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Mr. Pérez is founder and CEO of Alternergy Partners, a power company focused on developing renewable energy in fast-growing emerging countries in Asia. He is also chairman of Merritt Partners, a boutique energy advisory firm providing advice to energy companies operating throughout Asia.

Mr. Pérez was the youngest and longest serving Philippine Energy Minister from June 2001 to March 2005. He boosted energy self-sufficiency, promoted clean indigenous energy, and crafted an ambitious renewable energy policy framework.

He served briefly in early 2001 as Undersecretary for Industry at the Department of Trade and Industry and as Managing Head of the Board of Investments, and led investment missions to Europe and USA.

Prior to 2001, Mr. Pérez had 17 years experience in debt restructuring, capital markets, and private equity in emerging countries, based in Pittsburgh, London, New York and Singapore. At 35, he became the first Asian General Partner at Lazard Frères in New York as head of its Emerging Markets Group. He was Managing Director of Lazard Asia in Singapore from 1995 until 1997.

Mr. Pérez founded Next Century Partners in 1997, a private equity firm that invested in Smart Communications, Del Monte Pacific and Fastech Synergy. His team also launched successful start-ups in mobile applications.

Mr. Perez is an independent director of Nido Petroleum (ASX), Energy Development Corporation (largest geothermal company in Asia), SM Investments, and ST Telemedia, a Temasek company. He also invested in Northwind Power, the first commercial wind farm in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Pérez obtained an MBA from the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics from the University of the Philippines. He was a 2005 World Fellow at Yale University, where he lectured an MBA class on renewable power in emerging countries.