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Building Green 2023 Conference: PHILGBC Showcases Latest Green Building Certification Programs and BERDE Development Process

Panglao, Bohol, Philippines - October 4, 2023 - The Building Green 2023 Conference, organized by the Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC), featured a comprehensive update on the PHILGBC green building certification programs. Engr. Reniel Englis presented the latest information on BERDE, the PHILGBC's green building rating system, ANZ/PH, the net zero certification program, and the Health and Well-being for Buildings Program during Session 5.

In this session, Engr. Englis provided attendees with an overview of the latest PHILGBC green building certification programs, offering insights into their development process and the benefits they bring to the industry. Green building stakeholders who were eager to learn about the most recent updates and advancements in sustainable building practices attended the session.

One highlight of the session was the presentation by Arch. Rowena Ramos on the Committee Draft of BERDE v5.0.0 for council comment. The development of BERDE follows a robust commenting process to ensure stakeholder input and continual improvement of the system. By engaging industry professionals and stakeholders, the draft has been approved by members of the PHILGBC and now serves as a Council draft. This milestone marks an important step toward finalizing the BERDE v5.0.0 framework. At this point, the PHILGBC is now seeking comments from the rest of the industry to provide their feedback.

"We are excited to showcase the latest developments in our green building certification programs at the Building Green 2023 Conference. Through our BERDE rating system, ANZ/PH net zero program, and Health and Well-being for Buildings Program, we continue to lead the way in promoting sustainability and advancing the green building industry in the Philippines. By engaging industry stakeholders and encouraging their feedback, we are confident that these programs will drive positive change and contribute to a more sustainable future for all." said Christopher de la Cruz, Chief Executive Officer of the PHILGBC.

"The latest green building certification programs and the development process for BERDE presented during Building Green 2023 demonstrate PHILGBC's commitment to fostering sustainable practices in the industry," stated Engr. Reniel Englis. "These programs offer a comprehensive framework and guidance for developers, designers, and building owners to achieve sustainable and net-zero goals while prioritizing human health and well-being."

PHILGBC's green building certification programs play a significant role in driving industry transformation and promoting sustainable building practices in the Philippines. BERDE provides a holistic approach to green building certification, taking into account various environmental, social, and economic factors. The ANZ/PH program focuses on net-zero energy and carbon emissions, enabling buildings to achieve a high level of energy efficiency and sustainability. The Health and Well-being for Buildings Program emphasizes creating spaces that enhance occupant health and productivity.

The presentation of the Committee Draft of BERDE v5.0.0 for council comment symbolizes PHILGBC's commitment to a participatory approach in developing the system, ensuring that the voices of industry professionals and stakeholders are heard.

"The development of BERDE is a collaborative effort, and we value the input and feedback from the industry," said Ms. Rowena Ramos. "We encourage all stakeholders to contribute and provide valuable insights that will help shape the final version of BERDE v5.0.0 and enhance its effectiveness in driving sustainable building practices."

The Building Green 2023 Conference served as a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration, fostering dialogue and partnerships among industry stakeholders to further advance sustainable building practices in the Philippines.

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About PHILGBC:

The Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC) is a non-stock, non-profit organization that promotes the transformation of the built environment through sustainable practices. Established in 2007, PHILGBC seeks to be a united and influential national movement promoting green building practices towards mitigating climate change. As a member of the World Green Building Council, PHILGBC actively contributes to global efforts to create a sustainable built environment.

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