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Towards Sustainable Energy Development

The Philippines' biggest electricity distribution utility Meralco assembled leaders from local business and government sectors to bring forward substantial discussions dedicated to the mapping of concrete steps for the country's sustainability agenda.

At the recent Meralco Power Up Forum on Sustainability, Meralco Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan regarded the importance of collaboration among key stakeholders in the drive towards sustainable development, "No one company or country can solve this huge

global task without helping each other." Eric J. Hespenheide, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Chairman urged the companies and government units to adopt a recognized framework for sustainability assessments, following the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ruling that mandates all publicly-listed companies to submit sustainability reports.

Panel discussion with Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Basic Education, Arts & Culture Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Department of

Energy Senior Undersecretary Jesus P. Posadas, Association of Electricity Supply Industry of East Asia and the Western Pacific (AESIEAP) Secretary General Rogelio L. Singson, Former Secretary of Finance and GRI Board Member Roberto F. de Ocampo, OBE and Hespenheide focused on the impact of the energy sector's contribution to total Philippine sustainability drive, and a look into models of environmentally sustainable policies, practices and solutions that add value to businesses and communities, and how these can be implemented.