



Pursuing SBCAF Programs through Native Tree Planting

To raise more funds for its scholarship and professorial chair programs, the San Beda College Alumni Foundation (SBCAF) is pursuing a unique native tree planting project that will also bring biodiversity back to the urban environment. The SBCAF tapped the assistance and expertise of environmentalist Imelda P. Sarmiento as project consultant. The SBCAF native tree-planting aims to counter the negative effects of alien trees on the country's biodiversity. It has been

found that imported species are not adapted to the Philippines' kind of weather, being easily uprooted during typhoons, among other things. They also tend to edge out native flora ruining local diversity and the habitat of local fauna. Native trees are also severely endangered, hence the need for projects to propagate them and increase their numbers. With the planting of more native trees, younger generations will get the chance to appreciate better this important Filipino natural heritage.



Dr. Jaime Galvez-Tan, SBCAF president, and Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chair, Manila North Tollways (MNTC), sign a unique and pioneering agreement for the planting of thousands of native species along the world-class highway via the Red Lions Living Highways Project. Also present during the MOA signing are Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan, President, SBC Alumni Association; Gabriel Mathay, Vice President, Edgardo Favila, Treasurer, and other SBCAF officers; Rev. Mateo J. de Jesus, SBC

Rector-President, and Fr. Benigno Benabarre, Assistant Moderator, SBC Alumni Office and the oldest living monk at the Abbey of Our Lady of Monserrat, Manila, Rodrigo E. Franco, President, and Raul Ignacio Vice President for Operations, MNTC; Ramoncito S. Fernandez, President, Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation; Jose Ma. K. Lim, President and CEO, Metro Pacific Investments Corporation.

Red Lions' Living Highways

Launched on July 11, 2009, feast day of San Beda's patron St. Benedict, the project aims to plant 36,000 trees along the 84-kilometer North Luzon Expressway (NLEX). Metro Pacific Group Chair Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, SBCAF President Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan and former Quezon City Mayor Brigi-do "Jun" Simon led the planting of 200 balitbitan trees near NLEX's Balintawak Toll Plaza to start the project.





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Katutubong Puno: A TREEbute to the Future

In 2013, the SBCAF launched the Katutubong Puno: A TREEbute to the Future project. This is a special fundraising and advocacy undertaking aimed at raising awareness of protecting the environment through the planting of Philippine Native Trees. With a donation of P5,000, the donor is given a native tree to plant in the city.

Roster of Native Tree Sponsors

1. Jun Castillo
2. Gian Carlo Pastorfide
3. Mayor Recom Echiverri
4. Councilor Gian Sotto
5. Mayor Alfredo Lim
6. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
7. Washington SyCip - Zuellig Group of Companies
8. UP Phi Delta Sorority Alumnae Association
 - 2013: Eulogio Rodriguez Integrated School
 - 2014: DepEd Central Office
 - 2015: Quezon City Science High School
9. Maritime Academy in Asia and the Pacific (MAAP) sponsorship of 1,390 species for forest restoration and 500 species for Arboretum. Total of 1890 saplings planted in MAAP Mariveles, Bataan
10. SM sponsorship
 - a) Malolos Integrated School planted 32 various species tolerant of water logging.
 - b) Marine Fishery School & Laboratory planted 36 *dipterocarpaceae* (premium timber).
 - c) Mandaluyong Schools
 - Highway Hills IS – planted 24 *anacardiaceae* (Mango/Cashew family)
 - Ilaya Barangka ES – planted six fruit trees of different varieties

- Pedro Cruz ES – planted 26 *leguminosae* (legume, bean family)
 - Nueve de Febrero ES – planted 11 species of mamalis and one tangalin
 - Pleasant Hills IS – planted three *apocynaceae* family (dogbane family)
 - Addition Hills IS – planted 61 species for row planting (ipil and mamalis along perimeter fence)
 - Fabella Memorial School – planted 60 species of *laureaceae* (the laurel family)
 - Andres Bonifacio Integrated School – planted 16 species of *ebenaceae* (ebony family)
11. Banner Plasticard Inc. – planted 150 species at DepEd Central office
 12. Rex City in the Forest in Tarlac
 13. The Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, Garden of 100 Native Trees - dedicated to Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB for his 100 years
 14. William and Nancy Uy sponsorship
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Minor Seminary, Guadalupe, Makati City
 15. Dagupan Electric Corporation (DEC)
 - 100 native trees planted in Mary Help of Christians Seminary Ayuyang Garden of Native Trees, San Fabian, Pangasinan
 16. Guiguinto Municipal Government
 17. Province of Tarlac
 18. Mark Pilapil (Pagkakaisa Lodge 282, Cabanatuan)
 19. Norberto Chincuangco (for forest restoration in Sual, Pangasinan)



Mangkono (Philippine iron wood) Becomes San Beda's Official Tree

One of the world's most prized hardwood trees, mangkono (*Xanthostemon verdugonianus*), has striking red pom-pom-like flowers, matching San Beda's official color, with white stamens. Also known as the Philippine ironwood tree, mangkono is the centerpiece of the Red Lions Living Highways project.



