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## DEPED RECOGNIZES BCWD'S CONTRIBUTION TO ITS PROGRAMS.

by Ram Barquin







Butuan City Water District (*BCWD*) General Manager Engr. John Michael Y. Benito (6th from left) receives a Plaque of Recognition for BCWD from Department of Education (*DepEd*) during DepEd's 2024 Stakeholders' Recognition on November 15, 2024 at the LMX Convention Center, Butuan City. DepEd's Stakeholders' Recognition is the department's way of expressing gratitude for the invaluable contributions of its partners. The partners' support has been essential to the success of its Adopt-A-School and Brigada Eskwela Programs, significantly enhancing education for learners.



#### Re-echo Training Seminar on

basic analytics using spreadsheet in-depth training workshop





by Angel Cero

"Data analytics is the process of examining raw data to uncover patterns, draw conclusions, and inform decisionmaking. It involves applying statistical, computational, and analytical techniques to transform large volumes of data into actionable insights. Data analytics can be used to solve problems, forecast trends, and drive better decision-making in business, healthcare, science, and virtually any other field."

This definition was presented by the speaker, Engr. Christian Kier M. Betito, during the Re-echo Seminar on Basic Data Analytics Using Spreadsheet on October 10, 2024, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, at the BCWD Training Hall, Butuan City. The said Re-echo Seminar was attended by twenty six (26) employees (Permanent, COS, and Project-Based) of the Butuan City Water District (BCWD).





The purpose of the seminar was to provide the BCWD Employees with the resource speaker's main takeaways and insights from the seminar attended which can be applied in completing the individual task and performance goals of the BCWD employees. Moreover, after attending the Re-Echo Seminar, the participants should be able to know the basic details of the Basic Data Analytics Using Spreadsheets and how necessary it is to be literate as individuals in order to foster a superior workplace mindset through continual improvement.

During the Re-echo session, the speaker discussed the Types of Data Analytics, Key Components of Data Analytics, Applications of Data Analytics, Tools and Techniques Used in Data Analytics, and the Importance of Data Analytics. The speaker said that Data Analytics helps organizations make data-driven decisions, improving efficiency, increasing profits, reducing risks, and identifying new opportunities. It also allows individuals and businesses to gain insights from the vast amount of data being generated every day, giving them a competitive edge.

In summary, data analytics is a powerful tool that fosters innovation, improves decision-making, enhances customer experiences, reduces costs, and drives overall growth and success in various sectors.



by Kyla Jean L. Martinez

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) once again conducted the Intensive Seminar/ Training on First Internal Responders on Emergency (FIRE) and Earthquake Safety on October 11, 2024 (Friday) from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, at the BCWD Training Hall, Butuan City. This activity was conducted in coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) during the annual Ocular Fire Safety Inspection at office of BCWD. This is a requirement for the issuance and renewal of the Occupancy Permit for the annual Fire Safety Lecture of which the District has started conducting since CY 2012. There were a total of thirty (30) Employees who participated in the Intensive Seminar/ Training on First Internal Responders on Emergency (FIRE) and Earthquake Safety.











Speakers for the said seminar/ training were SFO1 Berniel R. Dahunan, FO2 Leopoldo H. Albia, FO2 Ray Anthony J. Baslote, FO2 Adrian E. Plaza, FO2 John Gabriel A. Kuan Tiu, and FO1 Jan Pauline O. Parra. The speakers discussed about Presidential Decree (PD) 765- Integrated National Police (INP), RA No. 9514- Revised Fire Code of the Philippines (2008), Legal Mandates RA 6975 (DILG ACT of 1990), Chemistry of Fire, 5 Stages of Fire, Classes of Fire, How Fire spreads, Principles of Extinguishment, Behavior of Fire, Fire Tragedies, How to report a Fire, Fire Brigade Organization, and Fire Exit Drill Evacuation Procedure.

The conducted seminar/training was an Interactive Lecture type followed by hands-on application in the workplace through a fire drill and conduct of Fire and Earthquake safety measures

through demonstration and other simulations to enhance the learning experience of the participants.

