinar on Fly Management in

24 March 2021. The focus was on fly management in restaurants. Speakers included:

- Aamer Rafique Qureshi, Chairmen Pakistan Restaurants Unity Association,
- Tahir Rashid, Director of Sales, Brandenburg, UK,
- M. Shoaib, Head of Quality Assurance, KFC, Pakistan,
- Laraib Shoaib, Assistant Manager Quality, MacDonalds, Pakistan,
- Rizwan Akmal, Manager Operations, Gloria

Jean's Coffee, Pakistan, and,

- M. Nadeem, Cluster Hygiene Managers, Gulf Hotel, Bahrain Convention & Spa.

The following depicts some images from the event. ■

Images provided by Ms Saima Gondal.

**Invitation of International WEBINAR on Fly Management**

C-SHINE GROUP is organizing an international Webinar on **"Importance of Fly Control in Restaurant environment"** With collaboration of Brandenburg UK, virtual session on zoom.

**24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 02:30 - 04:30pm**

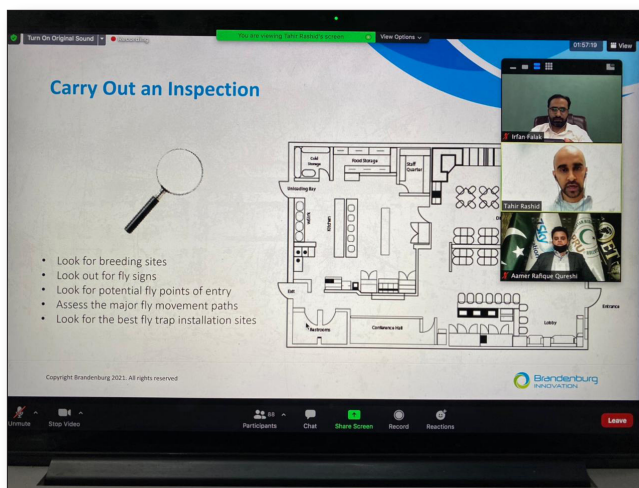
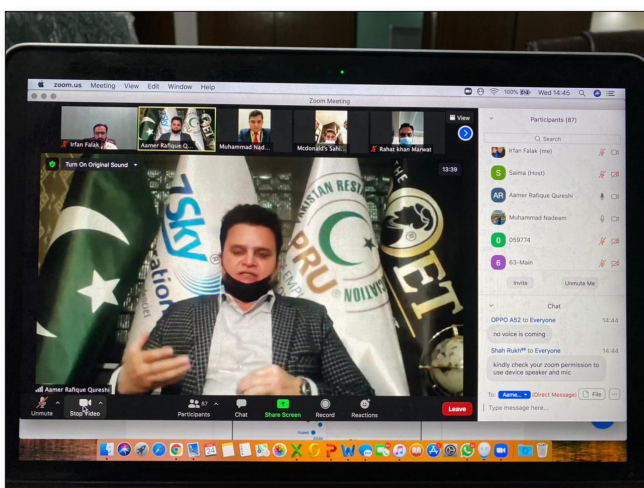
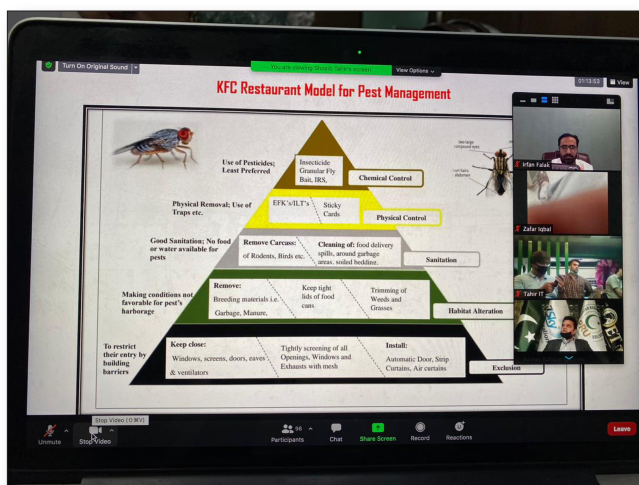
Kindly Send us the name & Email Id's of Participants from your company.

**Your Participation will be Helpful for your company to learn about:**

- Fly Management
- How to Reduce risk of Fly's Contamination
- What need to upgrade in fly management at your site
- Why it is Necessary to have fly Control knowledge

**Speakers**

<b>Amer Raufique Qureshi</b> Chairman Pakistan Restaurants Unity Association	<b>Tahir Rashid</b> Director Sales Brandenburg UK	<b>M. Shoab</b> Head of Quality Assurance KFC Pakistan	<b>Laraiib Shoab</b> Assistant Manager Quality MacDonald's Pakistan	<b>Rizwan Akmal</b> Manager Operations Gloria Jean's Coffee Pakistan	<b>M. Nadeem</b> Cluster Hygiene Manager Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa



## PHILIPPINES

### PEAP After Four Decades

Traversing a memory lane which expands four decades, Pest Exterminators Association of the Philippines (PEAP) reminisces and realize how it persisted to grow and progress over the years.