(L-R)
SBCAA President Lino Dionisio, SBCAF President Jaime Galvez Tan, Rev. Fr. Alberic Lazerna, OSB, Atty. Jonas Cabochan, and Jose Mari Lacson



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On the occasion of the feast of St. Benedict
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Let's plant native trees! : A pinoy tree for every school



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Partnership with DepEd in National Greening Program

On July 11, 2009, on the feast day of St. Benedict, SBCAF partnered with the Department of Education in the implementation of Presidential Executive Order No. 23: The National Greening Program for the planting of one native tree in every school. After the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement by then Education Secretary Armin Luistro, FSC, and SBCAF President Dr. Galvez Tan, they led the planting of a mangkono in the DepEd head office to symbolize the partnership.

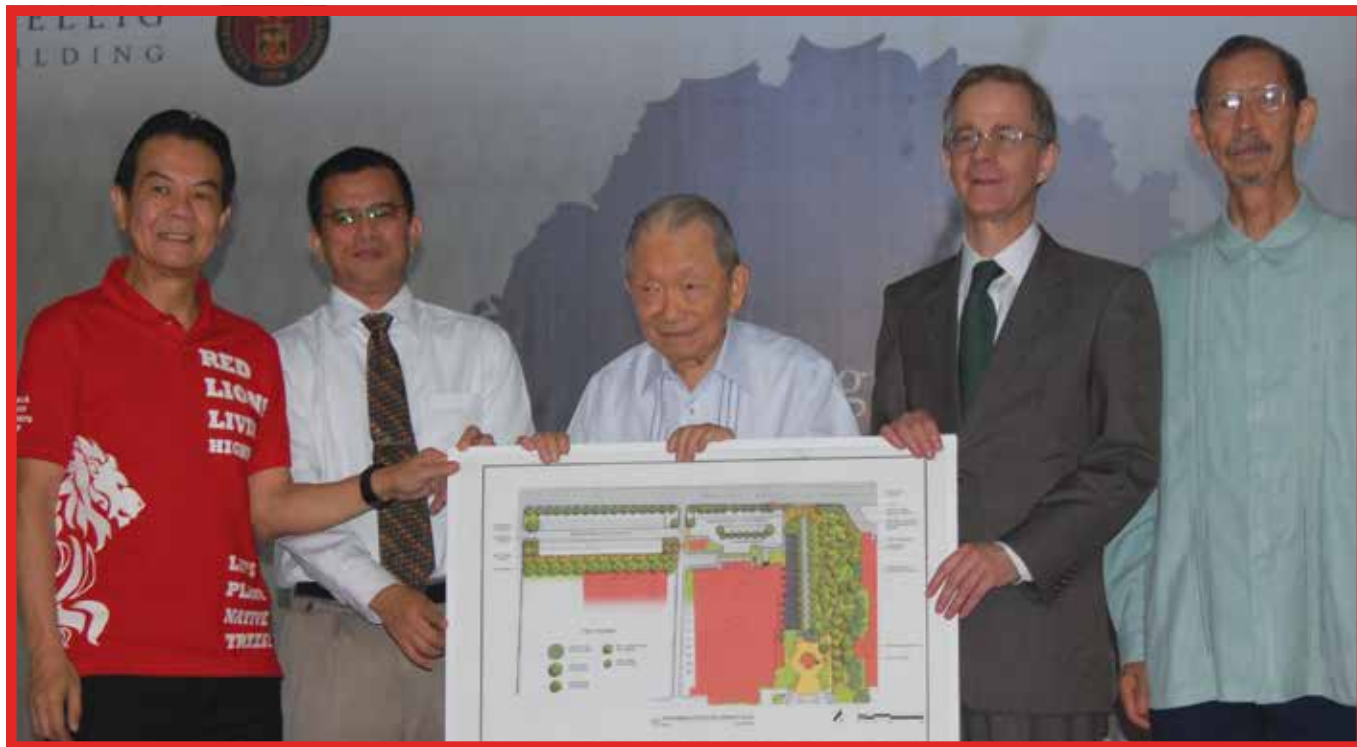


Garden of Native Trees to Honor Washington SyCip

The Washington SyCip Garden of Native Trees at the University of the Philippines Diliman (Quezon City) campus was initiated by the Zuellig Group to mark the businessman-entrepreneur's 90th birthday. The garden features 90 species of native trees and is part of the National Greening Program that aims to establish urban native forests in public schools.

