

Anan Khaldi Retires from MPS&A

If there's been one constant in Anan Khaldi's career, it's change. In his 29 years with McKesson Anan worked for many different organizations within the company and held many diverse and challenging roles. And his work has taken him all over the world, including the Middle East, India, Hawaii, and even exotic locations like Pittsburgh and Atlanta.

As Anan announces his retirement from McKesson and looks back on his time here, his attitude toward change is what helped shape his career every step of the way.

"The only thing we can count on is change," he said. "That's always going to happen, and I would say, embrace it. Part of the reason I was able to move all over the world and continue to grow is that I've always raised my hand, I always said I want to try something more, try the next thing. And with every move I made, I might've had a little anxiety because of that change, but it always ended up working out really well and opened a new door."

Taking on so many different roles meant having the opportunity to acquire new skills and experience that led him further along his career path. "None of us are born knowing it all, I don't care how much experience you have," he said. "Nothing comes easy, you have to work hard, you have to stretch yourself and ask for help at times, and you need a willingness to learn. I still learn constantly."

One of the most important skills Anan learned was how share his knowledge and experience with the teams he developed over the years.

"One thing I always count on is the power of the team," he said. "I think I have a good perspective on helping teams grow and that's what going to be make you successful."

Several of the people Anan has worked with enthusiastically agreed with that statement.

"I worked for Anan for nearly five years and he was among the best leaders I have had the pleasure to work with in my 30 years with McKesson," said Lew Burton, Vice President, Controller. "He

always took an interest in the challenges I was working on, and always made sure I had the resources needed to be successful."

Rebeca Hernandez, Manager of Printing Services, said, "The things I enjoy the most about working with Anan is his willingness to share his knowledge, the respect he shows for every team member, his genuine interest in listening to you and learning from what you have to say, and his desire to provide you with opportunities to develop and succeed."

I had the privilege of working with Anan for a little over 5 years now," said Meera D'Souza, Vice President, Implementation and Training. "He has been a great mentor to me. The most valuable characteristic of our working relationship was the autonomy he provided me with running my team. He balanced it with insightful questions that then guided me to further sharpen my business acumen and leadership skills."

That leadership, and that teamwork, was essential to Anan's achievements over the course of his career. "You need the team moving in the same direction you're heading to be truly successful, and for the business to be successful," he said.

Anan himself plans to keep moving in his retirement. He won't be staying at home with his feet up watching TV. "My wife Kay and I love to travel internationally and we will be doing some serious traveling," he said. "We've visited a lot of places in the world, but you always seem rushed, you're only there for a week or 10 days. I'd love to go to Southeast Asia for two months, rent an apartment, and really explore the culture.

"We'll take about a year to travel, recalibrate, and then begin to think about the next chapter of my life."

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