

## HITACHI YOUNG LEADERS INITIATIVE 2026

# FLOW AS ONE



May 24-29, 2026  
Cebu, Philippines



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# About

**The Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI)** is Hitachi's flagship community engagement programme dedicated to fulfilling its commitment to society, particularly in empowering future generations. Since its inauguration in Singapore in 1996, HYLI has consistently brought together the region's brightest undergraduate and graduate students in Asia to discuss regional and global issues with government officials, prominent business leaders, academics, and NGO representatives.

Participating countries include Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan, with each country represented by up to four carefully selected student delegates.

Key objectives of HYLI are:

- Further developing delegates' perception and understanding of regional and global issues that impact society
- Encouraging Asian solidarity among potential young leaders by addressing regional challenges together
- Promoting cross-cultural understanding through education, common activities and shared experiences
- Creating a platform for the exchange of views from different perspectives
- Providing a network for potential future Asian leaders

For three decades, HYLI has offered more than 400 students the unique opportunity to broaden their outlook while promoting Asian values and cross-cultural understanding.



# Main Theme

## FLOW AS ONE

What's next for a sustainable future?

The 18th Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative (HYLI) 2026, themed “**FLOW AS ONE: What's next for a sustainable future?**” brings 32 outstanding delegates from 8 Asian countries to Cebu, Philippines from May 24-29, 2026 to collaborate on solutions for water, economic growth, innovation, and marine sustainability.



### CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



### DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



### INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation



### LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

# Daily Activities

## DAY 1 | 25 May 2026

- 08:30 ● Registration
- 09:00 ● HYLI 2026 Opening, Keynote Speech & Panel Discussion
- 12:35 ● Lunch
- 14:15 ● Community Engagement Activity
- 17:00 ● Dinner

## DAY 2 | 26 May 2026

- 09:00 ● Olango Island Visit
- 12:00 ● Lunch
- 14:00 ● Engaging Talk with Marine Biologist
- 18:00 ● Dinner

## DAY 3 | 27 May 2026

- 09:00 ● Mentor Session
- 12:00 ● Lunch
- 13:00 ● Hitachi Water Project Immersion
- 16:40 ● Proposal & Cultural Performance Submission
- 18:00 ● Dinner

## DAY 4 | 28 May 2026

- 09:00 ● Mentor Session: Rehearsals
- 12:00 ● Lunch
- 13:00 ● Presentations
- 18:00 ● Dinner
- 19:00 ● Cultural Night



# Programme for Student Delegates

## Opening

The Opening Ceremony formally marks the beginning of HYLI 2026, bringing together student delegates, Hitachi leaders, mentors, partners, and distinguished guests from across sectors and countries. Guided by the theme **“Flow as One”**, the session sets the tone for a week of dialogue, collaboration, and shared purpose. Through cultural performances, leadership messages, alumni reflections, and meaningful conversations, delegates are invited to see themselves as part of a larger movement—young leaders whose ideas, experiences, and actions can converge towards a more sustainable future.

## Back-to-School Outreach Activity

At a local elementary school in Marigondon, Cebu, delegates will take part in a community-centered activity focused on supporting young learners through the preparation and turnover of back-to-school kits. This hands-on experience brings **“Flow as One”** to life by showing how collective action can create meaningful impact for communities. More than an outreach activity, it is an opportunity for delegates to reflect on service, shared responsibility, and the role of leadership in addressing real needs with empathy, collaboration, and purpose.



## Olango Island (Marine Sanctuary) Visit

The Olango Island visit immerses delegates in one of Cebu’s important coastal and ecological communities, offering a closer look at the relationship between people, nature, and sustainability. Through activities such as mangrove viewing and planting, delegates will experience how environmental stewardship requires both local action and collective responsibility. Anchored on **“Flow as One”**, this visit encourages students to understand sustainability not as an abstract idea, but as a living system—where communities, ecosystems, and future leaders must work together to protect what sustains life.



# Programme for Student Delegates

## Mactan Water Plant Visit

The Hitachi Water Site Visit offers delegates a practical look at how technology, innovation, and infrastructure can support more sustainable water systems. Connected to the broader HYLI focus on sustainability and future-ready solutions, the experience will help students understand how real-world challenges require collaboration across sectors, disciplines, and communities. In the spirit of **“Flow as One”**, the visit highlights water as both a vital resource and a powerful metaphor: when knowledge, systems, and people move together, they can create solutions that serve society.



