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#### **PHILGBC and PBEed join forces to Establish Green Building Sector Skills Council.**

Makati City, September 8, 2023 - The Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC) is proud to announce its partnership with the Philippine Business for Education's (PBEed) A Future that Works Program that will establish the Green Building Sector Skills Council (GBSSC).

A Future that Works is a program supported by the Australian Government aimed at establishing sector skills councils to undertake labor market studies and better align the skills of workers with the demands of industry.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), this collaboration aims to support the development of a skilled and sustainable workforce within the green building sector in the Philippines.

Under the agreement, PBEed through its AFW program will provide extensive support to PHILGBC in establishing and operationalizing the GBSSC. This will include the facilitation of consultation workshops that engage key stakeholders, including professionals, educators, employers, and government agencies, in shaping the skills agenda for the green building sector.

In line with the commitment to knowledge sharing and capacity development, the partnership will also involve organizing seminars on resource and circularity, climate, and health and wellbeing for buildings. These seminars will serve as platforms for industry professionals to exchange best practices, access the latest trends, and deepen their understanding of critical concepts and methodologies within the field.

Furthermore, as part of the agreement, PHILGBC will take the lead in administering Green Building Professional Examinations and Certification. This initiative aims to recognize the competence and expertise of individuals in implementing sustainable building practices. The certification process will validate professionals' competency in key areas such as energy efficiency, resource conservation, indoor environmental quality, and sustainable site development.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with PBEed in establishing the Green Building Sector Skills Council," said Christopher C. de la Cruz, PHILGBC CEO and WorldGBC APN Vice Chair, "This partnership is a significant step towards strengthening the capacity and expertise of professionals in the green building sector, as well as promoting sustainability in the built environment."

The GBSSC is poised to empower the green building industry by equipping professionals with the necessary skills, knowledge, and qualifications to effectively drive the adoption of sustainable building practices. By addressing skills gaps, promoting ongoing professional development, and providing industry-recognized certifications, the GBSSC will contribute to the continued growth and sustainability of the green building sector in the Philippines.

The PHILGBC and PBE are committed to unlocking the potential of the green building industry through this collaborative effort, fostering a greener and more resilient built environment that aligns with global sustainability goals.

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About PHILGBC:

The Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC) is a non-stock, non-profit organization committed to promoting the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices in the design, construction, and operation of buildings in the Philippines. PHILGBC's mission is to transform the Philippine building industry towards greener, more energy-efficient, and sustainable practices. For more information, visit [www.philgbc.org](http://www.philgbc.org).

About PBE:

A nonprofit founded by the country's top CEOs, Philippine Business for Education (PBE) is the business community's response to the need for greater education and economic alignment. Its advocacies include teacher quality improvement and workforce development. For more information, visit [www.pbed.ph](http://www.pbed.ph).

About A Future that Works

"A Future That Works" is a program in partnership with the Australian Government and the Philippine Business for Education.

This initiative sets up Sector Skills Councils (SSCs) to better align training and skills development with emerging labour market needs and support the Philippines through its digital transformation amidst the COVID-19 disruption. This program presents opportunities for Australian education providers to collaborate with Philippine education and industry

stakeholders around competency frameworks, skills maps and standards development, skills assessments, and evidenced-informed training programs matched to industry needs.