



## NEA named Island of Good Governance



NEA Administrator Edita Bueno receives the Island of Good Governance (IGG) certification during the IGG Awarding Ceremony on October 21, 2015 at the Philippine International Convention Center. She is flanked (from left) by Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) Commissioner Angela Ignacio, NEA OSM Manager Francisco Caymo, NEA Board Member Fr. Jose Victor Lobrigo, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Undersecretary Laura Del Rosario, and international panelist Dr. Robert Klitgaard, regarded as "world's leading expert on corruption."

**NEA now holds the distinction of being the first government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) to join the roster of 'Islands of Good Governance' (IGG) after successfully showcasing breakthrough results that have brought about transformations in the public sector.**

In a public revalida held on October 20 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), NEA Administrator Edita S. Bueno said "the Agency is committed to attain three "breakthrough goals" by the end of the year as part of its efforts to raise the standard of public governance."

These breakthrough goals include attainment of 100% energization of 32,441 sitios, attainment of additional 1.4 million consumer connections, and provision of Php 5 billion financial assistance to the electric cooperatives (ECs).

### Breakthrough results

In her report, Administrator Bueno said "NEA has so far energized 27,011 sitios out of the 32,441 target, bringing the total number of Filipinos served by the Rural Electrification (RE) Program to 55 million."

"We have already reached the 11 millionth consumer connection mark, and are intensifying efforts to speed up consumer connection program to help government reach 90% household electrification target by

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### Outstanding electric cooperatives feted

NEA has recognized electric cooperatives (ECs) with exemplary performance as well as given citations for those with distinctive achievements during the Lumens Awards held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City on December 2, 2015.

The Lumens Awards is a recognition ceremony for the best performing ECs nationwide.

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2017. Eight-five percent consumer connection level will have been reached by year-end, with 86,229 remaining households projected to be provided electricity," she added.

As a lending institution, the NEA has also extended a total of PhP 6.785 billion assistance to ECs, which already exceeded the PhP 5 billion target.

**Governance champions**

The public revalida, which headlined governance champions and anti-corruption advocates, is the last stage in the application process before any agency is given the IGG status.

The public revalida allows the head of the agency to deliver testimony on how the organization has undertaken a "transformative journey" to create an impact on the lives of the Filipinos and the public sector.

For the NEA, organizers convened an international panel composed of Ms. Melissa Mahoney of Claremont Graduate University, Mr. Jiwan Acharya of Asian Development Bank, Atty. Fe Barin and Atty. Adelita Vergel de Dios of Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA), Dr. James Simanjuntak of Indonesian Institute for Corporate Directorship, Ms. Rosario Calderon of Green Global Ideas, Mr. Chrysogonus Herrera of AES Corporation, and Mr. Luca Vezzano of Italian Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines.

During the revalida, panelists lauded the Agency for being an "enabler" and for achieving what they described as "impressive" breakthrough results in the electrification program.

added that "the quest of the GCG to improve the GOCC sector... [has] shown especially in the case of how NEA has been transformed into a truly responsive government agency."

**Consultative leadership**

For her part, Administrator Bueno credited the consultative leadership of the Agency as a key element in the sustainability of its governance mechanisms.

She added that people's involvement has always been one of the strong points of the Agency, creating among the employees a "sense of ownership" in every program it implements.

The ISA which spearheaded the IGG is set to showcase at the upcoming Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit a report on good governance undertaken by NEA and other IGG awardees.



"You are an enabler. You provide the electric cooperatives financial and technical assistance to energize areas," Atty. Barin said who, incidentally, is also a former Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Energy Regulatory Commission.

Likewise, the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) commended the NEA for "going beyond what it has officially been required and engaging the public further through the private sector initiatives such as the Islands of Good Governance."

The citation, read by GCG Commissioner Angela E. Ignacio,

**Center photo** shows NEA Administrator Edita Bueno during the IGG Public Revalida held at the PICC on October 20, 2015. Listening to the Agency's story of transformation were panelists (1) Atty. Adelita Vergel de Dios, (2) Atty. Fe Barin, (3) Mr. Jiwan Acharya, (4) Ms. Melissa Mahoney, (5) Mr. Luca Vezzano, (6) Ms. Rosario Calderon, (7) Mr. Chrysogonus Herrera, and (8) Dr. James Simanjuntak.



