



A proud partner of Philippine tourism

Meralco powers Entertainment City with state-of-the-art substation

The opening of the PAGCOR-1 Sub-station, the largest integrated and fully automated Gas Insulated Sub-station (GIS) featuring a wholly underground sub-transmission and distribution system, brings to commercial viability 120 hectares of what was largely empty land just five years ago.

That area is now a world-class gaming and entertainment haven seen to rival that of Macau.

Collaboration between the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) and other stakeholders at the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PAGCOR)'s Entertainment City development has prepped that large swath of prime multi-use real estate for the country's booming tourism industry.

PAGCOR Chairman and CEO Cristino L. Naguiat, Jr. applauded the accomplishment and was quick to underscore the importance of the collaboration during the inauguration of the sub-station on November 2015.

"PAGCOR isn't a property developer with organic skills in implementing large scale infrastructure projects," he said. "This extremely important power substation could not be possible without the cooperative efforts of all the government and private institutions working towards a common goal. Meralco moved with great efficiency to complete this state-of-the-art intelligent facility comfortably ahead of the full completion of Entertainment (City)."

Best in energy class facility

The PAGCOR-1 Sub-station and its underground system was a massive undertaking, designed and built by Meralco from the ground up after integrating analysis and consultations with its partners.

According to Ronnie L. Aperochio, Meralco First Vice President and Head of Networks, the new facility is also a milestone in Meralco's over 100-year history. "Embedded with the latest global technological

advancement, this sub-station is the largest smart GIS project to have been undertaken by Meralco so far. In addition, the absence of overhead power structures enhances the aesthetics of Entertainment City and mirrors the modernity of the complexes that are already coming to life in the hub."



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The new substation uses the next-generation IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) 61850 standard for its Sub-station Automation System, which integrates protection, control, measurement and monitoring functions within a substation. This technology brings in improved reliability, faster restoration and enhanced efficiency, topped by cost-effective capabilities.

Entertainment and more

But aside from entertainment, gaming, retail, and hotel and accommodations, Entertainment City is assured of complementing the high-power demands of enterprises in business process and knowledge outsourcing services, as well.

This is of particular importance since the BPO sector is already recognized as one of the main growth drivers of Philippine GDP, with revenues projected to surpass overseas remittances and exceeding it in boosting foreign exchange reserves by 2017.



Meralco Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan congratulates some of the men behind the completion of the PAGCOR-1 Entertainment City Sub-station.

Alfredo S. Panlilio, Meralco Senior Vice President and Head of Customer Retail Services and Corporate Communications pointed out: "The potential of Entertainment City (is that it can) become a key enabler of the country's growth and development. That would not have been possible without strong business partnerships with the private and public sectors."



Meralco VP & Head of Sub-Transmission Services Antonio M. Abuel, Jr. (left) shows Meralco Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan (right) around the facilities of PAGCOR-1 Sub-station.

Dividends of equitable collaboration

Currently, Entertainment City is host to Bloomberg Resorts Corporation's Solaire, Belle Corporation's City of Dreams, Travellers International Hotel Group Inc.'s Bayshore, and Tiger's Manila Bay Resorts. There are also a number of other major locators and BPOs – all powered by PAGCOR-1.

The Entertainment City playbook demonstrates how collaborative effort can play a role in helping an entire business landscape benefit – to become a competitive, secure and sustainable destination that will positively contribute to the overall economy.

As one of the anchors of Entertainment City, Meralco is proud to be a key partner in this development.



Meralco Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan (extreme right) presents a token to PAGCOR Chairman & CEO Cristino L. Naguiat, Jr. (second from right) during the PAGCOR-1 Sub-station Inauguration. With them is Meralco First VP & Head of Networks Ronnie L. Aperochio (extreme left) and Meralco SVP & Head of Customer Retail Services and Corporate Communications Alfredo S. Panlilio (second from left).

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