

NED ALUMNI KONNECTION

In the name of ALLAH (SWT), the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TRI-STATE (NEDATS)

Message from General Secretary

Dear Fellow Alumni;

Assalam-o-Allaikum,

We hope that you and your families enjoyed the summer.

We were thrilled to see our members and their families during the NEDATS organized Eid Milan Party and fundraising dinner for flood victims in Pakistan. The events were successful and had huge turnouts. In addition to NEDATS members, a large number of non-member NED alumni along with their families also attended these programs. We want to express our gratitude to everyone who attended these events. The photos of Eid Milan party are posted on our website for your view (<http://www.nedats.org/Gallery.html>).

As announced earlier, to celebrate the season of Hajj and Eid, our next alumni family get-together is arranged for Saturday, December 4, 2010. Invitation has already been sent to you. Please reply to the invite at your earliest convenience.

It would help us in making arrangements. We would love to see you at the dinner, but if for some reason you are not planning to attend, please let us know. Your RSVP may take only one minute but it can help us save valuable contributions from being wasted with overbooking. If planning to attend, please do not forget to mail your checks clearly indicating your name and number of people attending with you. We would appreciate your help in better planning of the event.

Major program in the planning stages is the NED Alumni Annual Convention which will be hosted by NEDATS next year. As we have more details we will keep you informed.

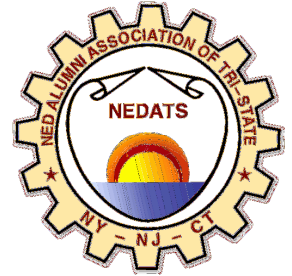
We are extending the deadline for filing NEDATS scholarship which is now December 15, 2010. This is decided because many members requested to extend the deadline. Interested individuals, please send in your application along with the required documents at your earliest convenience. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.nedats.org/Programs.html>.

We request your active participation in the activities of your own organization. With your involvement we can take this organization to the next level where we can arrange more effective and beneficial programs for our alumni and alma mater.

Last but not the least, do not forget that you are our best judge, so please be generous in criticizing when we fail and gracious when we deliver.

Jazakum Allaahu Khayran. WasSalam

Anas Hashmi



NED Alumni Association of Tri-State

Wishing all NEDIANs and their families a happy and blessed EID

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Hajj Mabroor to all NEDIANs and friends who perform Hajj this year

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Eid Milan Party 2010

NED Alumni living in the Tri-State area have a long tradition of jointly celebrating Eid festivities. This year all Eid gatherings were combined under the umbrella of NEDATS. Almost 300 people gathered on September 25, 2010 to celebrate the Eid Festival at the Holiday Inn in Edison, New Jersey. Alumni as far as from Buffalo, NY, Hartford, CT and Eastern parts of Pennsylvania attended the Eid Milan party with their fellow NEDians and their families.



Guests were welcomed by the MC of the program Asaad Shamsi. Children played an important role in the program which included recitation and translation of Holy Quran followed by the children's speeches about the importance of Eid. Afterwards, President of NEDATS Arshad Rizvi gave a brief update on the recent activities and the upcoming programs being sponsored by the association. Edhi foundation's New York office Manager, Mr. Shabbir Chaudhry was invited to receive the check for the funds raised for the flood victims in Pakistan. On behalf



of Edhi Foundation, he assured that all the money will be immediately dispersed to help the people in the flood affected areas in Pakistan.



After the speeches, children participated in a quiz program which was enjoyed by all the guests. Later, guests enjoyed the delicious dinner which was followed by a musical program organized by members of NEDATS, which included performances, by Tamiz Farooqi, Kashif Zafar and Asaad Shamsi. Eid goodies were distributed to all the families. Most importantly, all guests enjoyed the company of their fellow NEDians and their families and had a wonderful time.



Fundraising by NEDATS for Flood Victims of Pakistan

NED Alumni Association of Tri-State (NEDATS) organized a fund raising dinner for the people affected by the recent floods in Pakistan. This event was held in New Jersey during the month of Ramadan. With generous contributions from NED alumni and their friends and families, NEDATS was able to raise \$91,250. The members and their families showed great solidarity with their fellow Pakistani brothers and sisters affected by the recent floods.

We pray to Allah (SWT) to protect the affected citizens from any future calamities and help them rebuild their lives. We encourage all of you to please remember to keep donating to this noble cause as the affected people are still in dire need of your generosity.