# NEA, ECs energize 30 thousandth sitio, reach 11 millionth household connection

## Sec. Almendras leads ceremonial switch-on

With only a few months before the target completion of the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP), the NEA, together with its partner electric cooperatives (ECs), has already made strides in accomplishing the total electrification mandate through the energization of the 30 thousandth sitio and the attainment of the 11 millionth household connection.

NEA Administrator Edita S. Bueno said these milestones reflect the “strengthened partnership of the Agency and the ECs in bringing power to many underserved sitios in the country and helping rural people gain access to basic social services.”

The 30 thousandth sitio energized under the SEP is Sitio Malipayon in Sagay City located within the coverage area of Northern Negros Electric Cooperative (Noneco), while consumer Ms. Luisa Laguyo of Sitio Nompolia, Hungduan, Ifugao was identified as the beneficiary of the 11 millionth household connection under the coverage area of the Ifugao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Ifelco).

“SEP is government’s way of embracing the Filipinos, especially those who are far from the metropolis and have

been enduring inaccessibility to power,” Administrator Bueno said.

In a testimonial given by Mrs Evangeline Tabaquero and her student-daughter, Magielyn, of San Jose, Tarlac, during the NEA-EC Milestones and Recognition Ceremonies, the beneficiaries noted “transformations” in their way of life after their community had been energized.

Teacher Evangeline said she is now able to download learning materials from the Internet, prepare her lesson plan without hassle, and submit reports immediately, while Magielyn said the availability of power in their area encouraged her to study even more during night-time.

Mrs. Tabaquero added that performance of her students continues to improve dramatically because of power, enabling them to even compete with schools that are in urban areas.

Meanwhile, Cabinet Secretary Jose Rene Almendras who was guest of honor and speaker at the event underscored the vital role of rural electrification in improving the lives of Filipinos in far-flung sitios in the country.

“I want to celebrate the innovation and the attention of the electric cooperatives and NEA to the needs of the people... You are serving a need nobody else can do,” he said.

The former Secretary of the Department of Energy added that the SEP began with only one desire which is to give the best for the Filipinos.

“From the very beginning, the objective was about doing something good for the Filipino people, doing the right thing for the Filipino people,” Sec. Almendras said.

SEP, which has a goal of electrifying 32,441 sitios by the first quarter of 2016, is part of President Benigno S. Aquino III’s Social Contract with the Filipino People.

From October 2011 to November 2015, NEA was able to connect to the grid a total of 30,023 sitios, bringing the sitio electrification level to 97.66%.

Meanwhile, consumer connection was raised to 11.076 million, with additional 440,360 consumers connected in 2015.

The Aquino administration has so far approved a total of PhP 22.31 billion subsidy assistance to the Agency to implement the program.



SEP beneficiaries Mrs. Evangeline Tabaquero (fourth from R) and daughter Magielyn (second from R) of San Jose, Tarlac give testimonies on how the Rural Electrification Program has improved their lives and given happiness to the residents of their community. With them on stage are Sec. Jose Rene Almendras, Cong. Reynaldo Umali, NEA Administrator Edita Bueno, NEA Board Members, EC officials, and other SEP beneficiaries. Inset photo shows Sec. Almendras delivering his keynote speech.





# 2015 NATIONAL ENERGY CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH (NECM)



**SPREADING THE GIFT OF LIGHT.** DOE Secretary Zenaida Monsada, together with Administrator Bueno, awards checks amounting to PhP 114 million to 22 electric cooperatives to power 30,512 households under the Nationwide Intensification of Household Electrification (NIHE).



**IN THE NAME OF PUBLIC SERVICE.** NEA Directors Leila Bonifacio (4th from L), Judith Alferez (fifth from L), and Diana San Luis (third from R) receive certificates of recognition from DOE for their untiring support as liaison officers to the recently-concluded Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Meeting.



**A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE FILIPINOS.** Energy Secretary Zenaida Monsada bats for more support to DOE's household electrification program to create a more holistic electrification plan.



