

A seminar on “Soil Crushing via DEM”

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Summary

A low energy start converted into a powerful presentation over the passage of time. With professional appearance, self explanatory media ads, command on subject and clear presentation of the idea grasped attention of audience. Although less usage of vocal variety and less body movement gave the glimpse of a conventional lecture at number of times, during seminar. He had strong grip on subject and handled a multi-media discrepancy with decency during the presentation. Overall, speaker’s communicational and presentational skills were satisfactory.

Topic and Media

The purpose of the presentation was very clear and for the right audience. Relevant and pinpoint slides made it easier to understand the speaker’s point of view.

Introduction, Body and Conclusion

Speaker developed the credibility of the topic through introduction and well explained the main idea, addressed core issue and terminated with a strong conclusion.

Appearance and Body Language

A good impression of professional look was little faded due to low energy level of the speaker particularly in the beginning of speech. Although he gained momentum with the passage of time but there was a very little body movement apart from the few occasions when he moved to explain from slides. The eye contact with audience was fairly good. And most importantly, at couple of time speaker seemed a little shaky because he inserted both hands in his pockets (That was a defensive gesture).

Vocal variety and Controls over Voice filters

Almost through the entire presentation, monotonic style of delivery was adopted by the speaker. There was no vocal variety, perhaps it was due to the fact that speaker was exhausted or it might be his natural style to deliver at the same pitch. At number of times, speaker lost control over voice filters and I think it’s common because of the reason that he was delivering in second language (Originally a Spanish speaker). It is often observed that people loss control over filters while speaking in second language.

Delivery Style

It seemed that presentation was not well practiced before delivery because at various times speaker took long pauses and kept on repeating certain statements again and again until he figured out what to say next. Although it is obvious that such a long speech cannot be memorized but could be practice, indeed. But one of the strong points of the speaker was that he did not read from slides, so it indicates that he was well prepared.

Questions

He handled questions professionally and satisfied audience with his answers and also spared some individual time for one of the audience after the session over.