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“Sinulog Festival, Pit Señor!”

## Learning Showcase & Cultural Night

The evening will begin with delegates’ presentations, highlighting key learnings, experiences, and insights developed throughout the HYLI 2026 journey. These presentations reflect the spirit of **“Flow as One”** by showcasing different perspectives, stories, and shared aspirations formed during the program.

Following the presentations, delegates will take part in Cultural Night, a celebration of friendships, shared experiences, and diverse identities through Filipino music, performances, and interactive cultural activities. In a relaxed and joyful setting, the evening invites everyone to experience the warmth and creativity of the host country while strengthening connections, appreciation, and community.



# Speakers



## Yudai Ueno

Consul-General of Japan in Cebu

**Mr. Yudai Ueno** is a seasoned diplomat currently serving as the Consul-General of Japan in Cebu, where he plays a key role in advancing Philippines-Japan relations in the Visayas region. Since joining Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991, he has developed a strong foundation in economic diplomacy, supported by extensive international experience.

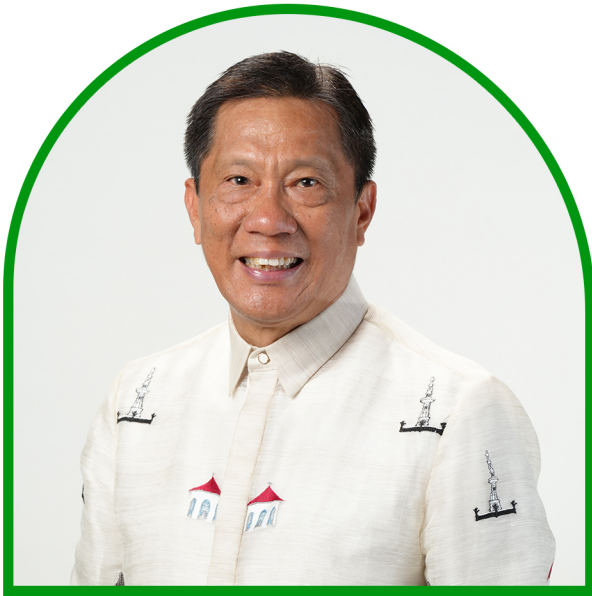
Over the years, Ueno has contributed to shaping trade frameworks as a member of Japan's negotiation team for major agreements such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP), and several bilateral accords with other countries including Singapore, the Philippines, and Indonesia.

His overseas assignments include postings in Washington, D.C. USA, the Japan Mission to the European Union in Belgium, and the Republic of Korea – experiences that have shaped his global perspective and strengthened his ability to navigate complex diplomatic environments.

Ueno is known for his thoughtful leadership, steady resolve, and fondness for humor. A self-confessed “joke-lover”, he brings lightness to his engagements, helping foster approachable connections. He encourages fellow leaders to embrace challenges without fear of failure, learn from setbacks, and turn insights into meaningful progress.



# Speakers



## Honourable Mayor Nestor Dionson Archival

Mayor of Cebu City

**Honourable Mayor Nestor Dionson Archival** is a Professional Electrical Engineer, public servant, entrepreneur, and long-time advocate of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

A former faculty member of the University of San Carlos Department of Electrical Engineering, he built a distinguished career in engineering, development, and public service, including multiple terms as Cebu City Councilor. During his time in the Cebu City Council, he authored numerous environmental ordinances and resolutions, and chaired key committees on environment, energy, transportation, communication, public order, and other utilities.

As President of N.A. Systems Inc. and NGA Development Corporation, Mayor Archival led major electrical, construction, consultancy, and sustainable development projects across Cebu. He is also known as the owner of the Archival Ecohouse, recognised as the first sustainable house in the Philippines.

His work has earned him numerous honours, including Most Outstanding Councillor of the Philippines, Environmentally Responsible Entrepreneur of the Year, and The Outstanding Professional of the Year in Electrical Engineering. A respected speaker in local and international forums, Mayor Archival continues to champion green technology, renewable energy, and sustainable urban development.



