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LARC Dalayday project soars on World Water Day

To celebrate World Water Day last March 22, 2017, Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) lined up several activities for its service areas. The activities included a multi-sectoral clean-up of Los Baños' creeks and rivers, an online photo-slogan contest on wastewater, and a poem-writing contest opened to all students of Los Baños, Bay, Calauan, Victoria, and Nagcarlan (Brgy. Manaol and Brgy. Wakat). This year's World Water Day theme that focused on "wastewater" fitted well with LARC's corporate social responsibility program (CSR) for 2017 --- Dalayday, a campaign towards responsible water resource management among the private sectors, local government units, civic organizations, and residents of every community. As a result, LARC began its series of activities in time for World Water Day. *Continue on page 3*

An elderly barangay resident of Bambang participates in LARC's Linis Ilat on March 18, 2017.

Sunog sa Brgy. Manaol mabilis na naagapan dahil sa tubig ng LARC

Enero 12, 2017, makalampas ang hating-gabi nang magsimula ang sunog sa Aunty Ivy's Bakery na matatagpuan sa Brgy. Manaol, Nagcarlan, Laguna malapit sa barangay hall. Habang inaantay ang pag responde ng Bureau of Fire Protection-Nagcarlan (BFP-Nagcarlan), agad naman itong naapula dahil sa mabilis na pagkilos ng mga residente sa pangunguna ng punong barangay ng Manaol na si Kap. Leodigario B. Arcigal at paggamit ng tubig mula sa LARC.

Ayon kay Gng. Evita Pea, may-ari ng bakery, napansin niya na may usok na nagmumula sa kaniyang bakery at nang kaniya itong inspeksyunin ay nagliliyab na ang loob ng kaniyang tindahan. Agad na tumawag si Kap. Arcigal sa BFP-Nagcarlan para humingi ng tulong. Habang hinihintay ang mga bumbero, nagtulong-tulong ang mga kapit-bahay ni Gng. Pea para mapigilan ang pagkalat ng sunog. Ang bagong kabit na linya ng tubig ni Kap. Arcigal mula sa LARC ang siyang kinabitan ng hose upang mapunuan ng tubig ang mga balding ipinila para mapatay ang sunog. Inabot ng humigit kumulang labing limang minuto ang ginugol ng mga residente para maapula ang apoy. *Ituloy sa pahina 3*

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Straight from GM

Stewardship, service and excellence for 2017

For 2017, the Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) will be focusing on stewardship, service and excellence to be able to improve our overall operations as a water service provider to all our concessionaires. The same as last year, it will still involve better customer experience through improved service delivery, effective and efficient operations, and relevant corporate social responsibility projects that would benefit the community as well as our environment.

As a company, we believe that it is our responsibility to take care of the resources that were entrusted to us and as stewards of our water resources, it is important for us to contribute to the responsible management of our water. LARC's Dalayaday Project plans to address this by creating activities and programs that will focus on proper water management and water conservation awareness.

As a water service provider, we have to deliver reliable and responsive services to our concessionaires. Thus, we continue to improve our facilities and expand our service coverage within our service areas to be able to provide clean and safe water to our existing and new concessionaires. You can read more about the upgrade of Vega Pump Station on this page, and the expansion of water service coverage on page 4.

Since water is a basic need in the community, our role in the community during emergency situations is also part of our services. To intensify our emergency preparedness in our service area coverage, several of LARC's personnel attended the symposium and conference of the Philippine Army Affiliated Reserve Units (PAARUs) and Reserve Force Administrators on emergency preparedness. (See picture on page 4).

LARC also strives to create a highly professional environment for our employees, thus we push ourselves for excellence to be able to give our concessionaires only the best as we face the challenges in the water operations environment. In addition, we want to bring our company closer to the communities we serve. We now have zone specialists who visit the barangays on a regular basis to be able to assist our concessionaires on water-related issues.

I hope that our newsletter keeps you informed in our latest endeavors. Let us know how we can improve your reading experience better, message your feedback and opinions to our Facebook page Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation-LARC , to our website www.larc.online or email us at larc.main@larc.online.

Community welcomes Vega pump upgrade

As part of Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation's (LARC's) commitment to improve its facilities, the company recently completed the upgrade of its Vega Pump station located at Brgy. Batong Malake, Los Baños, Laguna.

The upgrade consisted of replacing old water pump and motor to new ones with bigger water capacity. Water supply was briefly interrupted in the affected areas during installation that started at 8:00 in the evening of January 12, 2017 and was completed at 5:00 in the morning the next day.

The Vega pump station serving parts of Batong Malake, San Antonio, Mayondon, and Bayog provides delivery of water to around 7,400 concessionaires. The growing water demand in the areas affected the pump station's capacity to discharge water, particularly during peak hours. Hence, several households experienced low water to no water during the hours when water demand was high. The recent upgrade of the Vega pump station increased its water capacity discharge and is currently able to meet the demand needed. In addition, the pump station's water pressure is now maintained at a minimum of 10 pounds per square inch. The increased water production of the Vega pump station can accommodate additional service connections within its influence areas.

