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In this photo is Ms. Laurence Catindig, Laguna Water's Accounting Manager, and among the volunteers of the company's 2023 Pasibol (Tree Planting) Activity held in Brgy. Carmen, Silang, Cavite, in celebration of Philippine Environment Month and Arbor Day.

Trees, specifically their roots, hold the soil in place and fight erosion, causing landslides. In addition, trees help recharge the groundwater supply. As the largest water service provider in the province, Laguna Water ensures the sustainability of water sources to guarantee water reliability in the coming years. Like Ms. Catindig, may we continue participating in activities that will help nurture our environment. More than the seedlings, remember that we are planting hope for future generations.

### MESSAGE FROM THE General Manager

Continuing our efforts to provide a sustainable and reliable water supply to the province of Laguna, Laguna Water, its leadership team, and talents have embraced the challenges and changes brought by the pandemic and natural disasters.

A safe water supply for drinking and other domestic use is essential, especially during sickness and calamities. The health and survival of the people are at stake and should be acted upon immediately. Laguna Water is always ready to continue our operations and services and help those needing potable water. We have programs that guarantee the safety, health, and welfare of all our employees, stakeholders, and communities we serve.

We work closely with stakeholders and government officials to meet our kababayans' needs. Like other businesses and companies, Laguna Water effectively responded to these changing times and is always ready to soar and traverse a new chapter again.

**CONSTANTINE O. UY** General Manager

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# Warriors of the Pakes Laguna Water commemorates World Water Day in Laguna de Bay

In solidarity with the commemoration of the 2023 World Water Day, Laguna Water, together with the Cabuyao City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) and Cabuyao River Protection Advocates (CaRPA) member organizations, joined forces for the Multisectoral Clean-up Activity held in Brgy. Baclaran, Cabuyao City, Laguna. This initiative aims to help improve water quality in tributaries that flow into Laguna Lake.



The "Lake Warriors" picked up trash and cleaned the area near Laguna Lake. Around 310 sacks or 4,650 kilograms of solid waste were collected by the representatives from the different agencies during the clean-up drive.

Aside from sending volunteers, Laguna Water also provided a water tanker and hand soaps for hand washing after the clean-up activity, ensuring the participants' health and safety. World Water Day is focused on accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis this year. Celebrated annually every 22nd of March, the advocacy raises awareness and inspires action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis.



## PROUD OF YOUR MOUTH



### Laguna Water and Manila Water Foundation spark smiles in Laguna

Laguna Water joined the celebration of the 2023 World Oral Health Day (WOHD) by handing over oral health care and wellness products from Philusa Corporation, with Manila Water Foundation as co-presenter.

The students of Caesar Z. Lanuza Elementary School in Pagsanjan and Brgy. Kanluran Child Development and Health Centers in Santa Rosa City received oral health and personal care hygiene kits, including a toothbrush, dental floss, isopropyl alcohol, and foaming hand soap.



Recipients of the oral health and personal care hygiene kits were students in (L) Kanluran Daycare Center, Santa Rosa and (R) Caesar Lanuza Elementary School, Pagsanjan.



Poor oral health can harm children's quality of life and school performance. The best way to help them prevent this is by teaching them to brush their teeth properly. Cavities are preventable, and ensuring proper oral hygiene in school is essential in assisting them to stay healthy and ready to learn.

CONSTANTINE O. UY
General Manager, Laguna Water

With the theme "Be Proud of Your Mouth," the WOHD Celebration serves as an avenue to promote the value of oral health in the Philippines and worldwide. Unknown to many, oral health also affects people's overall health, which impacts happiness and well-being.





Families in Pagsanjan, Laguna, gain access to clean water and sanitation with the completion of new water pipelines in the municipality. As a response to the public's need and clamor for quality water and sanitation services, Laguna Water formally inaugurated the completed pipelaying projects in Brgy. Lambac and Riverside, covering areas in barangays Sabang and Biñan.

The recently completed projects were expected to serve over 163 new water connections, especially in far-flung areas in Pagsanjan. To further help low-income families from the said communities, the company also partnered with Manila Water Foundation in providing a 65% subsidy to facilitate their new water connection.

In total, 71 families from the three barangays benefitted from the discounted rate, which was made possible under the Ahon Tubig, a program dedicated to assisting households in gaining access to piped water connection in their homes.

Acknowledging the impact of this partnership, residents cannot help but compare the difference this change will bring to their communities. Among them is Delia Almagro, a senior citizen from Brgy. Sabang.

Taong 1984 nang dumating kami dito. Noon, sa balon lang kami kumukuha ng tubig pang luto at pang laba. Kaya naman, ang mga damit namin ay naninilaw. Ngayong may Laguna Water na kami, nakakatiyak na akong ang aming katawan ay ligtas. Hindi na ako naghihirap magbuhat pa dahil isang pihit lang may tubig na.

(It was 1984 when we moved here. Before, we used to fetch water from a well which we used for cooking and laundry, which makes our clothes have a yellowish tinge. Now that we have a connection with Laguna Water, I am assured of our health and safety.