# Speakers



## Lourdes Josephine Gotianun-Yap

Vice Chairperson of the Board,  
Filinvest Development Corporation

**Mrs. Josephine Gotianun-Yap** is a highly accomplished business leader with a career spanning over five decades. She holds key leadership roles within the Filinvest Development Corporation group and currently serves as Vice Chairperson of the company, a leading Philippine conglomerate with strategic investments in banking, property, power and utilities, hospitality, sugar, and infrastructure. She also serves as Chairperson of Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp. (LIPAD), which oversees the operations, maintenance, and commercial development of Clark International Airport.

Mrs. Yap spearheaded the development of the LEED- and BERDE-certified central business district of Filinvest City and pioneered the group's hospitality business through its Crimson, Quest, and Grafik hotel brands.

A trailblazer in the real estate industry, Mrs. Yap was the first female recipient of the Real Estate Personality of the Year award at the Property Guru Philippines Property Awards. She was also named the first Property Woman of the Year by the Philippine chapter of FIABCI. These recognitions reflect her exceptional contributions and leadership, setting a high standard for women in the real estate sector.

Mrs. Yap earned her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago. She is a member of the Private Sector Advisory Council for Tourism to the Philippine President, a member of the US-Philippines Society, and a member of the Philippine chapter of the International Advisory Council of Singapore Management University.

A trustee of Loaves and Fishes Foundation, she actively supports initiatives focused on feeding marginalised communities. Mrs. Yap is married to Ambassador Joseph M. Yap and is a mother of three.



# Speakers



## Isabelle Therese Gotianun Yap

First Vice President, Chief Strategy,  
and Transformation Officer,  
East West Banking Corporation

**Ms. Isabelle** is First Vice President, Chief Strategy & Transformation Officer and Executive Director at East West Bank, where she leads Customer Experience, Customer Service, Digital Strategy, and the Innovation Center of Excellence. Her perspectives on business strategy and management were strengthened by her experience in companies across multiple geographies.

She was formerly a Consultant at McKinsey & Company, where she served multiple clients across the region. Prior to that, she was part of the Management Associate Program with SingTel, one of Asia's leading telcos.

A digital native, Isabelle has focused on creating products towards a financially inclusive future. She helped spearhead the launch of Komo, a digital banking service under East West Bank.

She was recently chosen by the World Economic Forum to be part of the 2023 Class of Young Global Leaders, one of 100 young individuals across the globe focused on driving positive change in their respective fields.

Isabelle earned her bachelor's degree in Business Management with a Double Major in Finance and Marketing from Singapore Management University, and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.



# Speakers



## Toshiaki Higashihara

Director, Board of Directors.  
Executive Chairman,  
Hitachi, Ltd.

Following his tenure as President & CEO since 2016 and as Executive Chairman & CEO since June 2021, **Mr. Higashihara** leads the global organization of more than 280 thousand employees as Executive Chairman of Hitachi, Ltd.

Under his leadership, Hitachi has grown to become a global leader in digitalising critical social infrastructure that aims to harmonise economic growth, environment, and the sustainable development of society. He has led the transformation of Hitachi's business portfolio, accomplishing several large-scale acquisitions of businesses in railway system, powergrid, and digital engineering, that play key roles in Hitachi's four main businesses: Energy, Mobility, Digital Systems & Services, and Connective Industries. Today, Hitachi delivers intelligent social infrastructure and collaborates with its stakeholders in co-creating digital solutions that enhance quality of life and create value for customers.

Prior to his recent roles, Mr. Higashihara has held several executive leadership positions in Hitachi business units and affiliated companies, including President of Hitachi Power Europe GmbH, President of Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd. and Chief Operating Officer of Hitachi's Information & Telecommunications Systems Group.

He holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from Tokushima University and a Master of Science in Computer Science from Boston University.



# Speakers



## Lorena Dellagiovanna

Senior Vice President, Chief HR Officer  
and Chief Sustainability Officer,  
Hitachi, Ltd.

**Ms. Lorena Dellagiovanna** is Senior Vice President and Executive Officer at Hitachi, serving as Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Sustainability Officer.

As CHRO, she leads Hitachi's global Human Capital strategy in support of the Inspire 2027 management plan, partnering with the business to deliver value and enable sustainable growth. She focuses on fostering a high-performance culture, strengthening leadership, and ensuring the organisation is equipped with the capabilities required to execute Hitachi's transformation. In this context, people are recognised as a core driver of sustainable business growth and long-term value creation.