Numerous words can describe the success story of PEAP since its inception in 1979, but only one word seems fit to capture everything it had endured – “transitions.” Defined as a “*passage from one stage to another*,” PEAP features a humble beginning and a bumpy ride in between, until it reached this point where every facet of its systems and operations reflects the remarkable metamorphosis that has taken place over the years. I say remarkable metamorphosis because the breadth of progress was beyond the pioneers’ envisioned feats!

In terms of training, the Association transitioned from a singular domain of learning to a plethora of topics varying from technical skills development trainings, psycho education seminar-workshops, leadership and management courses, and pedagogy of valued soft skills in entrepreneurial organizations. Same is true with its use of online and web-based facilities. Moving from the traditional face to face interactions and paper-driven strategies to advertise its programs and services, PEAP upgraded to fully utilize the technological resources our post-modern society offers. So now, it does not come as a surprise to find PEAP in various social media platforms.

Correspondingly, inclusion of automated processes and systems have likewise become evident in the development of the Association.

This change is part of the paradigm shift it attempts to convey so that services rendered will radiate an effective and efficient member-oriented organization.

With a developed mindset dedicated to quality service, PEAP people have displayed active engagement to community outreach programs as shown by their consistent participation in socio-civic activities and volunteer work focused on advocacies promoting health and sanitation. Membership expansion has likewise exhibited remarkable change in the past decades. This change implies increasing membership, consequently, fiscal boost. As a result, programs, and activities the Association planned yearly were successfully carried out given sufficient funding and manpower assistance. Notwithstanding, outstanding evaluation results gleaned from the feedback of program participants.

Over-all, PEAP has gone a long way in every aspect of its existence. Henceforth, uncertainties of the future remain unmerited to vanquish PEAP’s spirit of resolute commitment to move beyond the borders of distinction. PEAP of the past, the present, and the future will continue its legacy as the prime pest exterminators’ association in the Philippines! Mabuhay ang PEAP.

The current leadership of PEAP for calendar year 2021-2022 includes the following Officers and Board of Directors: Clark Henry P. De Paz (President), Michael M. Clemente (Vice President), Hermogenes G. Culminas (Secretary), Cescar M. Siy (Treasurer), Christian B. Berry (Auditor), Giovanni L. Villela (PRO), Randel T. Porras (Sgt. At Arms); Maria Carmelita L. Lopez (Board of Director); Angelo Jason L. Roa Yu (Board of



Director), Allan John S. Vergara (Board of Director), Adlai Jan G. Jawid (Board of Director), Miraflor A. Cabalan (Board of Director); and Gilbert Q. Umali (Board of Director).

### PEAP New President

Mr. De Paz, joined the PEAP in 2013 and has held several positions including Secretary, Vice President, and now President. Mr. De Paz is also a Board of trustee of the United Pest Management Association of the Philippines Inc. (TUPMAPI). Currently, He is the Consultant, and Managing Partner of Briones Pest Control Services, a family owned-business back by 17 years of experience in pest control industry which campaigns that providing a greener & safety methodology will help protect the public health, same as to the technical working personnel of a pest control operator.



**Mr. Clark Henry P. De Paz** (Philippines)  
Pest Exterminators Association of the  
Philippines Inc (PEAP)

## SINGAPORE

### Singapore introduces a Code of Practice (COP) For Vector Control Operators, Technicians and Workers

The National Environment Agency (NEA) in Singapore has published a Code of Practice (COP) for the Vector Control Operators, Technicians and Workers in October 2020. The COP was developed in consultation with the Singapore Pest

Management Association (SPMA).

This COP will guide practitioners to comply with the Control of Vectors and Pesticides Act and its subsidiary legislation in Singapore, as it spells out the roles and responsibilities of a Vector Control Operator (generally known as pest control/ management company) and its personnel (Vector Control Technician and Worker). It also highlights the registration, licensing and certification requirements for Vector Control Operators, Technicians and Workers.

Being the first edition, the objectives of this COP are to:

- Provide a guide to individuals working in the vector control industry;
- Promote safe and professional practices when carrying out vector control work;
- Minimise detrimental impact to humans, animals and the environment arising from improper vector control work;
- Define best practices of a professional vector management programme; and
- Provide a reference guide for service buyers seeking professional pest control services

Key components in the new COP include:

- Pesticide application guidelines and safety measures;
- Usage, disposal, storage and transport of registered pesticides;
- Process flow of professional vector control services using Integrated Pest Management (IPM); and
- Providing sample reports of service, surveillance, site surveys and checklists.

All Vector Control Operators, Technicians and Workers in Singapore are encouraged to adopt the guidelines and best practices stated in the COP when carrying out vector control works.

The publication of the COP would not have been possible without the valuable inputs from the SPMA council and industry experts, and the cooperation between the NEA and SPMA. The COP is available on NEA's website [here](#). ■

*Report provided by Hazel Lim.*