

## **PHILRECA PARTICIPATES IN PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR SUPPLY CHAIN FORUM 2025**

The Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA), headed by Executive Director/General Manager Atty. Janeene Depay-Colingan and PHILRECA Vice-President for Luzon Engr. Von Erwin Azagra, joined government leaders, private sector stakeholders, international experts, and development partners in the Philippine International Nuclear Supply Chain Forum (PINSCEF) 2025 held at Bonifacio Global City. Organized by the Nuclear Energy Program Inter-Agency Committee (NEP-IAC) led by the Department of Energy (DOE), the two-day event served as a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing on the country's nuclear energy development.

DOE Undersecretary Rowena Cristina L. Guevara welcomed the delegates and underscored the government's commitment to pursuing the national mandate on nuclear energy. She expressed optimism that the country's renewed efforts toward nuclear power development would finally move closer to realization.

The forum featured international experts from Canada, the United States, Argentina, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, France, Finland, and Hungary, as well as distinguished local specialists. Discussions focused on building strategic supply chains for emerging nuclear programs, cultivating a skilled nuclear workforce, and identifying potential sites for nuclear power plants in the Philippines.

Panel sessions also delved into strengthening regional cooperation and nuclear trade networks in Asia, addressing the growing power demand through nuclear energy, creating opportunities for human resource advancement, and adopting best practices in workforce planning and capacity building.

On the second day, DOE Secretary Sharon S. Garin delivered a keynote message and announced the signing of a landmark policy measure—Department Circular (DC) No. 2025-10-0019, dated October 2, 2025. This framework establishes the foundation for the country's first commercially developed and operated nuclear power plant, the Pioneer NPP, and provides clearer guidelines to facilitate off-take arrangements for initial nuclear developers.

PHILRECA reaffirms its commitment to supporting initiatives that promote sustainable, secure, and inclusive energy options for the Philippines. As the collective voice of electric cooperatives nationwide, PHILRECA emphasizes the importance of ensuring that rural communities and member-consumers are meaningfully included in shaping the country's transition toward a diversified and resilient energy mix.