The Intensive Seminar/ Training on First Internal Responders on Emergency (FIRE) and Earthquake Safety is designed to take a look or evaluate the existing Fire and Earthquake safety measures of BCWD, and to begin improving the same through proper Fire and Earthquake safety procedures and programs. Moreover, it initiates further improvement in the Fire and Earthquake safety procedures using other trainings and Fire and Earthquake safety facilities.

# Learning about Environmental Protection:

BCWD conducts Watershed Community Symposium for the Community in Taguibo Watershed



"I think the most important thing people can do is to learn about their watershed."

Alexandra Cousteau

Anchored on the concept that knowledge sharing is important to ensure watershed protection, the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) conducted its Watershed Community Symposium on November 28, 2024 at Tagkiling Multipurpose Hall, Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City. There were a total of 63 participants in the said activity including speakers and facilitators.

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For this semester, the speakers of the symposium were: For. Blesyn A. Basilio of Butuan City Water District (BCWD) who talked about the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve, For. Ludiemar Sagay of DENR-CENRO – Nasipit who shared about Forest Protection and its governing laws, and Mr. Ernesto B. Castro of DENR-EMB Caraga who taught the participants about the Solid Waste Management or RA 9003 Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

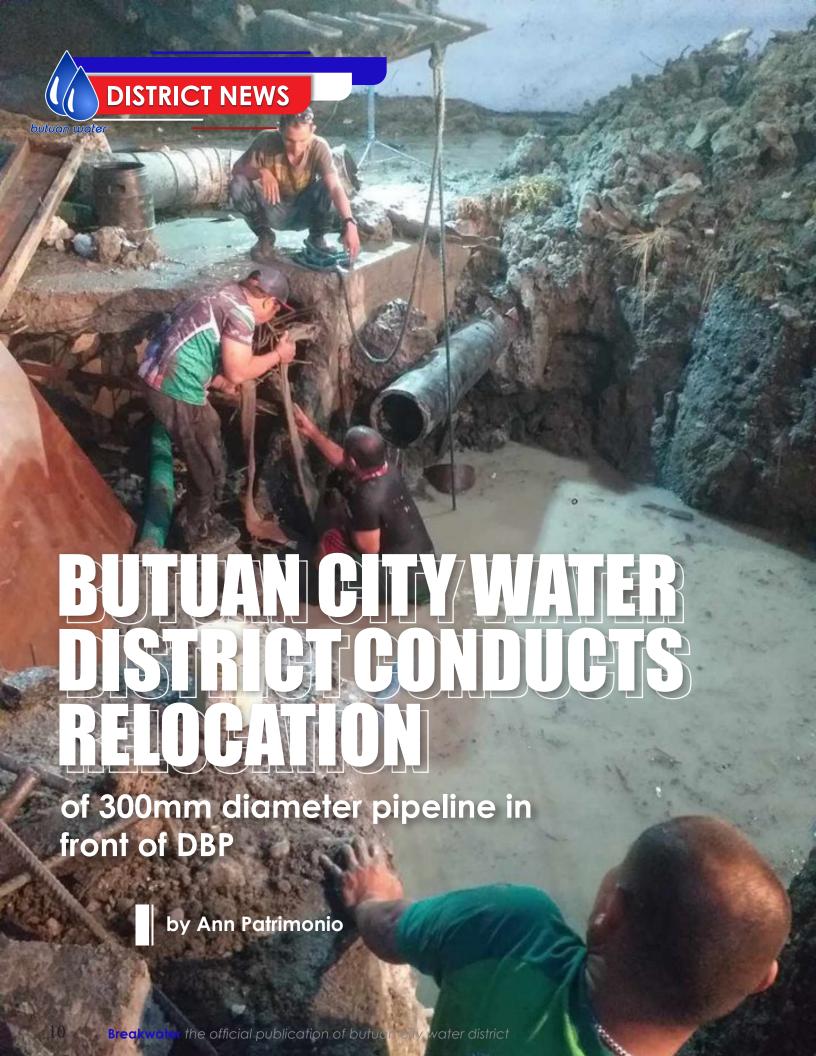
The Watershed Community Symposium is a continuing IEC activity of BCWD per semester to ensure the continuous awareness and education of watershed settlers and its continuum. This is BCWD's way of watershed protection and preservation by starting with the grassroot level.















