

LPG PHILIPPINES SUMMIT 2018

Alternative Uses Of LPG –
The Key To Growing LPG Demand

30 – 31 AUGUST 2018

SMX AURA MANILA, PHILIPPINES

LPG SUMMIT ROUND UP

On 30-31 August, the Philippines LPG industry including government, regional and global LPG players came together to discuss the current industry opportunities and challenges. The World LP Gas Association participated to this event sending David Tyler, Director to moderate a very dynamic safety session as well as the outlook for LPG in the Philippines. David Appleton, Senior analyst, Argus media presented the outlook for LPG in SE Asia.

Newly-appointed director of LPG Summit, Neasa Hapiak, was introduced and discussed the case for regional LPG cooperation in South East Asia. Due to the disparity of economies in the ASEAN region, it is difficult to sometimes find the right way forward as one group. LPG development is also mature in some countries and starting out in others. However, it is still the 6th largest global economy and there's room for improvement.

Certain themes that came to the fore repeatedly throughout the two days of discussion: Autogas, Safety in the LPG industry and 'The Price of LPG'.

One of the biggest key takeaways from the discussions is that, it is often that LPG gets blamed when it is usually the poor practices of illegal refillers that make use of the gas seem unsafe. It was highlighted that the LPG business takes safety very seriously and that bad practices must be eliminated through the help and co-operation of both industry and government for the greater good.

Panelists also discussed strategies necessary from government and industry, for the transition to LPG in the residential sector, given that 60% of the Philippines households are still cooking with wood as a cooking fuel. It was also evident from discussions that the industry needs to bring Autogas back to the table in the Philippines.

Panelists looked at what could be done to revive the industry - what were the obstacles and what were the opportunities for LPG, and how to get more government support for the clean alternative fuel. Opportunities were also identified in marine, power generation and also in industry and commercial sectors.

Climate and clean air coalition award for Envirofit offers huge opportunity in the residential low-income sector

One of our panelist companies, Envirofit, was selected from over 80 submissions from 27 countries for the 2018 Climate & Clean Air Awards finalists.

Envirofit is working to make cleaner household energy technologies more affordable and accessible for people living in extreme energy poverty. Its goal is to improve harmful cooking practices by providing improved cooking technology and fuels tailored to the needs of people in emerging and developing markets. One way it is doing this, is by reducing access and affordability barriers to LPG.

In 2018 Envirofit designed and piloted a new SmartGas™ service in 300 households in Kenya and Ghana, that employs mobile and internet of things (IoT) technology to enable customers to Pay-As-You-Cook.

<http://ccacoalition.org/en/content/2018-finalists>

<http://envirofitasia.org>

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Moderators and speakers at the event were:

Mr. David Tyler, World LPG Association
Mr. Renenate Sevilla, Department of Energy
Mr. Ramon Cuison, Philippines Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association
Ms. Zenaida Monsada, former secretary of the Department of Energy
Mr. David Appleton, Argus Media
Ms. Catherine Denise Jalandoni, Volt supply and solution
Mr. Ville Rimali, Wartsila
Mr. Rolando Veloso, Jr, Pryce Gases
Mr. Vicente Fernandez, Department of Trade and Industry
Inspector Jefferson G. Hidalgo, Bureau of Fire Protection
Engr. Christian J. Crehencia, Bureau of Fire Protection
Ms. Mercedita Pastrana, LPG Industry Association
Mr. Vic Marinas, Independent LPG Consultant
Mr. Christian Fredberg, Kosan Crisplant
Mr. Harish Anchan, Envirofit
Mr. Jesus Manuel Suntay, Independent Philippines Petroleum Companies Association
Mr. Rene Pineda, Partnership for Clean Air
Mr. Robin Hughes, Clean Vehicle Solutions (Asia)
Mr. Joe-Mar Perez, National Disaster Risk Management Council
Mr. Elson Tayko, National Disaster Risk Management Council