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For : **REGIONAL COORDINATORS
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS
PICE MEMBERS**

Subject : **PICE VISMA (VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP OF STUDENTS VIA MENTORING OR APPRENTICESHIP) PROGRAM**

Greetings from the PICE National Board of Directors and PICE Student Affairs Committee!

COVID-19 closed our schools in all levels. Now is the time to act and help continue learning for our future engineers in the new normal. We would like to encourage you to join the PICE VISMA (Virtual Internship of Students via Mentoring or Apprenticeship) program, and become a frontliner for Civil Engineering Education.

The PICE VISMA program is an alternative learning activity and a substitute to our conventional Practicum or OJT course in the Civil Engineering curriculum during this time of pandemic. Guidance is provided by a mentor, an experienced person and a new system of training a new generation of practitioner. A PICE volunteer will be allowed to mentor a maximum of 3 groups at a time (per semester or quarter) thru a direct engagement with the school, faculty coordinator and the students. The set-up will be a work from home scheme wherein mentors may orient, show, lecture or discuss professional practice or work with the students thru online platforms. The idea here is for professional engineers to share their work experience and professional practice to students. The learning activity shall be a supplement to what students learn in the curriculum. The learning activities shall be approved by the mentor and the school coordinator.

The PICE VISMA program will help civil engineering students to continue learning in the new normal. To start it, we are looking for PICE members to volunteer and become a mentor. The list of PICE VISMA MENTORS will be submitted to CHED and schools for them to include the VISMA program.

We encourage all our chapters to include the VISMA program in your Student Affairs committee initiatives.

Hurry, volunteer now, many students are waiting for you to mentor them in their on-the-job training (OJT) or Practicum course.

Volunteers shall earn recognition from PICE and credit units under the PRC CPD program.

Let us all work together for the success of this endeavour. Thank you for the continued support to the plans and programs of the Institute.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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