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SPIK'S 4TH BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CAPACITY BUILDING AND INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

The 4th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) recently convened to strategize important focus areas on SPIK priorities. Among the significant matters discussed were capacity building training of its members, continued collaboration with government agencies to align and streamline chemical industry rules and regulations, and the strengthening of partnerships in the industry-academe space.

Through these initiatives, SPIK seeks to improve the Philippine chemical industry's competitiveness and create a supportive climate for innovation and development. SPIK aims to equip local industries to reach international standards by investing in the capabilities and knowledge of its members. In addition, the interactions with government agencies highlight the need for a coordinated strategy in tackling regulatory challenges and optimizing processes, which is vital for the overall efficiency and sustainability of the chemical sector in the nation. Additionally, the meeting served as a platform to share views among the board members, paving the way for a collaborative and proactive approach to the development of the sector.



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Meralco Power Up Live Webinar: Navigating the 2025 Energy Landscape with Industry Experts



Meralco, a member of the **Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK)**, recently hosted an insightful webinar titled **"Meralco Power Up Live: Empowering your Business Journey,"** featuring a lineup of distinguished speakers from the Department of Energy and Meralco itself. The event aimed to equip businesses with essential knowledge on the future of power supply and energy management strategies.

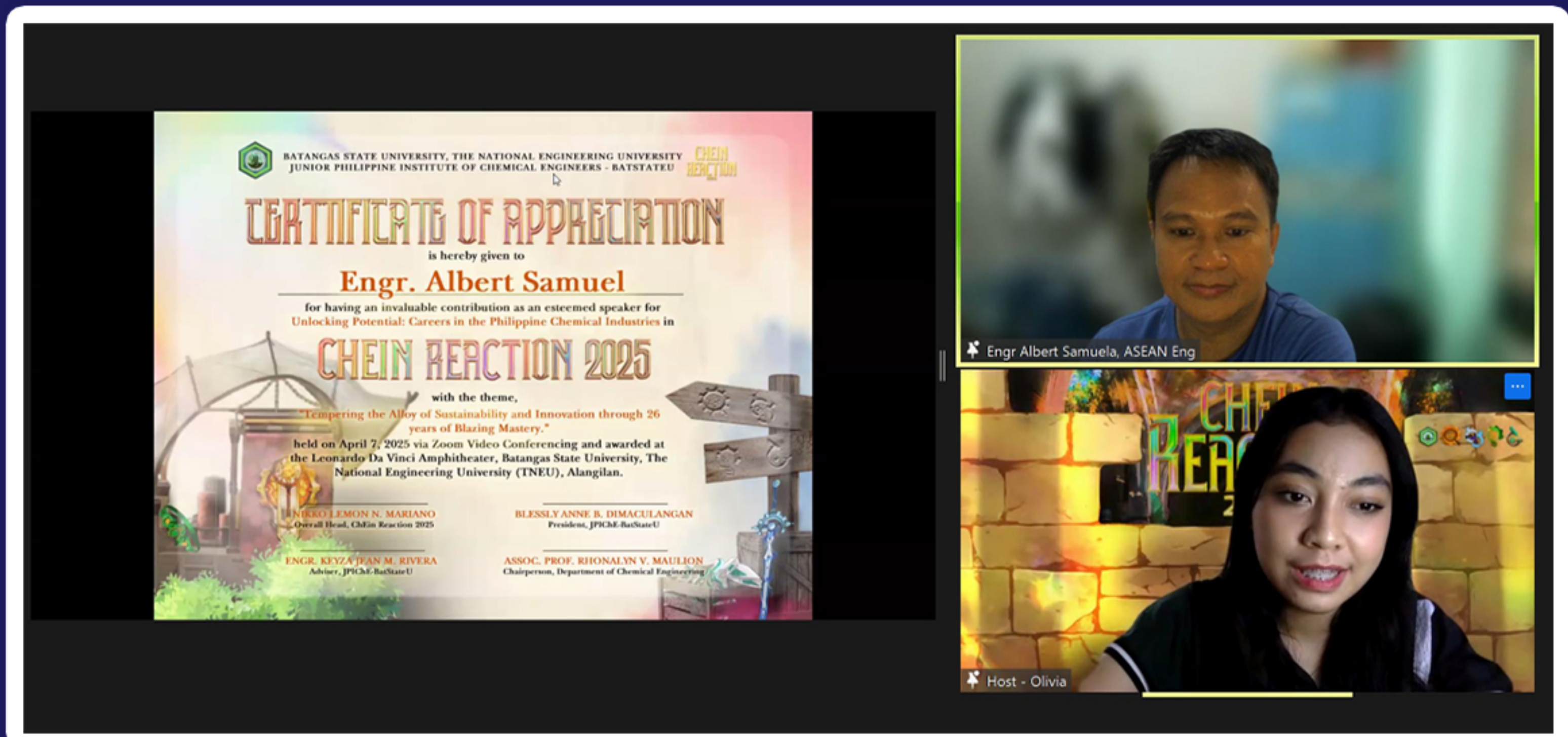
The main topics discussed included the 2025 Power Supply Outlook, which provided a comprehensive view of the anticipated energy landscape, and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, detailing how businesses can optimize their energy consumption and reduce costs. Additionally, the webinar delved into the Interruptible Load Program (ILP), highlighting its key considerations and benefits for participating companies.