In her role as Chief Sustainability Officer, she advances Hitachi's sustainability agenda through the **PLEDGES** framework, embedding environmental, social, and governance priorities into business strategy, operations, and decision-making to drive long-term value creation for customers, society, and the environment.

Her responsibilities also include oversight of health and safety, as well as alignment of sustainability priorities across Hitachi's operations and value chain, including procurement.

She serves as Chair of the Board of Hitachi Energy and as a member of the Boards of Hitachi Rail and Hitachi Europe Ltd. She previously served as Hitachi's Country Manager for Italy and held senior finance and shared services leadership roles across Europe.



# Speakers



## Kojin Nakakita

Vice President, Hitachi, Ltd.  
Chairman, Hitachi Asia Ltd.

**Mr. Kojin Nakakita** is Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd., and concurrently Chairman of Hitachi Asia Ltd.

Based in Singapore, he leads Hitachi's strategic growth across the Asia Pacific region, driving initiatives in social innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation.

Mr. Nakakita began his career with Hitachi in 1988 and has since held progressive leadership roles across social infrastructure, water treatment, smart cities, and heavy industry. Between 2014 and 2017, he served as Managing Director of Hitachi India Pvt. Ltd. before relocating to Singapore in 2017 upon his appointment as Chairman of both Hitachi Asia Ltd. and Hitachi India Pvt. Ltd.

In recent years, Mr. Nakakita's commitment to nurturing future leaders has been evident in how he has championed the Hitachi Young Leaders Initiative, which brings together outstanding youth from Japan and Southeast Asia to deliberate on sustainable development and inclusive innovation. He regularly represents Hitachi's senior leadership at prominent regional forums, contributing to dialogue with organisations such as the Singapore Economic Development Board — alongside industry and government leaders — on Asia's evolving economic landscape.

Mr. Nakakita holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States.



# Speakers



## Megumu Tsuda

Vice President,  
Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer,  
Hitachi, Ltd.

**Ms. Megumu Tsuda** is a Vice President and Executive Officer at Hitachi, Ltd., serving as Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer and General Manager of the Global Sustainability and Global Environment Divisions. She is responsible for driving Hitachi's sustainability framework, **PLEDGES**, and leads initiatives that create value for customers, communities, and the planet, while supporting the company's sustainable growth.

She joined Hitachi in July 2021 as Deputy General Manager of the Sustainability Promotion Division. Before that, she held senior leadership roles at Osaka Gas Co., Ltd., including General Manager of the Investor Relations Office and Senior General Manager of the CSR & Environment and Innovation Departments.

Ms. Tsuda holds a BA in Educational Sociology from Kyoto University and an MBA with honors from the Graduate School of Management, Globis University. She was also a research fellow at Harvard Kennedy School.



# Speakers



## Shinichi Sakai

Managing Director,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd.

**Mr. Shinichi Sakai** is the Managing Director of Hitachi Asia Ltd. responsible for accelerating Hitachi's Social Innovation Business across Southeast Asia.

Since joining Hitachi in 1992, Mr. Sakai has built an extensive career spanning Power Generation, Infrastructure, and Industrial businesses across the Middle East, Africa, Australia, and Southeast Asia. He held key roles in Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia before being appointed Managing Director of Hitachi Asia (Malaysia) in 2013.

In 2017, he returned to Japan as General Manager of the Global Sales Operations, Energy Systems Sales Division. Prior to his current role, Mr. Sakai served as the Chief Operating Officer of Hitachi India Pvt. Ltd., where he strengthened collaboration among Hitachi group of companies to expand the business in India.

With over three decades of experience in Sales, Business Development, and Planning across diverse global markets, Mr. Sakai brings a wealth of expertise and leadership to drive Hitachi's continued growth in Southeast Asia.



# Speakers



## Florence Chow

Executive Vice President,  
Chief Administrative Officer,  
Advisor for HYL1,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd.

**Ms. Florence Chow** is the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Hitachi Asia Ltd.

In this enterprise-wide role, she provides strategic oversight of Internal Control, Legal & Compliance, Communications, IT, Value Integration, and Sustainability, driving strong governance, operational resilience, and long-term value creation across the organisation.

With three decades of human capital leadership experience across diverse APAC markets, Ms. Chow is recognised for her inclusive leadership and her ability to align people, processes, and purpose. As CAO, she advances sustainable organizational growth by embedding responsible business practices and integrating sustainability into enterprise decision-making. She has served on the Board since 2018.