I will no longer endure the pain of fetching water since it is now readily available with just a turn in our faucets.)

An inauguration and handover of certificates of subsidy were conducted recently, marking the completion of the projects. The Pagsanjan Mayor, Cesar Areza, graced the event and also received SATO Taps from Manila Water Foundation for distribution in other areas not yet reached by piped water connection.

These donations are expected to nudge community members to regularly wash their hands to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.





Engr. Maximo Uri from the Provincial Government participated in the event and represented Gov. Ramil Hernandez.

Aside from Mayor Areza, representatives from the Provincial Government of Laguna and Pagsanjan Water District were present during the event. It can be recalled that Laguna Water was created through a partnership with PGL. In 2019, the company expanded its operations in Pagsanjan through a joint venture agreement with the water district.



### FORGING CONNECTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS:

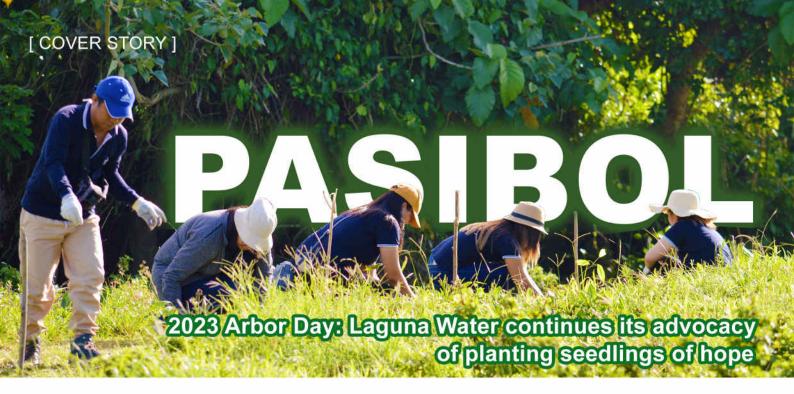


On the appointment of the new Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) General Manager, Laguna Water held a courtesy visit to its Acting General Manager, Atty. Senando Santiago. During the courtesy call, the team formally introduced the company and its programs that aim to help protect nature, including Laguna Lake. TSEK ng Bayan is one of these that aims to intensify the implementation of desludging services in the communities here in Laguna.

On another occasion, the Santa Rosa Watershed Management Council (SWMC) also had a courtesy visit with LLDA and introduced the council's initiatives in support of the LLDA's mandate. During the event, GM Atty. Santiago administered the oath of office and induction of newly appointed officers of Sta. Rosa Sub-Basin Watershed Management Council, of which Laguna Water's Communication and Branding Manager, Ms. Dianne Marie C. Villareal, was elected as the council's Treasurer. The other officers of the council are Engr. Maria Amor A. Salandanan, EnP, President (CENRO Santa Rosa City); Engr. Michael M. Porondo, Vice President (Asia Brewery Inc.), and Ms. Leny V. Salmingo, Secretary (PUP-Santa Rosa Campus).

Laguna Water is an active member of SWMC and has been supportive of the advocacies of the council. Also present at the event are the other council members and representatives from CENRO Cabuyao, RWAGS, OPENRO Cavite, San Miguel Brewery Inc., and LLDA.





In celebration of the 2023 Arbor Day, Laguna Water conducted its annual tree planting activity - Pasibol and planted 500 fruit-bearing seedlings in Brgy. Carmen, Silang, Cavite last June 24. Silang was identified as the recharge area of the water resources of Laguna Water.

This year's Pasibol is a partnership event in which Laguna Water joined forces with the different agencies under the Santa Rosa Watershed Management Council. Among the other agencies present at the event were the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), City Environment and Natural Resources Office – Santa Rosa, Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources – Cavite, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources – Cavite, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office – Silang, Asia Brewery Inc., Philippine Reclamation Area and Office of the Barangay Carmen, Silang.



We are very grateful to LLDA, Santa
Rosa Watershed Management Council,
Provincial Government of Cavite, and
Municipality of Silang for this
opportunity. I hope our activity today is
just the beginning of a good
collaboration to take care of our nature.

Lheizel U. De Jesus, OIC Regulatory and External Affairs Head, Laguna Water



Filipinos celebrate Arbor Day every June 25, a day devoted to planting trees and ornamental plants, wherein projects and activities are targeted towards planting trees and ornamental plants and driving awareness of their importance to the environment.





Natutuwa po kami na ang barangay po namin ay inyong narating kahit malayo.
Talagang mahalaga po ang pagtatanim natin dito dahil ang lupa po natin dito sa ilog ay prone sa soil erosion lalo na ngayong tag-ulan.

Rizaldy Ornales Malustre Chairman, Brgy. Carmen, Silang, Cavite



Mahalaga po itong pagtatanim natin ng puno dahil ito po ay nakakatulong para maimprove ang ating air quality at pati na rin ang ating mga groundwater sources.

Engr. Erna Rezza Tagle Panis MENRO Silang









## EVENTS







