

Developers offer piped-in gas as a benefit to homeowners

One of the few beneficiaries of volatile fuel costs is the liquefied petroleum gas industry. The rise of pump gas prices to as high as P60 a liter opened the eyes of many energy users to LPG as the more affordable and cleaner fuel alternative.

Pump prices may have dropped since then but the keen interest in LPG-fed equipment and appliances has remained high in the rising business district of Bonifacio Global City where a piped-in gas network is maintained by its affiliate Bonifacio Gas.

The fuel price hike has spurred large institutions like high-end residential condominiums and hotels to shift from diesel-powered boilers and other equipment to those that

run on LPG because of cost savings, according to Edwin Laset, general manager of Bonifacio Gas.

He said that as a result of residents' acceptance of piped-in gas in a number of condominiums like Pacific Plaza Towers, Bonifacio Ridge, and Penhurst, developers of upcoming residential towers have also opted to offer access to the LPG network as an added benefit to buyers. Other developments offering piped-in gas include Serendra, Kensington Place, Grand Hampton and Fort Legend Towers.

Laset observed that returning Filipino residents who have lived in Singapore and Hong Kong where extensive piped-in gas networks are maintained have helped spur a

growing interest in the use of LPG to run appliances.

In addition to gas stoves, LPG-fed appliances include water heaters, washing machines, clothes dryers, and air conditioning systems. Compared to their counterparts that run on electricity, these equipment offer households a savings of about 40 percent.

A medical center, a prestigious hotel, and a high-end residential tower - all located at the Bonifacio Global City - will also use LPG to run their boilers and to provide hot water for showers, kitchen, laundry, room service and other applications. One advantage that these institutions will enjoy is the availability 24/7 of LPG, thanks to the existing network.