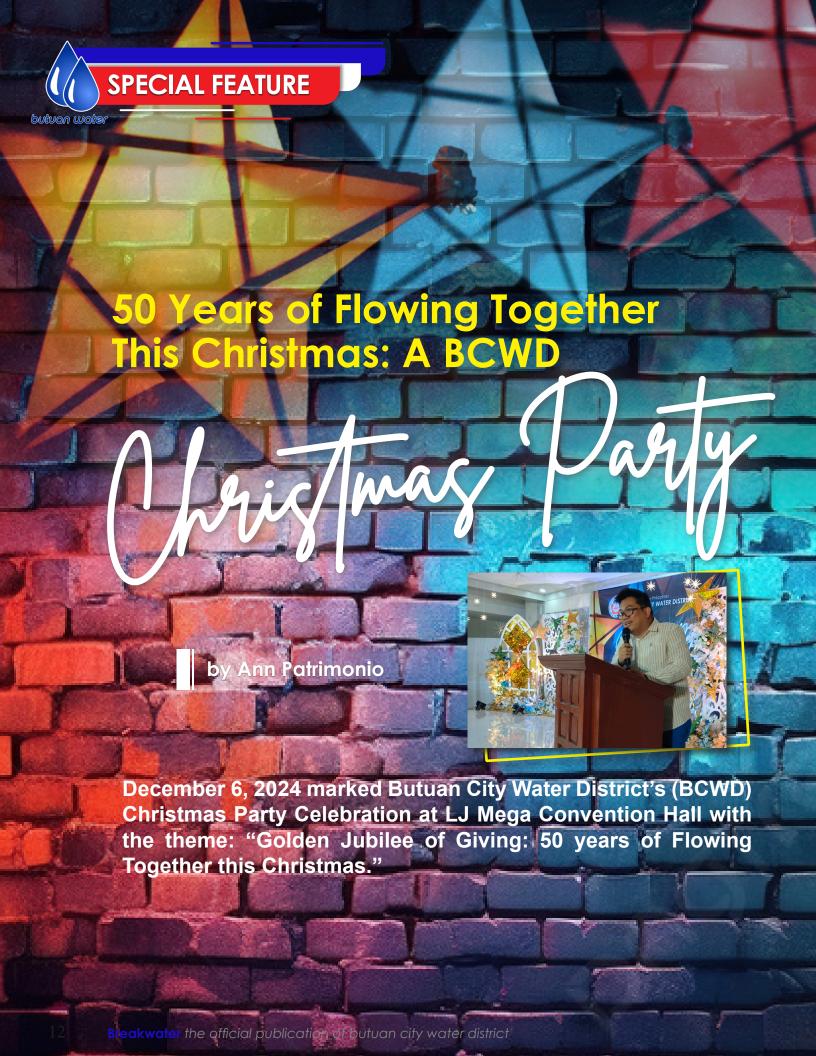
A relocation of the 300mm diameter pipeline in front of the Development Bank of the Philippines (*DBP*) Butuan Branch, J.C. Aquino Avenue was conducted by the Butuan City Water District (*BCWD*) last November 14 to November 15, 2024 to give way to the drainage construction in Butuan City's main thoroughfare. Affected areas include portions of Barangay Imadejas and Barangay Libertad, Butuan City.

The pipeline relocation is a preventive measure implemented by BCWD to stop possible water losses in case of accidental pipe breakage due to the drainage construction.

BCWD conducted water supply augmentation measures by water rationing through tankers for the business establishments and offices affected by the water interruption as the affected areas involved government offices and hotels.

BCWD completed the relocation of the 300mm diameter steel pipe in front of DBP-Butuan Branch, J.C Aquino Avenue, Brgy. Imadejas, Butuan City around 4:50 P.M. Buildup of water pressure was completed and normal water pressure was restored in the affected areas by 5:00PM of November 15, 2024.

BCWD continues to improve its services and conducts maintenance activities and preventive measures as part of its Non-Revenue Water Reduction Program to recover additional water supply for its concessionaires to use.