She holds a Master's degree from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Arts from the National University of Singapore.



# Speakers



## Atsushi Kato

General Manager,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd. Philippine Branch

**Mr. Atsushi Kato** is General Manager of the Philippine Branch of Hitachi Asia Ltd., overseeing Hitachi and its affiliates' operations in the Philippines. In his current role as country manager, he leads diverse business domains including water, power, IT, elevators and escalators, railroads, and related subsidiaries, driving strategic growth and operational excellence across the region.

Mr. Kato began his career with Hitachi in 1998, dedicating 18 years to IT solution sales for major electric power companies and broadcasters in Japan. In 2004, he expanded his international experience as a business trainee in Beijing, focusing on new business development in China. In 2018, he transitioned to the Corporate Planning Department at Hitachi's head office, where he was responsible for formulating the Group's overall mid-term management plan. By 2020, he successfully advanced sales in water environment businesses and infrastructure maintenance sectors in Japan, reinforcing Hitachi's presence in critical social infrastructure markets.

Since 2024, Mr. Kato has been spearheading Hitachi's growth in the Philippines, leveraging his extensive expertise in strategic planning and cross-sector business operations to strengthen the company's regional footprint.



# Distinguished Guests



## **Mr. Tang Chay Wee**

Executive Vice President &  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd.

## **Ms. Marichris Kobayashi**

General Manager,  
Water & Environment Division,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd. Philippine Branch

## **Ms. Yasuko Kurihara**

Deputy Consul General,  
Consulate-General of Japan in Cebu

## **Mr. Takashi Goto**

Executive Director,  
Japan External Trade Organization



# Keynote Speaker



## Philip Dy

President of Metrobank Foundation, Inc.  
and Executive Director of GT Foundation, Inc.

**Mr. Philip Dy** is the President of Metrobank Foundation, Inc., one of the Philippines' largest corporate foundations, and concurrently Executive Director of GT Foundation, Inc., the Ty family's philanthropic arm. He serves as Trustee of Manila Tytana Colleges, Toyota Motor Philippines School of Technology, and the League of Corporate Foundations.

He previously served as Chief of Staff (with the rank of Undersecretary) to Vice President Ma. Leonor G. Robredo, and Head Executive Assistant to the late Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo.

Philip holds a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2015, specialising in Democracy, Politics, and Institutions, and subsequently managed the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative's Disaster Net Project, promoting community-based disaster preparedness in the Philippines.

His career spans leadership development, volunteer mobilisation, and community-based programmes addressing nutrition and education. He was selected to the Obama Foundation's inaugural Leaders Asia-Pacific programme in 2019 and received the Rotary Golden Wheel Award for Community Development in 2025.

A summa cum laude graduate and valedictorian of Ateneo de Manila University's Development Studies Programme, he was named one of the Ten Jose Rizal Model Students of the Philippines in 2005.



# Panellists



## Joseph Patrick Yap

Chief Technology Officer,  
FBSC One Tech

**Mr. Joseph Patrick Yap** is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at FBSC One Tech. In this role, they are responsible for Enterprise Infrastructure Operations, Enterprise Data, and Research and Development, including Smart City.

With more than 15 years' experience in IT, with 11 years of those working in East West Bank, Joseph has led and been part of innovative projects such as launching the first self-service enrolment for internet and online banking applications in the Philippines, as well as other payment related modernisations and conveniences. Their work has served as a foundation for the continued growth and innovation of East West Bank's digital arm.

As part of One Tech, Joseph has led the transformation of the infrastructure and operations group into one that serves more than 80 Filinvest Group companies. In addition to this, Joseph is currently focusing on implementing modern Smart City projects and infrastructure, to address the growing needs of Filinvest City residents and clients and overseeing the Enterprise Data Lake for the Filinvest Group.



# Panellists



## Sagawa Hiroshi

Chief Representative,  
Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)  
Manila Office

**Mr. Sagawa Hiroshi** is the current Chief Representative of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) Manila Office.

He has a wide range of knowledge and experience in Southeast Asia, including assignments as Representative in Vietnam and as director covering various Southeast Asian countries, and especially the role as Chief Representative in the Philippines.

He is also involved in financing a wide range in infrastructure sectors such as oil & gas, water & waste management, railways, and power.

