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## THE **FUTURE** OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE PHILIPPINES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:  
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Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming increasingly viewed as an attractive (and eventually low-cost) means to achieve the aim of a low-carbon, and maybe even a no-carbon, automotive future. From an ESG perspective, the greatest difficulty will come in the form of electric vehicle manufacturers keeping their supply chains committed to these targets. Despite this worry, ESG investors worldwide are showing not only sustained but also substantially expanding interest in investing in EV manufacturers.

As the global auto industry continues to recover from the issues it's facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be met by a new group of car buyers. Many people who had rejected ownership in lieu of ridesharing and public transport have reassessed in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to an EY analysis. A mix of changing consumer attitudes, ambitious climate-focused regulations and technology evolution is about to change the landscape of vehicle buying forever.

In 2022, the Department of Energy declared that the Philippines would join the rest of the world in effectively limiting the sale of new internal combustion engine cars by 2040 as part of the Comprehensive Roadmap for the EV Industry (CREVI).

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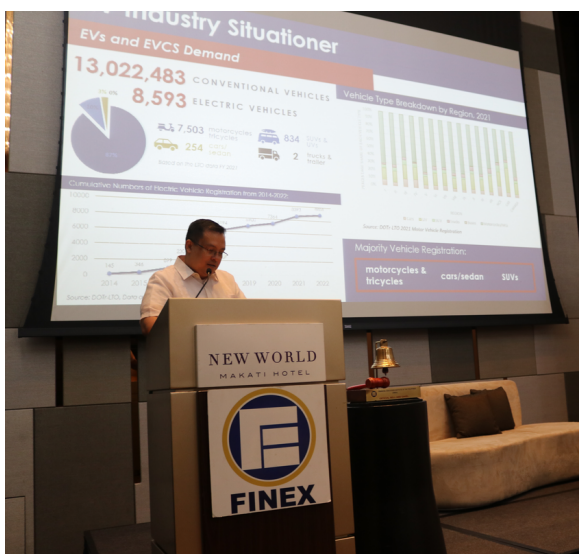
# PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

## ATTY. FELIX WILLIAM B. FUENTEBELLA

Undersecretary, Department of Energy

Atty. Felix William Buquid Fuentebella ("Wimpy") holds the position of Undersecretary of the Department of Energy. He first held this position from September, 2016 to June, 2022 under then Secretary of Energy Alfonso Cusi. He was then re-appointed under current Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla last September, 2022.

Wimpy hails from Tigaon, Camarines Sur. He served as a member of the Philippine House of Representatives of, now, the Fourth legislative district of Camarines Sur. Wimpy started his career in government as a Political Affairs Officer from 1997 – 2000. Then as Chief of Staff from 2007 – 2010. He was Housing Commissioner of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) in 2010 and Deputy Secretary General of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) in 2011.



Wimpy earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1997 from the University of the Philippines, started his Bachelor of Laws in the Ateneo Law School and completed it in San Sebastian College Recoletos Institute of Laws. He was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2009.

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DOE Director Patrick Aquino joins Atty. Rhys Alexei Murillo in the panel discussion and Q&A. FINEX Director Antonio Ramon Ongsiako facilitated the discussion.

## ATTY. RHYA ALEXEI Y. MURILLO

Legal Committee Chair, Chamber of Automotive

Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI)

General Manager, Nissan Philippines, Inc.

Atty. Rhys Alexei Y. Murillo is a C.P.A. Lawyer who completed his Bachelor of Science in Accountancy degree from De La Salle University-Taft in 2002, and his Juris Doctor Degree from Ateneo Law School in 2006.

He passed the 2006 Philippine Bar examinations, and has since been exposed to various industries, having worked as part of the legal departments of local and multinational companies such as the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, the Philippine Stock Exchange, the Araneta Group Companies, up to and including his current role as the General Manager of Nissan Philippines, Inc.

Atty. Murillo is also the Director of the Legal Management Council of the Philippines, Legal Committee Chair of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI), and Chair of Technical Committee 2 of the ASEAN Automotive Federation.

As part of his personal advocacies, Atty. Murillo is working with electrification advocates EVAP and the DOE to push for electrified mobility in the Philippines, and promote the adoption of EV technologies by the Filipinos.





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