



Republic of the Philippines  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Manila

Resolution No. 2016- 992  
Series of 2016

**CANCELLING AND NULLIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 2015 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS HELD IN JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission) is mandated under Section 7(a) of Republic Act No. 8981 (PRC Modernization Act of 2000) to administer, implement, and enforce the regulatory policies of the national government with respect to the regulation and licensing of various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is mandated under Section 7(d) of the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 to adopt measures to preserve the integrity and inviolability of licensure examinations in the exercise of its function to establish and maintain a high standard of admission to the practice of all professions and ensure the integrity of its licensure examinations;

**WHEREAS**, there were reports of alleged irregularities in the Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examination (MELE) in Jeddah, K.S.A. held on 24-25 September 2015 which were initially validated by Dr. Lucila F. Tibigar, Consultant for Test Construction and Statistics for the Commission, due to the high probability that there was human intervention which facilitated the high passing percentage in the testing center in Jeddah;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission created a Fact-Finding Committee under Resolution No. 2016-984 dated 16 May 2016 to investigate alleged irregularities in the conduct of the Special Professional Licensure Board Examination (SPLBE) on Mechanical Engineering held on 24-25 September 2015 in Jeddah, K.S.A.;

**WHEREAS**, the Fact-Finding Committee resolved to recommend to the Commission, among others, the nullification and cancellation of the MELE held on 24-25 September 2015 in Jeddah, K.S.A.;

**WHEREAS**, in a Resolution dated 14 June 2016, the Professional Regulatory Board of Mechanical Engineering adopted the recommendation of the Fact-Finding Committee and resolved to cancel/nullify the results of the MELE held on 24-25 September 2015 in Jeddah, K.S.A.;

**WHEREFORE**, on motion duly seconded, the Commission **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to cancel and nullify the results of the 24-25 September 2015 SPLBE on Mechanical Engineering held in Jeddah, K.S.A.

Let copies of this Resolution be posted at the PRC official website, and furnished the Office of the President, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Foreign Affairs, relevant Philippine Embassies, Consulates, Overseas Labor Offices, and Filipino professional organizations of mechanical engineers in the Middle East.

Done in the City of Manila this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.  
Chairman

ANGELINE T. CHUA CHIACO  
Commissioner

YOLANDA D. REYES  
Commissioner