

INTRO TO ENERGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

An Online Crash Course (May 2020)

The New Energy Nexus-Philippines innovated an existing program by converting it to online; stretching the usual one-day conduct of the Energy Entrepreneurship 101 and Idea Generation to a 3-day crash course "Introduction to Energy Entrepreneurship" and that happens every other day of a pre-selected week with 1.5 hour per session/day.

The new program is an experiment in response to the current country-wide lockdown and to check if such model will have a good reception from the people and if it could be a possible revenue stream for the company.



After 5 days of promotion, we needed to close the registration because we already hit the 100-mark signups and the number of the participants will be beyond the controllable crowd being that it is still in the experimentation stage.

The May run gave the NENPH team a lot of learnings and insights on how to do it next time. Read the full text here <https://bit.ly/EEcourselearning>.

From the 100 participants; combination of students, teachers, and professionals, we are able to form four (4) groups who pitched during the pitch day with the following ideas:

- 1) **PISOLAR** - a platform for and a payment innovation for solar home systems
- 2) **2Solar.Ph** - whose vision is to become the leading information and training provider on solar energy in the country
- 3) **Grid Tied Solar Powered Electric Vehicle Charging System** - actually from a thesis, exploring EV charging schemes
- 4) **Mobile Energy Bank** - secured communication and connectivity in far-flung areas thru a solar-powered power banks

Despite the fallout and a small number of teams formed, the pitching activity on the 3rd day that served as the culmination of the course turned out very well with the other participants (both from Track A and Track B) giving feedbacks to the teams who presented on how can they improve their startup ideas.

It will become a monthly activity, once in every month, and the next run is scheduled on June 23, 25, and 27, 2020 but will be an exclusive run for Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-II) and for Iligan City thru the partnership with iDEYA: Center of Innovation and Technopreneurship (CIT). The NENPH team plans to conduct the next runs by partnering with some of the country's technology business incubators (TBIs) that are housed in schools/universities offering engineering courses. To access the registration site, use this link: <https://introtoenergyentrepreneurship.splashthat.com/>.