Allah (SWT) says in Surrah Al-Ankabut:

"And argue not with the People of the Book, except in the best way, unless it be with them who do wrong. And say to them we believe in the revelation which has come down to us and that which has come down to you, and your God and our God is one: and it is Him we submit" (29:46)



NEDIAN – MAKING A DIFFERENCE *By Anas Hashmi*

Ashraf Habibullah, Engineer and Entrepreneur, is Founder, President, and CEO of Computers and Structures, Inc. (CSI), based in Berkeley, California. In 1969, he graduated from then NED Engineering College, Karachi and received his Masters Degree in structural engineering from University of California at Berkeley in 1970.

Ashraf Habibullah has co-created the first structural engineering software for PCs and has led the development of CSI products for over three decades. He and CSI are considered as pioneering leaders in the development of software tools for structural and earthquake engineering and are gold standard in structural and earthquake engineering software since the company was founded in 1975. A user base spanning 170 countries, CSI develops and markets the most analytically-

sophisticated software for use in designing buildings, bridges, dams, towers and other man-made structures to withstand the forces of nature – such as earthquakes, winds, and hurricanes. Over the years, CSI has pioneered many developments in algorithms for structural engineering and finite element analysis technology that have not only saved lives but also solved problems that engineers had struggled with for decades.

CSI products are the preferred teaching and research tools in over 2000 universities and research organizations, including Berkeley, Stanford, Princeton and MIT. CSI gives away its software to academic institutions in many countries – including Indonesia, Peru, Turkey and Pakistan to aid developing countries in field of Engineering.

Among the recent notable landmark projects designed with CSI products are Freedom Tower in New York (Will be USA's tallest building at 1,776 ft and 105 floors), Burj Khalifa in Dubai (World's tallest Building & Structure at 2,717 ft, more than 160 stories high), Petronas Twin Towers and Tapei 101 Tower (previously world's tallest buildings), World Financial Center in Shanghai, China (China's tallest building with 101 floors), San Francisco Bay Bridge, Panama Canal Crossing Bridge, 2008 Olympics Bird Nest stadium in Beijing, China and many more.

Ashraf Habibullah has been active as an educator, consultant, researcher and speaker, conducting courses and seminars on a multitude of issues, from simple analytical techniques to complex numerical analytical methods.

Smile



Job Interview

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked the young Engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The Engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$75,000 a year, depending on the benefit's package."

The HR Person said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?"

The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow!!! Are you kidding?"

And the HR Person said, "Of course, ...but you started it."

Islamic Lecture and EID Party

(SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010)

Insha'Allah, Eid party will be held on December 4, 2010 at Shahnawaz Palace in Edison, NJ at 6 P.M.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Walid Abdel Wahid

Imam Moustafa Zayed

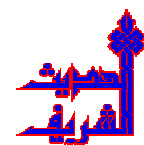
The cost for registered alumni and their immediate family members is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children between the ages of 5 and 9 and children below 5 are free.

The cost for unregistered alumni and any other guest is \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children between the ages of 5 and 9 and children below 5 are free.

Please write your checks in the name of **NED Alumni Association of Tristate** and send it to **NEDATS, 4 Vanderwater Ct., East Brunswick, NJ 08816**.

Rasulullah (peace be upon him) said: Every religion has its special characteristics and the characteristics of Islam is modesty. Transmitted by Abu Dawud

In other narration transmitted by Ahmad and At-Tirmidhi; Rasulullah (peace be upon him) said: Modesty is part of faith, and faith leads to paradise.



NEDATS EVENT CALENDAR

1. Fundraising event for flood victims of Pakistan in September 2010. <Completed>
2. Eid Party in the month of September 2010. <Completed>
3. Organize an Islamic lecture in the month of December 2010. For details, see page 3 of this newsletter "Islamic Lecture and Eid Party".
4. Educational Seminar for PE certification in the month of April 2011. Exact date and location will be announced in the month of February 2011.
5. Full scale Convention in the month of October 2011. Exact date and location will be announced in the month of December 2010.
6. Issue quarterly Newsletter having news from NED, Pakistan, our progress, jokes and any interesting news/article. We encourage, welcome and highly appreciate your brief articles.
7. Meeting members of your own batch is always exciting and memorable. NEDATS will help in organizing batch/class reunions. Any interested group, please contact us.

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REGISTER WITH US

To enjoy and be a part of this organization an alumnus must register. Please encourage your friends and pal to register. To register please, visit our website.

Only registered members will receive information about activities relating to alumni of NED.

Suggestions are welcome: All concept, ideas and suggestions are essential to explore, advance and improve the alumni association. Please e-mail your input.

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