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PHILGBC LAUNCHES GREEN BUILDING PROCUREMENT HUB UPDATE

The Green Building Procurement Hub of the Philippine Green Building Council is an online platform to assist in the procurement and use of products, services, and buildings for BERDE-certified projects.

MANILA, Philippines — Green building projects have been increasing in recent years, especially as the project proponents have recognized the economic value of selling green, and as the maturity of consumers grow in buying green. Rating tools, such as the BERDE Green Building Rating System, has been instrumental in creating a market incentive in designing, constructing and operating green buildings in the country. BERDE assesses, measures, monitors and verified the performance of projects above and beyond existing national and local building and environmental laws, regulations and mandatory standards.

The increase in the uptake of green buildings also brought about the challenge in connecting the market for green building products and services to the developers, professionals and other building proponents that needs to procure and use these technologies and services in their green building projects.

The Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC), a non-stock, non-profit organization that promotes the sharing of knowledge on green building practice, has established the Green Building Procurement Hub (Green Building/PH) to promote green procurement and connect the consumers with the providers of green building products and services.

In addition, the PHILGBC established the online hub to further its support to BERDE green building project proponents in achieving their sustainability targets for their green building projects. Mr. Christopher de la Cruz, Chief Executive Officer of the PHILGBC, shared that the Green Building/PH “encourages green procurement to enhance the support of the PHILGBC to BERDE projects, and to further support the uptake of green buildings in the country.”

The Green Building/PH is updated every quarter to provide project teams with the latest available green building products and services in the market. The quarterly release of the hub features:

- **Products, materials, and technologies** that can help designers, builders, and developers in designing, constructing, and operating their buildings with less environmental impact. The products listed in the hub features their green product certifications and labels, and information on how it can be used to contribute to achieving their BERDE targets.

- **Services** from individuals and organizations with experience and expertise that contributes to the planning and implementation of green building projects, including services for green building consultancy, architectural design, building information modelling, energy audit, transportation engineering services, and solid waste management, among others.
• **BERDE-certified green building projects** that offer commercial or residential green building spaces for sale or for lease.

The Green Building/PH highlights the green credentials of the products and services in the online hub. According to Mr. Luis Fernando Chamon, Chief Operating Officer for Construction Products of Saint-Gobain Philippines, “Our goal is to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Partnering with the Green Building Procurement Hub is perfectly aligned with our goal and magnify the group’s commitment towards Circular Economy and eco-innovative solutions development such as lightweight construction, best glazing solutions for project to minimize the environmental impact of its products, EPDs & LCA documentation which aims to obtain a green building certification and help our customers transition to a low-carbon economy.”

As a distributor for green building products, Ms. Audrey Belle Po, Director of World Home Depot, is confident in the selection of available products that are “certified and recognized as a green product internationally.” She shared that being part of the Green Building/PH will help users in identifying products and services that can “help them build greener, healthier, and better places for people to live, work and play.”

Professionals will also benefit from the online hub when identifying and procuring the best and most appropriate green building products and services for their recommendations for the design, construction or operations of the green building projects for their clients. As a firm that promotes “green building, green architecture, green urbanism” in all their projects, Mr. Felino “Jun” Palafox Jr., Principal Architect-Urban Planner and Founder, Palafox Associates and President and Founder, Palafox Architecture Group, Inc. shared that they “strongly endorse green purchasing through the online platform Green Building Procurement Hub.”

To access the Green Building/PH, please visit [https://greenbuildingph.org/](https://greenbuildingph.org/).

**ABOUT THE PHILIPPINE GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL**

The Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC) is a coalition of public and private sector leaders representing more than 300 organizations committed to promoting sustainability in the property sector.

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