**ONE VOICE.** NEA Lights and Sounds Chorale gamely offers a line-up of Christmas songs to liven up the NECM celebration.



# 2015 NEA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



**MUSIC OF HOPE.** Children's Joy Foundation poses for a photo opportunity with Administrator Edita Bueno and NEA officials and employees after providing a festive round-up of Christmas carols. The foundation has been selected as this year's recipient of the Christmas Outreach Project.



**A TIME TO GIVE AND SHARE.** NEA employees choose goodies and other gift items at the NEA Christmas Bazaar held on December 15-17 at the ground floor lobby of the Agency.



**GIFT OF SMILE AND LAUGHTER.** Kapitbahay kids are treated to a modest Christmas party by the NEA as part of the Agency's corporate social responsibility.



**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL.** Members of the Christmas Carol contest group, Heavenly Angels, reenact the Nativity scene as part of their winning performance.





## Outstanding... from 1



Officials of the CARAGA ECs adjudged as the best in the country receive their plaques of commendation from NEA Administrator Edita Bueno and former Energy Secretary Carlos Jericho Petilla during the NEA-EC Lumens Awards held at the Philippine International Convention Center on December 2, 2015. CARAGA was named the Best Region this year, along with perennial awardee Region VII (Central Visayas).

Administrator Edita Bueno said, "We commend all the awardees for their outstanding performance. More importantly, we recognize their efforts in going beyond their electrification duties. Truly, you are beacons of hope and guiding lights of the future in your respective communities."

The 2014 EC Overall Assessment Rating result has been the principal basis of the awards. Recipient of major awards were AAA ECs with no pending administrative and/or criminal/civil case with any competent body or court of law.

Caraga was named as Best Region along with perennial awardee, Region VII (Central Visayas). Caraga is composed of Aneco, Aselco, Surneco, Siarelco, Dielco, Surseco I and Surseco II. Likewise, Noreco I, Banelco, Cebeco I, Cebeco II, Cebeco III, Prosielco, Celco, Boheco I and Boheco II make up Region VII. All member-ECs of these regions were rated as AAA and had demonstrated collective leadership and teamwork in their respective area.

Region III (Central Luzon) was cited as the Most Improved Region for having majority of its member-ECs improve their operations.

Granted the Emmanuel N. Pelaez Ultra Diamond EC Awardee was Cebeco III, which also received six other awards.

The award is the highest level of recognition given to an EC for performing beyond the performance standards and exceeding expectations.

Recipient of the Mega Diamond EC Award were Cebeco I, Cebeco II, Boheco I, Moresco I and Dasureco. These ECs surpassed track record of exemplary performance, institutionalizing customer service excellence and strong corporate social responsibility that is emulated as EC best practices.

Grand Diamond EC Awardees were Pelco I, Penelco, Tarelco II and Siarelco for their unprecedented track record of exceptional performance in all facets of operations, and their continuing innovations.

Meanwhile, Dielco was given the Diamond EC Award for being an institution by itself and having sustained service excellence, consistent exemplary operational performance, strong corporate social responsibility and best practices.

Special Awards were given to 56 ECs which were rated AAA; 17 main grid and seven off grid ECs which registered single-digit system loss; and 15 ECs which posted 100% collection efficiency.

Citations were awarded to ECs which contributed to the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) and those contributed the highest number of household connections from 2011 to 2015; most complying ECs in Audit Evaluation; and Resilient ECs, an award for those which earned at least AA rating after the heavy devastation of their distribution system caused by Typhoon "Yolanda".

General Managers Loliano Allas of Pelco I; Loreto A. Marcelino of Penelco; Marlou Rendon of Cebeco I; Sergio Dagooc of Siarelco; Julie Real of Moresco I; and Godofredo Guya of Dasureco were conferred with the Pedro G. Dumol Diamond General Manager Award.



## NEA bags Most Outstanding Accounting Office Award anew

NEA bagged anew the Most Outstanding Accounting Office Award.

For the second consecutive year, the state-run agency was recognized by the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP) as one of the country's Most Outstanding Accounting Offices during the AGAP Convention Seminar at the Aziza Paradise Hotel in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on October 21, 2015.

