PMI's National Conference focuses on 'Project Management for Sustainable Competitive Advantage'

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Chennai, September 29th, 2012: Project Management National Conference 2012 was a three-day professional development event, conducted by Project Management Institute (PMI) India and hosted by PMI Chennai Chapter & PMI Kerala Chapter. The theme of this conference was "Project Management for Sustainable Competitive Advantage". The conference gave an opportunity for Project Management Practitioners across industries, government, NGOs etc., to exchange ideas on the challenges and emerging trends in projects that are contributing to national objectives.

The three-day event showcased various facets of Project Management and highlighted its role in transforming business and society through several illustrious speakers like Mr. Mark Langley President and CEO, PMI , Dr. E. Sreedharan, Principal Advisor to DMRC, LLC, Mr. Vineet Nayar, Vice Chairman & CEO HCL Technologies, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder, Art of Living Foundation, Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO & Managing Director DMICDC Limited, Dr. V Sumantran, Executive Vice Chairman, Hinduja Automotive, Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan, Vice Chairman of Cognizant, Ms. Deena Levine, Principal of Deena Levine & Associates and International humanitarian leader, Mr. Alexei Levene, Catalyst, International Institute of Social Entrepreneurs

The prestigious Project Management Awards were also given out at the conference to distinguish achievements by organizations in the project management field. These awards recognize and honor a project team that has delivered superior results through exemplary application of project management principles. Awards for Best project of the year were given out in four categories and award winners are as follows:

1. Best Project of the Year - Long Term Duration (More than 3 years) was awarded to 'Koteshwar Hydro Electric Project (KHEP) 400MW, Uttarakhand' - THDC India Limited
2. Best Project of the Year - Medium Term Duration (1 to 3 years) was awarded to 'Gujarat Solar Park' - Gujarat Power Corporation Limited
3. Best Project of the Year - Short Term Duration (Less than 1 year) was awarded to 'DELL ICC Expansion Project' - CBRE South Asia Pvt Ltd
4. Best Project of the Year – Contribution to the Community was awarded to 'Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiar Higher Secondary School' - SEVALAYA

Speaking on the sidelines of the conference, Mr. Raj Kalady, MD PMI (India) said, "The objective of the conference was to help organizations understand the benefits of following and developing project management practices to gain a competitive edge. The content of conference was focused on educating companies on the importance of having trained and professionally qualified project managers. We are thrilled that the conference met a huge response of more than 1000 delegates from across industries which makes this conference the biggest so far. The Conference targeted Project Managers from Public and Private sectors, Leaders, Executives, Functional Managers, Human Resource Managers, Team Leaders and Members and Project Management Executives, Consultants, Planners, Engineers and

Architects sharing their views on aspects of project management in their fields. The theme of the conference aimed to arrive at a comprehensive approach in going beyond the limits of just producing efficient goods and services. This will give a fillip to aspirant project managers, and companies that aim to promote project management processes in their companies."

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