Zone Specialists wagi sa mga barangay

Nagtalaga ng mga zone specialists ang Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) upang mas mailapit ang kanilang serbisyo sa kanilang mga kunsesyunaro. Ang mga zone specialists ay regular na bumibisita sa mga barangay halls na nasasakupan ng kanilang serbisyo simula noong Enero 2017.

Isang beses sa isang linggo dumadalaw ang isang zone specialist sa bawat barangay hall upang tumugon sa mga pangangailangan o problema ng mga konsesyonaryo tungkol sa serbisyo ng LARC sa tubig. Ang LARC zone specialist ay naglalaan ng dalawang oras sa bawat isang barangay na kanyang binibisita. Madaling makikilala ang LARC zone specialist sa kanyang LARC na uniporme at suot na LARC I.D.

Dahil sa mas madalas nang nakakapunta ang LARC sa bawat barangay, maari nang ipagbigay alam ng mga konsesyonaryo ang kanilang mga suliranin o pangangailangan na may kinalaman sa serbisyo ng LARC sa tanggapan ng barangay para mabisita ng zone specialist ang residente o lugar ng konsesyonaryong may problema o katanungan tungkol sa serbisyo ng tubig.

LARC Dalayday project... *from page 1*

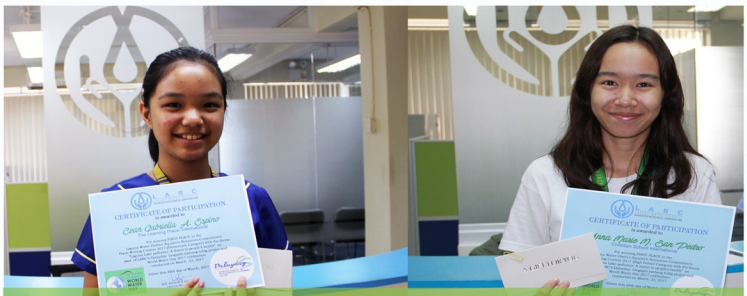
Dalayday was launched last March 18, 2017 during Linis Ilat, the first ever multi-sectoral clean-up of Laguna Lake tributaries in Los Baños, Laguna. Linis Ilat is an initiative of LARC and Laguna Water District (LWD) together with Los Baños Group (LBG) and Junior Chamber International-Los Baños (JCI-LB). The activity was spearheaded by Hon. Caesar P. Perez, Mayor of Los Baños, who is an influential advocator on solid waste management. Around 1,000 volunteers participated in the clean-up including residents and Sangguniang Barangays of Anos, Bambang, Batong Malake, Baybayin, Bayog, Lalakay, Maahas, Malinta, Mayondon, Putho-Tuntungin, San Antonio, Tadlac, and Timugan. The Bureau of Fire Protection- Los Baños, Los Baños Army, Philippine National Police-Los Baños, and Fisheries Aquatic Resources Management Council- Los Baños (FARMC-Los Baños) also showed their support by participating in the activity that started from 6:00 am. LARC and LWD together with Mayor Perez and other organizations plan to make this a yearly event.

Photo entry of 1st Prize winner, Randolph Franz C. Tolentino. Slogan of the photo is "Wala tayong hinangad na kayamanan, maliban sa yaman ng kalikasan na maiiwan natin para sa kabataan".

Photo entry of 2nd Prize winner, Raquel R. Ebonia. Slogan of the photo is "Consecrate water, revitalize the community".

Online photo-slogan contest

Aside from the Linis Ilat LARC also conducted *Waterways: A healthy lake makes a healthy life*, an online photo-slogan contest that was launched on February 14, 2017 and ended last March 28, 2017 about Laguna Lake rehabilitation. The top two contestants who got the most number of Facebook likes are Randolph Franz C. Tolentino from Baybayin, Los Baños with 850 likes and Raquel R. Ebonia from Mayondon, Los Baños, Laguna with 749 likes.



Winners of the poem -writing contest, Cean Gabrielle A. Espino and Anna Marie M. San Pedro (from L to R) pose for the camera as they receive their certificates and cash prizes.

Poem-writing contest

The poem-writing contest that began last February 10 to March 15, 2017 with the theme: "Laguna Lake pollution: A threat to people's health" was opened to all elementary and junior high school students of LARC's service area. Out of the 94 entries from Los Baños, Bay, Calauan, Victoria and Nagcarlan, 4 winners were chosen from the elementary and high school categories. Winners of the contest were announced on LARC's Facebook page during the World Water Day celebration. Poem-writing contest winners were Cean Gabriella A. Espino (1st Place, Grade 5, The Learning Place International, Los Baños) and Jasmine Audrey P. Manjac (2nd Place, Grade 5, San Antonio Elem. School, Los Baños) for the elementary category; Anna Marie M. San Pedro (1st Place , Grade 10, Christian School International, Los Baños) and Gloria Therese D. Eusebio, (2nd Place , Grade 10, Los Baños National High School, Los Baños) for the high school category.

