Assignment 1
"Overview of Facilities Management"

Learning Objectives:

1. To identify your personal experiences and/or perceptions about the term "Facilities Management" in order to set a baseline for the class, and to identify where you see yourself being involved with Facilities Management after graduation.

2. To provide you the opportunity to share an experience with another class member.

Task:

1. In the Forum topic named Facilities Management Information, comment on the following:
   a. Provide some information on your experiences with "Facilities Management." If you are currently working, or have worked, in industry, how does/did Facilities Management affect your job? If you never had a job anywhere, tell us how you think Facilities Management affected your life so far.
   
   b. Read the following definition of a Facility Manager and comment in Forum about how this supports or contradicts your idea of a Facility Manager:
   A facility manager is a management generalist who manages teams of specialists within a company. Facility managers learn about business, interior and architectural design, computers, law, accounting, engineering, and much about the quality of life aspects in the work environment. The facility manager needs to make sure that each specialist on the facility support team is doing his/her job correctly.
   (Source: Department of Apparel, Design, Facility and Hospitality Management College of Human Development and Education North Dakota State University)

   c. Using whatever search methods you choose, find a short definition of a Facility Manager that better fits your understanding or anticipation. Include that definition in your posting, the source from which you got it, and why you like it better.

   d. Also describe what kind of involvement with Facilities Management, if any, you see yourself after completing your Degree.

2. After allowing enough time for the other students to post their comments, reply to another student's posting in the Facilities Management Information topic, commenting on the
similarities or differences with their experiences and yours. **Do not reply to any posting that has two replies unless you have already replied to another**, first come, first served. Feel free to add comments to postings and/or replies after you have fulfilled the requirement. (Click on a listed Topic to read it. Then, instead of clicking on *Reply to Topic*, click on *Reply to Message*.)

3. In the **Forum** topic named **FM Topics** identify which one of the topics shown in the **Course Content** section of the syllabus most interests you, and which one least interests you, and give reasons why for both.

**Deadline:**

1. Monday, 22 June, 7:59 a.m.
2. Monday, 22 June, 7:59 a.m.
3. Monday, 22 June, 7:59 a.m.

**Grading:**

1. 5 points for addressing each item in your posting (20 total)
2. 5 points for each required reply (10 total)
3. 5 points for posting each topic (10 total)

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