

Silayan speaks at ECOP briefing on emissions trading

The Employees Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP) held a Briefing on Emissions Trading on 10 November 2009, with Alan S. Silayan as a resource speaker who discussed "Project Enhancement through Carbon Credits: Opportunities, Prospects and Possibilities."

The briefing aimed to cover the basics on the Kyoto Protocol, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Certified Emissions Reduction (CER) credits, as well as to share practical advice from organizations who are involved in emissions trading.

Mr. Silayan is the managing director of CaFiS, a carbon finance solutions provider currently at the forefront of CDM project activities in the Philippines.

Philippine renewable energy project wins BlueSky Award

Winners of the Third BlueSky Award were announced on 17 November 2009, recognizing the "Global Top Ten Investment Scenarios to Apply New Technologies for Renew-able Energy Utilization."

The BlueSky Award Programme, initiated by United Nations Industrial Development Organization-Shenzhen International Technology Promotion Centre for Sustainable Development (UNIDO-ITPC), covered technologies in fields such as solar energy, wind energy, ocean energy, and biomass energy.

Out of about fifty candidates, the "Zero Waste Renewable Energy & Raw Materials from Rice

CaFiS projects achieve host-country approval

Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project consultants CaFiS, Inc. recently accomplished host-country approval (HCA) for its clients' three waste-to-energy projects.

CaFiS helped obtain HCA for Mariwasa Siam Ceramics, Inc.'s hot air generator and gasifier fuel switch project and Pan Century Surfactants, Inc.'s fuel switch project for process steam generation, both of which will use renewable biomass residues to produce thermal energy. SURE Eco Energy Philippines, Inc. also achieved HCA for their swine waste to energy project, which involves methane capture from pig farms for electricity generation.

The projects are currently awaiting letters of approval (LOA) from the Philippine Designated National Authority (DNA).

Husk for Ceramics Industry" (ZWRR) project in the Philippines by Mariwasa Siam Ceramics, Inc. (MSC) was cited among the ten winners.

ZWRR uses pioneering technology that involves gasification and combustion of biomass (rice husk) to produce fuel gas and hot air as substitutes for fossil fuels used in ceramics manufacturing. The waste ash from rice husk, after gasification and combustion, also serves as renewable raw material for ceramics.

CaFiS, Inc., the CDM consultants for the ZWRR project, congratulates MSC on the award.

ACF holds conference on financial crisis and competition law

The Asian Competition Forum (ACF) held its Annual General Meeting and 5th Annual Asian Competition Law Conference this month at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The conference featured the theme, "Competition Law in a Time of Crisis: Reorientation, Change or Decay?" and covered topics like intellectual property, merger control, sectoral responses to the crisis, competition policy responses, and

regional competition law development. Anthony Abad of TA Advisory Services, an advocate of competition policy, presented updates on the proposed Philippine antitrust/competition legislation, or the approved Senate Bill No. 3197 and the consolidated version of the House of Representatives bills. Mr. Abad also discussed the political economy of competition in the Philippines.



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TA contributes lecture to IBP-Davao MCLE seminar

The Davao City Chapter of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP-Davao) held a Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) seminar in Davao City, covering subjects such as international law, legal ethics, alternative dispute resolution, and legal writing and oral advocacy. Prof. Anthony A. Abad of TA Advisory Services, with his expertise on international trade and international economic law, was asked to deliver a lecture on these subjects, which also include WTO law and national trade laws.

Biomass power plant breaks ground in Aklan

Asea One Power Corp. recently held the groundbreaking of its Aklan Biomass Power Plant in Barangay Agbanawan, Banga, Aklan. The plant will have an installed capacity of 12MW and will be utilizing agricultural residues from the locality such as rice stalks, rice husks, coco leafwood, sugarcane waste, and forest residues as primary feedstock. The project aims to provide energy security and independence, preventing total blackout and avoiding grid loss with its embedded and distributed system.

The event was attended by Alan Silayan of CaFiS, Inc., the CDM consultants currently developing AOPC's project design document (PDD) for the biomass power plant to help secure its Clean Development Mechanism host country approval and validation.

The project is expected to have significant socio-economic and environmental impact in terms of providing green-collar jobs and additional income to locals who can earn from selling agricultural residues, which would otherwise be dumped and burned and thereby emit carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere.