



Name: JOSEPHINE ESGUERRA ABANTO

Nationality: Filipino

Present Position: Director, Corporate Planning and Quality, AAI Holdings Inc.

Areas of specialization/Expertise: Productivity and Quality specifically on Total Quality Management, Quality Circles, 7 QC Tools and Techniques, ISO 9001 Quality Management System, ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System

Educational Qualifications:

- Master in Business Administration (MBA) candidate, passed Written Comprehensive Examinations, University of Sto. Tomas (UST), 1990
- Bachelor in Applied Statistics, Cum Laude, Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), 1984

Professional Experience:

- Director, Corporate Planning and Quality, AAI Holdings, Inc. (Holding company of Airlift Asia Inc) (2011- present)
- Corporate Planning and Quality Manager, Airlift Asia Inc (2006 – 2010)
- Director, Corporate Concerns Office, Development Academy of the Philippines (2002-2005)
- Fellow, Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) (2001-2005)
- SME Productivity Program Head, Productivity & Development Center-DAP (1996-2001)
- Project Officer, Productivity & Development Center – DAP (1987 – 1995)

Major Achievements/publications/projects:

- Initiated the establishment and implementation of Innovation and Quality Circles in AAI Worldwide Logistics Inc (formerly Airlift Asia Inc) in 2014
- Headed the team to prepare AAI for certification to ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 in addition to ISO 9001:2008 certification and successfully passed SGS certification audit in 2010
- Headed the team of management in preparing application report of Airlift Asia Inc (AAI) for Philippine Quality Award (PQA) (2006-2007). To date, AAI is the first and the only logistics company to be awarded the PQA. PQA is the equivalent of Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award of USA.
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Division of Technology, Industry & Economics (DTIE) publication on Asian Retail Sector and Sustainability, – contributed the Country Report on Asian Retail Sector of Philippines, (2005)
- Served as Fellow in Green Productivity Demonstration Project in Selected SMEs (2002-2003)
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) sponsored Pilot Project on ISO 9001 QMS in selected SMEs (2000-2001)
- Served as Fellow to Garments and Textile Export Board (GTEB)-Department of Trade & Industry sponsored Basic Productivity Improvement Program for Selected garment companies (1998-2000)
- Served as one of Philippine Quality Award Assessors (PQA) from (1998-2009)
- Serves as Productivity and Quality initiator/lecturer in current company