

PPO-UAE inducts the 2026 Officers at the Grand Continental Hotel, sets the Strategic Goals under “L.E.A.D.E.R.S. in Action”

Abu Dhabi, UAE — The Philippine Professional Organization – United Arab Emirates formally inducted its 2026 officers during its Leaders’ Night and Induction Ceremony held at the Grand Continental Hotel in Abu Dhabi, outlining a structured and strategic roadmap for the year ahead.

The evening commenced with registration, followed by a musical opening salvo by Mr. Rafael Carlos, who serenaded the dashing leaders of PPO-UAE and set a celebratory yet dignified tone for the program. The ceremony was led by Master of Ceremonies Mr. Ernie Navarro, who guided the formal proceedings. An invocation followed, inviting reflection before the keynote address.

PPO-UAE Chairman Mr. Lyndon Magsino, CPA, CIA, EMBA, delivered his opening remarks, emphasizing that the gathering represented more than a ceremonial transition.

“This evening is more than a formal gathering. It is a celebration of commitment. A celebration of service. And most importantly, a celebration of leadership in action,” Chairman Magsino said.

PPO-UAE is the umbrella organization of 23 Filipino professional associations across the UAE, representing approximately 7,000+ active licensed professionals and a broader network exceeding 50,000+ including the inactive members. The organization works closely with the Philippine Professional Regulatory Commission, in coordination with the Philippine Embassy, the Philippine Consulate General, and the Migrant Workers Office, for the conduct of the Special Professional Licensure Examinations in the UAE. This initiative enables Overseas Filipino Workers to secure or renew their professional licenses without returning to the Philippines.

Chairman Magsino presented the 2026 theme, **“L.E.A.D.E.R.S. in Action: Empowering the Filipino Professionals in the UAE to be globally competitive and internationally recognized,”** represents a commitment to purposeful and measurable leadership.

“Our theme is not just a slogan. It is a call to purpose. It is a reminder that leadership is not defined by title, but by impact. Not by position, but by contribution. And not by recognition, but by responsibility,” he stated.

He further affirmed the global standing of Filipino professionals. “As Filipino professionals in the UAE, we stand on a global stage. Tonight, we affirm that we are not only contributors. We are leaders.”

Central to Chairman’s address was the presentation of PPO-UAE’s 2026 Strategic Goals under the **L.E.A.D.E.R.S.** framework:

- L** – Licensure Examinations and enhancing the Board Examinations (SPLEs) in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.
- E** – Events and delivering impactful programs that unite and elevate Filipino professionals.
- A** – Accreditation with the UAE Authorities and collaboration with other Filipino umbrella organizations.
- E** – Examinations, sustaining and enhancing the Special Professional Licensure Examinations in the UAE.
- D** – Development for both personal and professional growth.
- E** – Executive Educations, delivering transformational programs to elevate the Filipino professionals.
- R** – Relationships, deepening partnerships with Philippine and UAE institutions and industry stakeholders.
- S** – Social Responsibility, promoting service initiatives that benefit both the Filipino community and the broader society.

The highlight of the evening was the Oath Taking Ceremony, administered by Consul General Arvic V. Arevalo, who formally inducted the 2026 officers into office. In his congratulatory message, he reminded attendees of their broader responsibility.

“Continue to embody the best qualities of Filipino professionals. Remember that you represent more than yourselves and more than this respected organization. You represent a proud people in a great nation, our motherland and ating bayang Pilipinas,” Consul General Arevalo said.

The inducted officers of PPO-UAE 2026 are:

- Mr. Lyndon Magsino, Chairman (PICPA-Dubai)
- Mr. Red Cloud Capuyan, Sr. Vice Chairman (PNA UAE)
- Engr. Jason Lee, Vice Chairman (PICE- UAE)
- Dr. Sherwin Paul Reyes, Secretary (IPAO UAE)
- Engr. Rey Guballa, Assistant Secretary- (PSME- Auh)
- Engr. Justin Francis Victoria, Treasurer- (SAEP- MEA)
- Dr. Geraldine De Jesus, Assistant Treasurer (Pinoy Vets - UAE)
- Engr. Jose Cruzat Jr. III, Membership Officer (IIEE- Auh)
- Mr. Ernie Navarro, Assistant Membership Officer (NOPTI UAE)
- Ms. Mildred Nuez, Audit Committee (PICPA-AUH)
- Ms. Maria Jaqueline Gonzales, Audit Committee (PICPA Dubai)
- Mr. Warren Dy, Audit Committee (PICPA NE)
- Engr. Mary Lyn Tabasan, Audit (PiChe UAE)
- Ms. Catherine Hermosa, Head of Finance and Administration (PICPA- Dubai)
- Ms. Christine Filomeno, Head of Partnerships and Sponsorships (PICPA- Dubai)
- Ms. Anna Lyne Cariño, Head of Website Development and Social Media (PICPA-Dubai)

During the evening, Mr. Rafael Lontoc, 2025 PPO-UAE Chairman, presented the 2025 PPO year, highlighting the steady growth and strengthened institutional foundation achieved during his term.

Special acknowledgment was also given to Ms. Catherine Hermosa, Head of Finance and Administration, for spearheading and organizing the event, ensuring a seamless and professionally executed ceremony.

The event was formally closed by Mr. Red Cloud Capuyan, 2026 PPO-UAE Senior Vice Chairman, calling on members to remain united, engaged, and committed to the organization’s mission.

The evening concluded with fellowship and networking, marking the beginning of a structured, service driven, and strategically aligned 2026 for PPO-UAE.

Leadership, as emphasized throughout the night, is not ceremonial. It is operational. In 2026, PPO-UAE leads in action.