

## BGC residents discover benefits of piped-in gas

Except for the recent introduction of public utility vehicles running on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), many Filipino households know LPG only as fuel for cooking.

At the Bonifacio Global City, over 800 residences and commercial establishments have discovered piped-in gas, its benefits including reduced energy bills and a hassle-free and safe delivery system and many other ways of using this form of energy.

Piped-in gas is a relatively new concept here, but in cosmopolitan cities worldwide including Sydney, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo and many US cities, LPG steel cylinders have become things of the past. In fact, gas providers in Singapore, Australia and other capitals have built piped-in gas networks thousands of kilometers in length to service millions of households.

The biggest advantage offered by piped-in gas is lower energy bills, a fact that is highly appreciated considering ever-spiraling oil prices. Edwin Laset, general manager of Bonifacio Gas Corporation, says that in comparison to users of electric stoves and ovens, those who



use LPG reduce their energy costs by 40 percent. Bonifacio Global City residents have also discovered that using piped-in gas to heat water for bathing is an efficient alternative. They have also noted that in the bathroom, a gas-fired hot-water heater controls temperature within a narrow temperature range. Thus, sudden temperature changes and possible scalding are avoided.

Laset explains that in response to the demands particularly of expatriate residents, swimming pools heated by gas have been put up by popular residential condominium towers in Bonifacio Global City. He notes that pools with heated water render it comfortable to use in any weather.

Other Bonifacio Global City residents even import gas-fired washing machines and clothes dryers because of the overall savings provided by gas appliances – particularly those that require heating. A resident relates that when she found gas-fired laundry appliances in a local appliance center, she immediately purchased the machines knowing that inventory was limited.