Leading the discussions were Director Patrick Aquino of the Energy Utilization Bureau and Engr. Mark Marollano of the Electric Power Industry Management Bureau of the Department of Energy. They were joined by Ms. Ma. Leticia Sapina from Meralco, offering valuable insights from both regulatory and industry perspectives. The event concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Bernice Garcia-Rama, AVP & Head of Enterprise Commercial & Conglomerate of Meralco, reinforcing the company's commitment to empowering its customers.

The webinar hosted by Paolo Cauparas and Diane Basal, ensuring a seamless flow of information and engaging interaction throughout the session. The event served as a strategic platform for businesses to stay ahead in the evolving energy sector and make informed decisions for their future growth.

SPIK Leaders Inspire Future STEM Pioneers through Online Career Talk

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Engr. Reinier Bagabay and Engr. Albert Samuela from the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) shared their insights on the vast opportunities within the chemical industry during an online event hosted by the Batangas State University's Chemical Engineering Department. The session titled "Unlocking Potential: Careers in the Philippine Chemical Industries" aimed to motivate undergraduate students and SHS learners to consider STEM paths for their futures.

Engr. Samuela provided an overview of the industry's segments and the multitude of careers available for engineers and technicians. Engr. Bagabay emphasized the significance of the Responsible Care program, which outlines principles that ensure the chemical industry operates safely, sustainably, and responsibly. Through their expertise, they hoped to instill excitement for the field and highlight the crucial role chemistry plays in society. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration between industry and education in fostering the next generation of innovators and leaders in chemical engineering.

APR 21 TWG MEETS TO FINALIZE IRR LINE-BY-LINE REVIEW FOR CONTROLLED CHEMICALS



The **4th Technical Working Group (TWG)** assembly on Controlled Chemicals, held at the Board of Investment (BOI) in Makati City, was pivotal in advancing the regulatory framework for these substances. Chaired by **BOI Acting Director Ronaldo DC Buluran**, the gathering convened representatives from the PNP-FEO, **Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK)**, and the Integrated Chemists of the Philippines (ICP). Their collaborative efforts focused on finalizing the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for controlled chemicals. This step aims to enhance the oversight and management within the industry, ensuring compliance with safety, security standards and environmental protection, while fostering a conducive business environment. The outcomes of this meeting are eagerly anticipated to set a more robust and responsible chemical sector in the Philippines.

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UPDATING BOC-PEZA ON RA 6969 CHEMICAL REGULATIONS - FOSTERING INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT SYNERGY FOR GROWTH



The (EMB) conducted a seminar on April 22 to 24, 2025 relative to the latest amendments of rules and regulations on chemicals under Title II of R.A. 6969's rules that may affect the BOI and the PEZA. The objective of this seminar was to encourage compliance and promote environmental safety within the chemical industry. Engr. Albert A. Samuela, VP for External Affairs, Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), presented Enhancing

Chemical Industry Growth : Title II RA 6969 and BOC-PEZA alignment that featured the priorities in the Philippine Chemical Industry Roadmap and the issues and challenges of the chemical industry.

The seminar reinforced the importance of industry-government open conversations around issues and concerns. By blending forces, the seminar tried to bring about a streamlining of regulation to help maintain the chemical industry at the forefront while also contributing to the protection of environment.

The three-day proceedings offered an opportunity for stakeholders to share information, exchange experiences, and identify best practices to be taken over in producing guidelines in practice. This is a clear indication of the EMB's dedication to promoting a favorable business climate that adheres to global benchmarks and sustainable development objectives.