The annual party was hosted by Mr. Juicer Monta and Ms. Jocyl A. Rin. BCWD employees were garbed in their finest ensemble of 60s vintage with accents of gold which was the motif for the night. GM John Michael Y. Benito delivered his traditional welcome message for Christmas with the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Arch. Horacio Santos inspiring everybody to work together to help BCWD prosper with his Christmas Message.

Part of the Christmas Party celebration of BCWD was the awarding of plaques of appreciation to BCWD partner stakeholders, who in one way or another, helped BCWD in 2024, as well as its Top 5 Key Accounts.

#### The awardees of BCWD's Top 5 Key Accounts were:

- MJ Santos Hospital
- Robinsons Land Corporation
- SM Prime holdings, Inc.
- Almont Hotels, Inc.
- COA Caraga Region

Plaques of Appreciation were also given to those who assisted BCWD during the El Niño and during water rationing of BCWD, to wit:

- City Government of Butuan
- VCDU Realty Corporation represented by its president, Mr. Victor Uy
- Filipino-Chinese Fire
   Brigade represented by Mr.
   Leonardo Yu







One of the highlights of the night Dance Competition by groups. There were four (4) groups: 1) Commercial Services Department; 2) Engineering and Pipe Appurtenances Maintenance Department; 3) Office of the General Manager, Management Services Department and Production and Distribution Department: Department and 4) Finance and Administrative Services Department. Declared winners for the Dance Competition were:

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Butuan City is one of the 21 groundwater-stressed areas in the Philippines. This means the demand for water in Butuan City exceeds what the underground sources can naturally replenish, leading to a strain on its water resources.

- Engr. John Michael Y. Benito General Manager of Butuan City



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### WATER CONSERVATION



#### by Ram Barquin

(Excerpts from the interview done by Philippine Information Agency – Caraga during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on November 26, 2024 held at Butuan City Water District.)



During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas with the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) last November 26, 2024 at the BCWD Training Hall, key representatives from the water districts in Nasipit, Buenavista, and Butuan City showcased significant strides in water conservation. They took center stage to discuss their latest initiatives and updates.

General Managers of Nasipit WD, Buenavista WD, and Butuan City WD shared their programs and strategies focused on improving water access and promoting sustainability.

With water security becoming an increasingly vital concern, the 26th episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas shed light on the agency's efforts on the empowerment of local water districts and promote equitable distribution of resources particularly in times of disaster.



Engr. John Michael Y. Benito, general manager of Butuan City Water District, revealed that the BCWD has curated and submitted an array of development programs to LWUA that will address and improve the water availability of the city in the future. He also added that the said programs are vital in the provision of additional water supply to the city with 11 million



liters per day that will cater the west area of Butuan with 10,000 concessionaires.

GM Benito shared that BCWD is closely monitoring illegal connections and other violations to the main distribution lines of BCWD

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to prevent water losses and poor distribution.

He also said that BCWD is currently doing procurement of equipment that will accurately locate and measure the areas where there are water losses. If this is addressed, concessionaires will enjoy better water distribution.

GM Benito reported that as of November 2024, the district successfully repaired 2,460 pipeline leaks. This initiative saved an estimated 1.51 million liters of water daily that is equivalent to a financial value of approximately P8 million. The achievement









underscored BCWD's commitment to sustainable water resource management and highlighted the importance of infrastructure maintenance in addressing challenges on water supply.

"Butuan City is one of the 21 groundwater-stressed areas in the Philippines. This means the demand for water in Butuan City exceeds what the underground sources can naturally replenish, leading to a strain on its water resources," GM Benito said.

This highlights the need for mindful water use and sustainable practices to protect this vital resource. Every drop saved today contributes to the city's ability to recover and ensures future generations will not experience an even bigger crisis.

The "Kapihan Sa Bagong Pilipinas" series continues to be a vital platform for fostering dialogue and collaboration between the government and various sectors, promoting transparency, and driving progress towards the nation's development goals under the administration of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.