Washington SyCip leads the sprinkling of water in his garden at UP Diliman campus.





Washington SyCip is honored with a Garden of Native Trees.





Native Tree for Every Car

On the initiative of SBCAF Trustee Levy Laus, former Chair of the Clark Development Corporation, the Laus AutoGroup, a network of car dealerships of major global brands, launched the campaign Native Tree for Every Car. Levy is the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Laus AutoGroup. With the slogan “Driving towards a Greener Earth”, each buyer of a vehicle from any Laus AutoGroup dealership will get a native tree for planting.

SBCAF Board Trustees and Levy Laus, Chair of the Laus AutoGroup, lead the planting of native tree sapling in San Fernando, Pampanga.



The Laus Auto Group and the SBCAF top officials launch the campaign “A Native Tree for Every Car.”

SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan Law Office Supports Native Tree Planting

Native trees were planted at Kilometer 27 of NLEX to mark the 65th foundation anniversary of the SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan Law Office. The tree-planting was part of SBCAF's Red Lions Living Highways: Let's Plant Native Trees project.







REV. BENIGNO BENABARRE, OSB
100th Anniversary
OF THE SBCAF

Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB poses beside his "monument" to mark his 100 years birthday, celebrated the SBCAF with a tree planting activity in 2015

Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, Garden of 100 Native Trees

On the occasion of the 100th birthday of Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, SBCAF celebrated the milestone through the Propagating the Planting of Native Trees project. Bedan icon Andrew Gotianun Sr. (AA '49) enabled the conversion of a portion of Havila Filinvest in Taytay, Rizal into the beautiful Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, Garden of 100 Native Trees.



(L-R) Lino Dionisio, Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, Dr. Antonino Raymundo and other HS Class '60 members pose beside the bust of Fr. Benabarre, OSB, to commemorate his centennial on May 23, 2015.



Officers of Filinvest, led by Bibot Gotianun, Grasfaco/ Hisfaco officers and members, SBCAF Board Trustees and HS Class '60 join Fr. Benabarre, OSB, in the latter's Garden of Native Trees.

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A commemorative marker is unveiled inside the SBC Rizal campus that coincided with the 89th birthday of Andrew Gotianun, Sr.

Gotianun's widow Mercedes and children Andrew Jr., Jonathan, Lourdes Josephine (with husband Joseph Yap) and Michael Edward attended the ceremonies.

Honoring the Late Andrew Gotianun, Sr.

A tree-planting activity was held at the SBC Rizal campus on the occasion of the 89th birthday of businessman Andrew Gotianun, Sr. The event, which also featured the unveiling of a commemorative marker, was held to recognize the businessman's contributions to Bedan education.



Tree planting ceremony inside San Beda Rizal campus with the SBCAF Board of Trustees, school administrators Gotianun family, and Grasfaco officers





Rex City in the Forest Garden of Native Trees

SBCAF Trustee Jimmy Buhain and his family celebrated an important milestone, his 70th birthday, by establishing the Rex City in the Forest Garden of Native Trees in Barangay San Francisco, San Miguel, Tarlac. The Buhain family converted a family-owned five-hectare lot into a forest with lots of native trees. At the center of the garden, towering over the trees, is a statue of St. Benedict.



Ceremonial planting of native trees with Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. Maranan, OSB, Rev. Fr. Austin Cadiz, OSB, Atty. Jimmy Buhain and his son Don, SBCAF Board Trustees and Rex Group of Companies officers and employees



President Jaime Galvez Tan welcome the GSIS officers and employees led by President and General Manager Robert Vergara at the Kayalaan Garden, GSIS compound on May 24, 2013

GSIS Supports Native Tree Planting

President and General Manager Robert Vergara of the Government Service Insurance System led the unveiling of a marker and the planting of native trees on May 24, 2013 for Kalayaan Garden at the GSIS compound. Officials and employees of GSIS planted the trees and developed the garden in support of SBCAF's native tree-planting initiative.

Unveiling of Kalayaan Garden marker led by President and GM Vergara and SBCAF President Dr. Galvez Tan with GSIS employees and SBCAF Trustees at the GSIS compound



Tree Planting at the Maritime Asia and the Pacific

SBCAF Trustee Dr. Conrado Oca set aside two hectares of the campus of the family-owned Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific in Mariveles, Bataan for a forest restoration project. Dr. Oca and Vice Admiral Eduardo Ma. R. Santos personally welcomed SBCAF Trustees who participated in the tree-planting.



