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MERALCO, ONE OF 7 COMPANIES RECOGNIZED AT THE 3RD INTEGRITY SUMMIT

Meralco was distinguished as one of 7 Philippine companies that qualified in the Advanced Level, for its mainstreamed and best integrity practices during the 3rd Integrity Summit held at Makati Shangri-La Hotel on September 19, 2013.

The Summit is organized by Integrity Initiative, a multi-sectoral organization led by the Makati Business Club (MBC) and the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) with the commission to advocate integrity and develop a critical mass to combat corrupt practices.

Keynote addresses on the Summit were delivered by Supreme Court Chief Justice Ma. Lourdes P.A. Sereno, Senate President Franklin M. Drilon and Secretary Florencio Abad, on behalf of His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III.

The first session entitled, "The Global Race Towards Integrity" unveiled global and regional efforts on transparency, anti-corruption and good governance. The session's panelists were Dr. Mark Lovatt and Roni Dwi Susanto, from Malaysia's Transparency International and Indonesia's Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (KPK) (Corruption Eradication Commission), respectively. They stressed the correlation between economic growth and integrity.

Panelists for the last session, "Government Uniting for Integrity," were Commission on Audit Chairperson Ma. Gracia M. Pulido-Tan, Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales and Department of Justice Secretary Leila M. de Lima. They emphasized the paramount role of government in modeling integrity and reinforcing ethical organizations from various sectors and industries.

"Best Practices in Integrity" is the second of three sessions on the Summit, which showcased Meralco as one of the companies that spearhead best practices of integrity in their dealings with stakeholders, pioneering the campaign to build our nation with integrity. The leaders from these companies, including Meralco's First Vice President, Compliance Officer and Head of Legal and Corporate Governance, Atty. William S. Pamintuan, were present at the event, to discuss challenges and opportunities in practicing integrity and eliminating corruption in their industries.

Meralco, from its top management to the employees, is committed to contribute to the Summit's theme, "Building a Nation with Integrity," through all its operational and financial transactions with its customers, business partners, government, regulators, community, environment and other stakeholders. Meralco management and employees who attended the event were: Mr. Gerardo F. deal Paz, Ms. Lilian P. Umipig, Ms. Helen T. de Guzman, Ms. Angelita S. Atanacio, Mr. Jesus R. Valenciano, Ms. Ma. Teresita T. Bueno, Atty. Minerva T. Nayan and Lair Ambrocio, they are Meralco's VP and Deputy Head of Corporate Governance, Corporate Governance Officer, FVP and Chief Audit Executive, VP and Head of Organization Transformation and Management Services, Procurement - Vendor Development Officer, Internal Communications Head, Senior HR Analyst and Corporate Governance Staff, respectively. Meralco shares the honor from Integrity Initiative with Convergys, DBP, GMA, Isla Lipana, Shell and SIEMENS.