Prior to his assignment as Chief Representative of JBIC Manila Office. He was the Director overseeing green loans and export finance for eight countries in Asia including the Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand. Mr. Hiroshi has also been responsible for building strategic partnership, particularly in the area of green finance, with the aforementioned countries. In addition, he has been actively engaging in advancing the Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC) in the Philippines— a decarbonisation framework for Southeast Asia led by Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).



# Panellists



## John Emmanuel Martinez

Assistant Vice President for Sustainability,  
Maynilad Water Services, Inc.

**Mr. John Emmanuel Martinez** is a sustainability and environmental management professional with over a decade of experience integrating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles into corporate strategy and operations. He serves as Assistant Vice President for Sustainability at Maynilad Water Services, Inc., one of Southeast Asia's largest private water utilities, leading sustainability strategy, ESG reporting, climate and decarbonisation planning, and sustainable finance.

Mr. Martinez played a key role in the company's corporate listing by advancing sustainability disclosures, enhancing environmental compliance systems, and embedding ESG considerations across business processes. He spearheaded the development of a Sustainable Finance Framework, aligning investment strategies with climate and resilience objectives, and contributed to financing mechanisms such as blue bonds.

He has overseen the publication of sustainability reports aligned with global standards, led policy updates to reflect evolving ESG frameworks, and helped secure internationally recognised green equity certification. His work includes guiding infrastructure projects through environmental and social impact assessments and representing the organisation in engagements with regulators and development partners.

Mr. Martinez holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Saint Louis University. A licensed chemical engineer and environmental planner, he brings strong technical expertise in advancing sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure.



# Panellists



## Theo Scherman

Chief Growth Officer,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd.

**Mr. Theo Scherman** is a seasoned global executive with over 31 years of C-level leadership experience, widely recognised for bold, transformative impact across emerging technologies and global business landscapes. As the Chief Growth Officer for Hitachi Asia Pacific, Theo has been instrumental in shaping strategies that drive innovation, sustainability, and growth across the region.

He is a firm believer that challenging conventional wisdom can unlock breakthrough transformations across entire industries, and that one individual's vision can spark profound change on a global scale.

In his role, Theo leads forward-looking strategy development aligned with Hitachi's long-term mission and objectives. He drives market analysis, identifies emerging trends, and evaluates competitive dynamics to uncover new avenues for expansion, product innovation, and operational excellence. He also champions cross-functional collaboration across business units and builds strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, customers, and industry influencers to accelerate the company's growth trajectory.

Beyond his corporate role, Theo is a published author of two books exploring the intersection of innovation, business, and the future economy. *Infinite Futures* examines how technology will redefine humanity by 2030, while his latest book, *The Great Redesign*, explores how organisations must evolve, and what leaders must do, to thrive in the rapidly emerging post-AI world.



# Advisory Panellists



## Ahmed El Sherbini

Sales and Marketing Lead,  
Hitachi Energy

**Mr. Ahmed El Sherbini** leads the Sales and Marketing team at Hitachi Energy focused on Grid Automation. Ahmed joined Hitachi Energy in 2023 after a successful 15-year career at General Electric as the Executive leading the Software business in APAC.

His passion is to work closely with customers to bring innovation into the energy segment and find creative technological solutions to the new challenges facing the energy industry.

Currently living in Perth, Australia, he holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Economics.



# Advisory Panellists



**Atty. Virgil Edward Z. Quiapo, J.D.** is a lawyer and educator from the University of San Carlos. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, majoring in International Relations and Foreign Service with a minor in Economics, from the same university. He later obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Cebu. He took the 2022 Philippine Bar Examinations and successfully passed the following year.

Before entering academia, Atty. Virgil worked at Rama Baena Tan and Ang Law Offices and later served as a corporate lawyer for FSG Technologies, Inc. He eventually pursued his passion for teaching and became an instructor at the University of San Carlos.

He currently practices as a private lawyer and teaches Public International Law, Criminal Justice, and The Contemporary World. His research interests include International Relations and International Law. Atty. Virgil aims to develop socially aware students who can provide evidence-based solutions to contemporary issues.

