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Constitution of the PMI® Ecuador Chapter

On Thursday, June 25 was held in Quito - Ecuador, the legal constitution of the PMI® Ecuador Chapter. The event was attended by the founding members and professionals involved in the project management community.

During the ceremony, 42 founding members signed the Act of Constitution of the Chapter. The legal statutes were also approved and the Board of Directors was elected.



According to Enrique Ledesma PMP®, the initiative to create the chapter began in 1997 when Bill Ruggles, president of PMI at the time, visited Ecuador. The chapter has achieved four steps of five set by the PMI®. The current status is called “potential” chapter. The official launch is scheduled for September 17.



Dr. Jeff Pinto

Dr. Jeff Pinto attended as special guest at the event and gave a keynote speech on „project governance“. The event also had the participation of sponsors such as: Comware, InnovaSys Corporation Elite and TenStep Ecuador.

According to Ledesma *"The creation of the Chapter increases the visibility of the profession as an agent of change in organizations and enables to achieve strategic objectives by adopting the best practices. For project managers, the Chapter seeks to increase the value of certification, to promote their professional development and to disseminate the code of professional ethics."*

Ecuador in numbers

According to the latest statistics, in Ecuador there are over 250 PMI® members, more than 100 PMP®, 1 CAPM® and there are 68 members in Chapter.



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