Although the World Water Day has already been celebrated, activities under LARC's Dalayday project will continue throughout the year.The activities will be conducted in LARC's service areas to be able to promote responsible management of our precious water resource.

Sunog sa Brgy. Manaol ... *mula pahina 1*

Ayon sa paunang imbestigasyon, ang sunog ay maaring sanhi ng pagkakaroon ng short circuit sa coffee vending machine na nasa bakery. Laking pasasalamat ni Kap. Arcigal at nakapagpakabit na siya ng linya ng tubig sa LARC dahil ayon sa kanya, "kung hindi dahil sa tubig ng LARC ay hindi maagang naapula ang apoy."

Ang main line ng LARC ay matatandaang binuksan sa Manaol at Wakat noong Disyembre 22, 2016. Bago magkaroon ng tubig mula sa LARC sa nasabing barangay, ang pinagkukunan ng tubig ng mga taga Manaol ay tubig poso o kaya naman ay tubig na di-motor. Sa kasalukuyan, halos umabot na sa 200 na kabahayan sa Manaol ang nakapagpakabit na ng linya ng tubig sa LARC.

Balik operasyon ang nasunog na Aunty Ivy's Bakery ilang oras matapos ang sunog. Inset: Brgy. Chairman Arcigal habang kinakapanayam ng LARC representative tungkol sa sunog.

LARC and LWD celebrate with Juana

Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) and Laguna Water District (LWD) once again showed their support in the celebration of the Women's Month held last March 2017. LARC and LWD joined the annual Women's Day parade last March 8, 2017 led by the Los Baños Municipal Office. Several LARC and LWD personnel joined the parade that served as a kick-off program to celebrate the National Women's Month and the International Women's Day.

Employees of LARC and LWD actively participate during the parade for Women's Day on March 8, 2017.

The parade that started at 6:00 am at the Olivarez Plaza to Paciano Rizal Park was attended by various government and non-government agencies, offices, and different barangays in Los Baños. A short but meaningful program followed after the parade. Aside from the parade, the Los Baños Municipal Office also conducted other activities in line with this year's theme, "We Make Change for Women".

200 residente ng CSAP Lalakay tutubigan ng LARC

LARC abalang naglalatag ng tubo sa ilang kabahayan sa CSAP Lalakay.

Upang makapagserbisyo ang Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation (LARC) ng malinis, dalisay, at ligtas na inuming tubig sa mga residente ng CSAP Lalakay, Los Baños; Sitio Pookan, Sto. Domingo, Bay; Dulong Silangan, Dayap, Calauan; at Sitio Latian, Sto. Tomas, Calauan, nagsagawa ang LARC ng proyektong Pagpapabuti at Pagdurogtong ng Linya ng Tubig sa mga nabanggit na lugar. Ang nasabing proyekto ay inumpisahan noong Enero 5, 2017 at natapos noong Pebrero 17, 2017.

Tinatayang may 200 na bagong sambahayan ang maaring makabitan ng tubig dahil sa proyektong ito. Sa kasalukuyan, halos 100 na ang nag-apply sa LARC para sa koneksyon ng kanilang tubig. Patuloy na tumatanggap ang LARC ng mga aplikante para sa bagong koneksyon ng tubig sa mga nasabing lugar at maaring isumite ang mga kailangang dokumento sa mga sumusunod na opisina:

- CSAP Lalakay – LARC Main Office, Modemar Bldg., Lopez Ave., Batong Malake Los Baños, Laguna
- Sitio Pookan – LARC Bay Extension Office, Municipal Bldg., F. Arrieta Park, JP Rizal Ave., Bay, Laguna
- Dulong Silangan at Sitio Latian – LARC Calauan Extension Office, Marfori Ave., Calauan, Laguna

Ang natapos na proyekto ay isa lamang sa maraming proyekto sa programa ng LARC para sa taong kasalukuyan. Patuloy na sinisikap ng LARC na palawakin ang serbisyo nito sa bawat lugar sa Los Baños, Bay, Calauan at Victoria sa pamamagitan ng pagdaragdag ng mga suplay at linya ng tubig. Inaasahang marami pang expansion projects ang isasagawa ng LARC upang makapaghatid ng malinis at ligtas na tubig sa mas maraming kabahayan.

Army Reserve Force Symposium and Conference

LARC (Laguna Water District Aquatech Resources Corporation) representatives attended and presented its company profile (see inset photo) during the Reserve Force Symposium and Conference about Disaster and Emergency Preparedness conducted last January 21, 2017 at the Local Government Academy Training Center, UPLB, Batong Malake, Los Baños, Laguna.

We, at **LARC** *Stream* appreciate your comments and feedbacks. Please let us know what you think about this issue, e-mail us at larc.main@larc.online.

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