The Agency is one of the two government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) which received the recognition.

According to AGAP National President Gregorio C. Rulloda, the award, as recommended by the Commission on Audit (COA), was given to NEA in acknowledgement of the quality, timeliness and accuracy of its FY 2014 financial reports.

Administrator Edita S. Bueno

said, "The award is an affirmation of NEA's continued efforts to conform with efficiency and effectiveness and abide by transparency in accounting processes and procedures."

"As the first government-owned and controlled corporation to be named an "Island of Good Governance," NEA is dedicated in ensuring that public funds are wisely spent and properly accounted to serve better the public and guarantee good governance," the Administrator added.

As part of its commitment for a transparent and well-governed agency, NEA has had the distinction of being the first government corporation to implement the electronic New Accounting System (eNGAS) in 2005.

Since 2008, the Agency has also been rendered an unqualified opinion by COA for eight consecutive years.

### Light goes green for NEA

In line with the government's thrust of accelerating the development of renewable energy-based power resources in the country, NEA has initiated the installation of a 5 kWp Rooftop Solar PV System which will also serve as a showcase and training facility for the electric cooperatives (ECs).

The solar PV system was donated by Topsolar Co., Ltd President Hyeong-Seok Oh after a memorandum of understanding with NEA was signed on September 25, 2014.

The construction started on September 8, 2015, and was finished on September 24 of the same year.

The system uses 22 units of 230Wp polycrystalline module with two units of grid-tied string inverter with 44 square meters solar array area located at the NEA rooftop.

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NEA Finance Services Department Director Adelina Gabon (fifth from R) receives the Most Outstanding Accounting Office Award from COA Assistant Commissioner Carmela Perez and AGAP National President Gregorio Rulloda (sixth and seventh from R) and other AGAP officials in a ceremony held in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan on October 21, 2015. Also present during the ceremony were Accounts Servicing Manager Lida Dela Merced and Accounting Manager Ma. Chona Dela Cruz (fourth and third from R).





Administrator Edita Bueno, together with Deputy Administrator Edgardo Piamonte, Topsolar President Hyeong-Seok Oh (third from R), and NEA consultant Mr. Sang-Jin Sun (rightmost), led the ceremonial switch-on of NEA's 5 kWp Solar PV System at the NEA Building on December 2, 2015. Inset photo shows Administrator Bueno presenting a certificate of appreciation to President Hyeong-Seok Oh. The Agency is expected to benefit from the solar PV system installation project an average annual projected energy yield of 5,464.55 kWh which is equivalent to around Php 65,000 savings.

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Based on the technical study made, the solar PV system will have an average annual projected energy yield of 5,464.55 kWh which is equivalent to around PhP 65,000 savings.

Ceremonial switch-on was held last December 2, 2015 at NEA rooftop attended by NEA employees and representatives from Topsolar.

The Solar PV system can help ensure the country's energy security over the long term. Electricity produced from solar energy, however, remains marginal compared to other renewable energy sources, such as hydro and geothermal, due to the perceived high costs of solar panels and installation.

Meanwhile, RE development remains to be a top priority for the Agency, as global economies bat for initiatives to maximize use of renewables and reduce the impact of climate change.

According to ORED officer-in-charge Ernesto Silvano, Jr. who attended the Renewable Energy Finance Workshop and the Asia Clean Energy Summit in Singapore last October 26-30, "continuous growth in the penetration of RE is seen to create significant impact on energy sustainability as efforts to deploy clean technologies in the developing regions in Asia begin to pick up momentum."

He added that RE projects, once given the right government support and capital flows from the private sector, are

expected to augment energy demand growth, which has already risen to 2.1% in Asia, compared to the global growth of 1.5%.

"Prioritizing public and private partnerships to support scaling up of RE financing is a way forward for the RE development. Renewables is the future we need to embrace," OIC Silvano said.

He added that continuous dialogues on deployment of RE technologies, as well as identification of financing options, should be encouraged among industry players to deepen understanding of how the energy landscape stands to benefit from use of renewables.

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