# RESUMPTION OF WATER SUPPLY

for Camella Homes Phases 4 and 6

by Ann Patrimonio

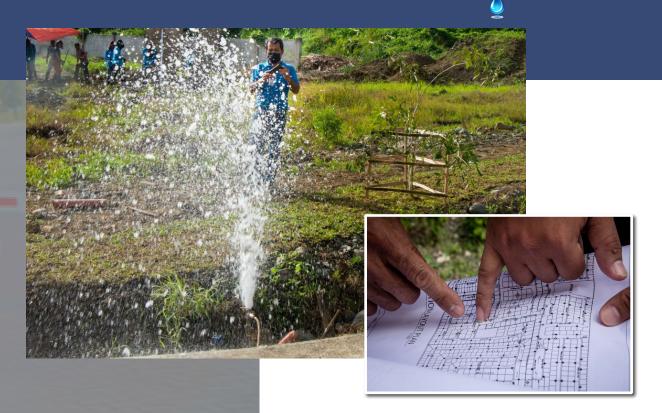




### The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) resumed its normal water supply to Camella Homes Phases 4 and 6 on October 24, 2024.

It can be recalled that residents of Camella Homes Phases 4 and 6 have been complaining of lack of water supply for almost a year. BCWD had conducted several evaluations as to the cause of the water supply problem in the area. A Technical Team from BCWD thoroughly checked the water supply system of the said subdivision. It was found out that there were problems with some of the valves affecting the water supply for the Phase 4 and Phase 6 of Camella Homes. BCWD immediately took action on this problem once it was found. Finally, on October 24, 2024, BCWD was able to address the problem and resumed normal water supply service to the area.

BCWD continues to monitor its water system pipelines so that its water supply service will also improve. This experience with Camella Homes proves that with continuing hard work, BCWD will continue to improve its water service to its concessionaires.





#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN**

RAGPTD-13 TREE
PLANTING ACTIVITY
AT THE TAGUIBO
WATERSHED

by Ann Patrimonio

"With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility." This famous line from the movie Spider Man was quoted by Mr. Anthony B. Ryan Culima, Chairperson of the Regional Advisory Group for Police Transformation & Development 13 (RAGPTD 13), in his welcome remarks during the Tree Planting Activity organized by the group highlighting the importance of using the authority given to the Caraga PNP for worthy causes.







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The event was dubbed as Protect Taguibo Watershed "A Convergence for Safe Water Supply and Better Environment," which took place last October 27, 2024 at Sitio Iyao, Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City, within the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR).

Around five hundred (500) participated in the said tree planting including representatives from Butuan City Water District (BCWD). Other participants were representatives from the City Government of Butuan, other government agencies, Non-Government Organizations (NGO), Criminology students, and students of NSTP-CWTS from Father Saturnino Urios University (FSUU), Saint Joseph Institute of Technology (SJIT), Philippine Electronics and Communication Institute of Technology (PECIT), Butuan City College Inc. (BCC), and ACLC College of Butuan.

The purpose for the activity is to champion environmental sustainability against the effects of climate change and to strengthen biodiversity for a healthier environment.

The Caraga PNP conducted the tree planting to show its dedication to its oath of service to the community giving importance to the advocacy in environmental protection for a better Caraga, and a better Butuan.





# PERMANENT — DISCONNECTION

for Butuan City Water District's 6 months and above inactive water service connections





by Ann Patrimonio

The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) will enforce permanent disconnection of inactive accounts starting January 2025 per BCWD Board Resolution No. 0061-2024 dated September 9, 2024. Inactive Accounts for permanent disconnection are those water service connections which were disconnected for more than six (6) months.





It is necessary that these inactive water service connections be categorized Permanent as Disconnection wherein it is done by disconnecting the service pipeline from the distribution line for an inactive / closed water connection of a single tapping or the removal of tee connection and replacement with a G.I. nipple for clusters of more than one water meter. The account's status is "PERMANENT DISCONNECTION" to distinguish it from other accounts that are closed or disconnected.

Once an account is permanently disconnected, reactivation is made after payment of REACTIVATION

FEE which is equivalent to BCWD's existing installation fee for new service connection and guarantee deposit equivalent to two (2) months average consumption of said account and outstanding balances, if any.

Payment shall be made at the BCWD Administration Building at Gov. J.A. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City.

This move is BCWD's way to urge its concessionaires that have inactive accounts to pay and apply for reconnection.