## Atty. Virgil Edward Z. Quiapo, J.D.

Lawyer and Educator,  
University of San Carlos



# Advisory Panellists



## Charlize Gadiane

Head Convenor, Education and Research Committee,  
Code Green Philippines

**Ms. Charlize Gadiane** is the Head Convenor of the Education and Research Committee of Code Green Philippines, where she leads the organisation's environmental education and grassroots research initiatives. In her role, she oversees the development of online and on-ground learning programs and coordinates community-based research focused on climate justice, waste management, and ecological responsibility.

She spearheads educational discussion platforms addressing pressing environmental and social issues, serving as a lead moderator and speaker in both virtual and in-person engagements. Ms. Gadiane is also a key figure behind Code Green Philippines' EduCaravan, a school-to-school education initiative delivering interactive environmental discussions to students in public and private schools across Cebu.

Alongside education efforts, she contributes to research and public information campaigns. Ms. Gadiane produces and fact-checks materials for the organisation's monthly environmental awareness series, Let's TaKNOWm, drawing from web-based research and community immersion. Her field work includes data gathering on reclamation projects in the Visayas, participation in fact-finding missions in Binaliw, and contributing to organisational statements on landfill-related environmental and health concerns.



# Advisory Panellists



## Gerald Hane, Ph.D.

Senior Executive for APAC,  
General Manager for ASEAN Executive Office,  
Hitachi Asia Ltd.

**Dr. Gerald Hane** currently serves as Senior Executive for APAC, Chief Risk Management Officer for APAC for Hitachi Ltd., General Manager for the ASEAN Executive Office of Hitachi Asia, Hitachi Ltd's regional headquarters for the ASEAN region, and Executive Advisor for Government and External Partnerships. Previously he served as General Manager for Corporate Strategy and Sustainability at Hitachi Asia, and Global Operations Counselor with Hitachi Ltd., focusing on international business development. Dr. Hane is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Graduate Research Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo focusing on disruptive inclusive innovations.

Previously, he was the President and CEO of Battelle-Japan, a joint venture of Battelle Memorial Institute and the Mitsubishi Corporation. Dr. Hane has also served as Head of International Strategy and Affairs at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), with a concurrent position with the National Security Council during the 1990s. Prior to this, he was a Professional Staff Member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the US House of Representatives.

He began his career as a researcher at the US Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University, and Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University.



# Student Profiles

## INDONESIA



**Qaisha Firos Laudymoza**

University of Indonesia  
Psychology



**Muthmainnah Nur Afifah**

Andalas University  
International Relations



**Ramadani Arosad**

Diponegoro University  
Law



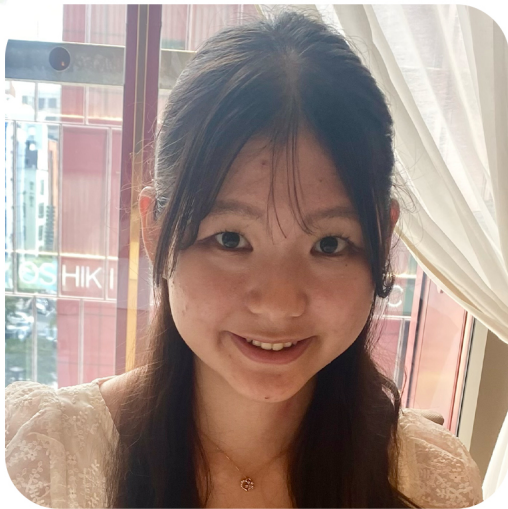
**Ivander Adonis Amei**

President University  
Environmental Engineering



# Student Profiles

## JAPAN



**Ayuka Nitta**

Keio University  
Economics



**Milan Yamaoka**

The University of Tokyo  
Urban Engineering/Urban Planning



**Kanta Todoriki**

The University of Osaka  
Bioengineering



**Amane Tajima**

University of Tsukuba  
International Studies



# Student Profiles

## MALAYSIA



**Ong Yue Lin**

Universiti Malaya  
Economics



**Erica Anushiya Talalla**

Universiti Malaya  
Ecology and Biodiversity



**Jee Chong Xian**

Universiti Malaya  
Mechanical Engineering



**Koay Yun Sheng**

Sunway University  
Mechatronics Engineering  
(Robotics)



# Student Profiles

## MYANMAR



**Yee Mon Aung**

King Mongkut's Institute of Technology  
Ladkrabang  
Global Business and Financial Management



**Shin Thant Yatlin**

The University of Thai Chamber  
of Commerce  
International Business Management



**Zaw Htut Aung**

King Mongkut's University of  
Technology Thonburi  
Automotive and Advanced  
Transportation Engineering



