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#### REACTION PAPER

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Section: E41	Topic: "The Basics of Good Project Management"
Schedule: 17:00-19:00   W	Speaker: Mr. Richard B. Sy
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### Seminar Speaker

Mr. Richard B. Sy: System and Design and Project Management instructor at Far Eastern University Makati; Systems Development Senior Manager at Golden ABC.

### Background of the Speaker

Having two Bachelor degrees, one of Arts in Behavioral Sciences and another of Science in Commerce, Mr. Richard B. Sy is a highly qualified individual to be the speaker of this seminar. He also Majored in Marketing Management back in 2001 from De La Salle. He came to work as Zuellig Pharmacy's SAP Project Manager, one that participated in handling dengvaxia years of working as a Programmer/Analyst at Accenture, and as an Assistant Project Manager and IT Support Specialist in Hewlett-Packard.

### Introduction

Not only technical knowledge must be learned in becoming a successful computer engineer, but also the ability to handle limited inputs yet still produce a quality output. There is no exact way to manage projects, but all the effective methods involve a lot of discipline, which can also be taught and learned as if another subject.

### Seminar Topic

Just like in one of our courses, project management is defined as the practice of conceptualizing, planning, implementing, and closing a project. The underlying lessons like the critical and basic concepts that ultimately build a good project manager are also detailed in a 2-hour discussion. Mr. Sy explained to us the seminar participants, how he rose to the upper management of the IT industry without a single background in programming. He emphasized how the soft skills needed are the willingness to learn or work together and the passion and determination to do or create something out of a simple idea.

### Insights / Reaction / Reflection

I've always had this question in my mind when thinking and finishing projects: what do other people do that I don't, that makes their projects even just a little better than what I did for mine. I know all about deadlines and guidelines of deliverables, but why does it always happen that I only get this sudden surge of motivation to do work right before deadlines? I can't seem to point out what I'm doing wrong, but listening to Mr. Sy's experiences and actions on how he overcame obstacles while working for various companies made me rethink my life choices. I realize that project management is not only applicable to engineering or programming projects, but also to non-IT, marketing, and even personal projects.

## Official Pictures



*Figure 1. Participants actively listening to Mr. Richard Sy*



*Figure 2. Mr. Richard Sy discussing the importance of being a good project manager*