### BCWD UPDATES DISCONNECTION SCHEDULE



The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) enforced an adjustment in the schedule for disconnection of delinquent accounts starting December 2024 billing.

BCWD's previous set-up allows concessionaires two (2) billing cycles before the water account will be disconnected or more accurately a total of 64 days before a concessionaire's water account will be disconnected for failing to pay the water bill. The new disconnection schedule of water accounts will be after only one (1) billing cycle or a total of 42 days. This means that once a concessionaire receives his/her water bill, seven (7) days is provided to settle the bill and an additional two (2) days grace period is given to settle his/ her water account for the month





before the water connection will be disconnected.

This move is one of BCWD's ways of doing its best to make the most of its available resources considering that it is a self-supporting Government Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCC) wherein its funds only relies from the monthly payments of its concessionaires and does not receive any funds from the National Government, BCWD has been juggling its funds having monthly obligations from its suppliers and creditors that need to be settled. That is why it is very critical that BCWD can collect the monthly payments of its concessionaires so that these funds can be utilized in its operations as BCWD also have monthly obligations that need to be paid. With the changes in its disconnection schedule, it will

aid BCWD in settling its monthly obligations which include:

- Salaries and Wages;
- Suppliers;
- Bulk Water Provider;
- · Utilities;
- Loan Obligations

The two-month billing cycle has been one of the reasons that BCWD has been facing difficulties in settling its monthly obligations especially since it is solely depended on its monthly collection from concessionaires for the needed funds for its operations. With changing the disconnection schedule, this will help BCWD collection efficiency so that the monthly funds needed for its operations will also be available for use.







## BARANGAY INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

on BCWD's Permanent Disconnection
Program and NRW



The Commercial Services Department (CSD) of the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) spearheads a barangay wide information campaign on BCWD's Permanent Disconnection Program and NRW in coordination with the Community Relations and External Affairs Division (CREAD).



BCWD is set to enforce permanent disconnection of inactive accounts starting January 2025 per BCWD Board Resolution No. 0061-2024 dated September 9, 2024. This means that Inactive Accounts for more than six (6) months will permanently disconnected. be Once an account is permanently disconnected, reactivation is made after payment of REACTIVATION FEE which is equivalent to BCWD's existing installation fee for new service connection and quarantee deposit equivalent to two (2) months average consumption of said account and outstanding balances, if any.

Thus, BCWD conducted information dissemination to the barangays so that the concessionaires will be aware of the changes in BCWD's policy as well as provide opportunity for those inactive accounts to process for reconnection. Moreover, BCWD also took the opportunity to encourage concessionaires to report leaks to minimize the non-revenue water (NRW) which is also one of BCWD's main concerns.

A series of Barangayan Information Campaign was conducted as BCWD visited Barangay Buhangin last November 15, 2024 with a total of 12 participants from Barangay Buhangin and 5 representatives from BCWD and at Barangay Doongan last November 18, 2024 with 13 participants from Barangay Doongan and 6 representatives from BCWD.

Through this Barangay Information Campaign, BCWD will continue to improvise ways to reach out to a number of its customers to make them understand BCWD's programs and activities to improve its services.









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▶ 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Finance Department and Administrative Services Department (Jennifer Lopez Songs);

▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Office of the General Manager, Management Services Department and Production and Distribution Department (Beyonce Songs);



▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Engineering and Pipe Appurtenances Maintenance Department (Meghan Trainor Songs); and







▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - Commercial Services Department (Lady Gaga Songs)

An exchange gift portion ensued thereafter wherein instead of the traditional drawing of names; it was done through a game. All employees formed a big circle and music was played, the gifts were passed around according to the direction mentioned by the game master. Once the music stopped, the gift that landed in the hands of each employee was their gift. The game was done to symbolize the unity of the employees in following one direction. A raffle was also done wherein a number of lucky employees received special prizes.

At the end of the night, a community dance took place for all.

BCWD celebrated a simple Christmas Party to celebrate the birth of the Lord and as a way of giving thanks for the year that was, celebrating 50 years of flowing together this Christmas.