**Swan Htet Htun**

Mae Fah Luang University  
Business Information Technology



# Student Profiles

## PHILIPPINES



**Jysel Ashley Ayop**

Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan  
Information Systems



**Tricia Raj Cabais**

De La Salle University - Manila  
Applied Corporate Management



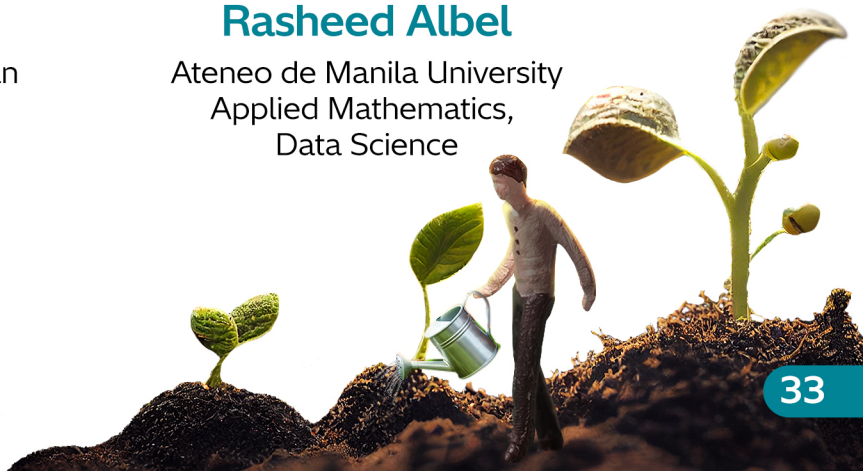
**Kristoff John Padilla**

University of the Philippines Diliman  
Mechanical Engineering



**Rasheed Albel**

Ateneo de Manila University  
Applied Mathematics,  
Data Science



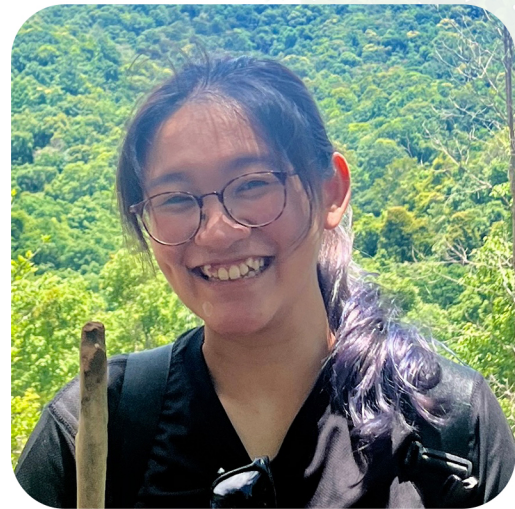
# Student Profiles

## SINGAPORE



**Delfina Poernomo**

Nanyang Technological University  
Technology Management –  
Computer Engineering



**Donna Tan Lin Er**

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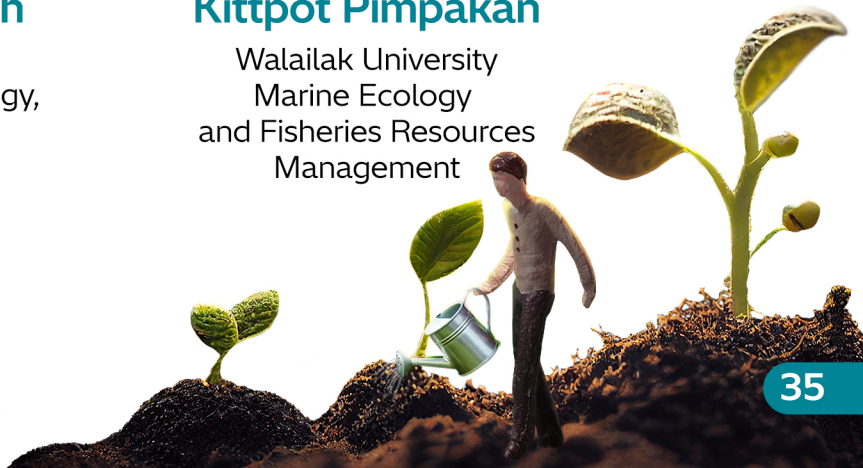
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