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### **Meralco co-sponsors CG Asia's 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine International CG Forum**

Meralco took part in and was among the major sponsors of the 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine International CG Forum held at the Marriott Hotel, Resorts World Manila on August 15, 2012. The forum with the theme: "Marching Towards Economic Sustainability," featured the progress made by the public and private sectors in the Philippines and Asia in strengthening good governance.

The forum was spearheaded by *Corporate Governance (CG) Asia*, a publication that aims to raise corporate governance standards in the region. It caters to the most important companies in Asia and is a source of insightful editorial content regarding developments, legislation, case studies, and other matters relevant to corporate governance in Asia Pacific.

CG Asia's founder, publisher and managing director Aldrin Monsod formally opened the forum attended by notable representatives from the government, governance advocates, publicly listed companies, and a Thai Group of Companies. These Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Deputy Governor Nestor A. Espenilla, Jr., BIR Commissioner Kim Henares, SEC Director Justina F. Callangan, Institute of Corporate Directors Chairman Mr. Jesus P. Estanislao, Good Governance Advocates and Practitioners of the Philippines (GGAPP) President, Atty. Blue Festin, SM Investments Corporation Executive Vice President and Chief Finance Officer Mr. Jose Sio, Meralco Corporate Governance Head, Atty. William S. Pamintuan, Metro Pacific Investments Corporation Chief Finance Officer David Nicol, and PTT Philippines Corporation President Mr. Wisarn Chawalitanon. They shared the correlation between best corporate governance practices and investor confidence, thereby increasing capital market activity and sustaining the country's economic growth.

As Meralco's gesture of support, its director Retired Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban, members of top Management, executives and top Management of Subsidiaries formed part of the audience of a mix of leaders and executives from different companies, organizations and government offices.

Meralco's Atty. Pamintuan took part in the forum as a sponsor speaker to impart the corporate governance values, principles and practices implemented in and sustained by the Company, amplifying Meralco's strong commitment and attention to good corporate governance. In closing, he challenged the audience to governance involvement by quoting Dr. Seuss, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."



Atty. William "Bill" Pamintuan, First Vice President and Head of Corporate Governance speaks on behalf of Meralco at the 1st Philippine International CG Forum