### World Wide Foundation to feature BCWD's



### ADOPT-A-FOREST PROJECT



Butuan City Water District (BCWD) forester Arnel Basnillo (center) explains the concept of BCWD's Adopt-A-Forest Project to World Wide Foundation Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia (WWF SIPA) on November 23, 2024 at BCWD Admin Building. Adopt-A-Forest Project in Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve is a 3-year tree planting and "parenting" project undertaken by BCWD which will serve as a model project for those individuals, institutions and organizations that would like to conduct tree planting activity and/ or just donate or provide funds for one hectare or more hectares to be reforested in Taguibo River Watershed. Said project will be featured in the promotional video of **Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia** (SIPA). The video production aims to educate and inspire different stakeholders on mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions (NBS) in infrastructure planning.



PERSONNEL MOVEMENT				
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024				
RECRUITMENT				
Name	1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	Status	
Josue, Joe Andrew E.	November 4, 2024	Corporate Accountant	Permanent	
Abao, Marienelle B.	December 18, 2024	Clerk	Contract of Service	
Garcia, Jomar A.	October 1, 2024	Clerk	Contract of Service	

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Name	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	Designation	
For. Arnel C. Basnillo	November 21, 2024	Forestry Assistant A	Supervisor-In-Charge, Watershed and Environmental Management Division	
Joe Andrew E. Josue	November 25, 2024	Engineer A	Supervisor-In-Charge, Accounting Division under Finance Department	
Marievel T. Reambonanza	December 1, 2024	Customer Service Officer B	Officer-In-Charge, Commercial Services Department	
Mary Grace M. Tejano	December 1, 2024	Customer Service Officer B	Officer-In-Charge, Customer Service Division	
Engr. Peter Al R. Fudalan	December 1, 2024	Division Manager A	Officer-In-Charge, Administrative Services Department	

DESIGNATION				
Name	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	From	То
Archie A. Busico	Clerk-Processor B	November 28, 2024	Human Resource Division	Procurement and Records Services Division



#### **VIRTUAL TRAININGS/ SEMINARS**

#### **OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024**

TITLE INCLUSIVE DATES VENUE CONDUCTED BY: PARTICIPANTS CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES/FORUM/SUMMIT ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

NONE

#### SEMINARS / TRAININGS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

TITLE INCLUSIVE DATES VENUE CONDUCTED BY: PARTICIPANTS

**NONE** 

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
OTHER ACTIVITIES /	MEETINGS			
TWMC 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarterly	Quarterly October 29, 2024 Tiniwisan, Butuan City del Norte		DEND DENDO Agusan	Engr. Al Patrick M. Dela Calzada
Report			For. Arnel C. Basnillo	
				For. Blesyn A. Basilio
Butuan City Watershed Management Council	November	Balanghai Hotel, Butuan	City Environment and Natural Resources	For. Arnel C. Basnillo
(4 <sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting)	8, 2024	City	Department	For. Blesyn A. Basilio
			City Economic and Business Development Department	Engr. Al Patrick M. Dela Calzada
Local Price Coordinating Council (4 <sup>th</sup> Quartely Meeting)	November 11, 2024	Grand Palace Hotel		Marievel T. Reambonanza
(1 Quartery Wooding)				Engr. Norwin G. Go
DENR, CENRO Quarterly Meeting	November 15, 2024	DENR	CENRO, Agusan del Norte	For. Arnel C. Basnillo
TRWQMA 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting	November 15, 2024	EMB-13 Regional Office	Environmental Management Bureau	For. Blesyn A. Basilio
RMFPC 4th Quarterly Meeting	November 21, 2024	DENR-Caraga	DENR	For. Arnel C. Basnillo
NORMIN-NRMC 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting	December 4-5, 2024, 2024	Poblacion Tubod, Lanao del Norte & Tangub City Misamis Occidental	LWUA	Engr. John Michael Y. Benito
NORMIN-NRMC 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting	December 4-5, 2024, 2024	Poblacion Tubod, Lanao del Norte & Tangub City Misamis Occidental	LWUA	Engr. John Michael Y. Benito
2024 Quarterly Survey of Philippines Business and Industry (QSPBI)	December 18, 2024	Grand Palace, Butuan City	PSA	Janette A. Labrador

