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The Board of Directors, management and employees of Butuan City Water District (BCWD) wish to thank all the concessionaires and other stakeholders.

As we bid goodbye to year 2023, let us be grateful for the good times and the bad times we experienced this year. Let us welcome 2024 with a prayer for us to have a much brighter, better, prosperous and peaceful new year.

For 2024, BCWD will strive to further improve its operations to fulfill its mandate of providing safe, potable and abundant water supply to its concessionaires.

May you all remain supportive to BCWD, especially in all its undertakings in 2024.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR.
MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!!!**

BCWD PARTICIPATES IN TAGUIBO RIVER WQMA GOVERNING BOARD QUARTERLY MEETING

by Ann Patrimonio

Representatives of the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) attended the 4th Quarter Meeting of the Taguibo River Water Quality Management Area (TRWQMA) Governing Board Meeting on November 16, 2023 at the Grand Palace Hotel, Butuan City. BCWD was represented by its OIC of the Production and Distribution Department, Engr. Al Patrick M. Dela Clazada, and the Supervisor In-Charge of the Watershed and Environmental Management Division, For. Arnel C. Basnillo. There were a total of 32 participants in the said meeting including the different representatives of the Board, guests, and secretariat.





The Taguibo River WQMA Governing Board is a multi-sectoral council tasked to ensure the preservation and improvement of the water quality of the Taguibo River. It is also responsible for the conduct of continuous water quality monitoring to be able to craft sound policies that strengthen the protection of the Taguibo River.

Highlights of the said meeting were the discussions on: the rationale of the conduct of WQMA Validation; Presentation of the Draft Resolution for the endorsement of the Project entitled: "Assessment of Plastic Debris and of Microplastics in Different Specimen (*fish, sediment, water, benthic organisms*) in Selected Aquatic Environments in Mindanao

and Exploration of Relative Stress Biomarkers to LGU-Butuan for Funding by NCRP; Presentation of the 1st Quarter Water Quality Monitoring Results; and Presentation of Pollution Loading in the TRWQMA.

The Taguibo River was designated as Water Quality Management Area by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (*DENR*) by virtue of Department Administrative Order (*DAO*) 2012-11 on December 28, 2012 due to its critical importance to Butuan City and the towns of Magallanes and Remedios T. Romualdez (*RTR*) in Agusan del Norte.





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COVER STORY

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On October 30, 2023, the Butuan City Water District (BCWD) implemented its first “Water for Free” project when it placed Drinking Water Stations in five (5) selected Voting Centers (*schools*) in Butuan City, providing free cold and hot water to volunteers and voters, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections 2023.

The BCWD Drinking Water Stations were placed at the following Voting Centers: Butuan City School of Arts and Trades (BCSAT); West Integrated School; Pareja Integrated School; Doongan Integrated School; and JT Domingo Sr. Central Elementary School. A few items were also distributed for free (*first come first serve basis only*) for those who visited the Drinking Water Stations. A total of twenty five (25) 5-gallon containers filled with water were distributed that day.

The “Water for Free” project of BCWD stemmed upon its commitment of giving back to the community. The Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections 2023 served as the perfect venue to pilot this project of BCWD. BCWD hopes to replicate this project in future activities in Butuan City.



**Water is the
only drink for
a wise man.**

-Henry David Thoreau



The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) believes that sharing knowledge to residents of the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR), especially on watershed protection and preservation, is important to ensure the sustainable water supply of its major water source which is the Taguibo River.

*Intel Co-Founder, Robert Noyce once said that
“Knowledge is power. Knowledge
shared is power multiplied.”*

Knowledge Sharing:

by Ann Patrimonio

BCWD Conducts 4th Quarter Watershed Community Symposium

With this premise, BCWD once again conducted its Watershed Community Symposium on December 6, 2023 at Tagkiling Tribal Integrated School, Sitio Tagkiling, Barangay Anticala, Butuan City. There were a total of 73 participants in the said activity including speakers and facilitators. Of the 73, 31 were female and 42 were male. Majority of the participants were students from Tagkiling Tribal Integrated School.

A team from BCWD visited the area with its partner stakeholders from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) as resource speakers.



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SPECIAL FEATURE

BCWD representatives join
the medical practitioners in the

INAUGURATION OF THE ALLIED CARE EXPERTS MEDICAL CENTER – BUTUAN

by Ram Barquin





Butuan City Water District (BCWD), represented by its general manager John Michael Y. Benito, joined the medical practitioners in the inauguration of the Allied Care Experts Medical Center (ACEMC) – Butuan, South Montilla Blvd., Butuan City, on October 21, 2023.

GM Benito had the chance to meet and greet with the medical practitioners and members of the local media who were present in the event.

Benito assured the president of the ACEMC – Butuan, Dr. Fredilyn Gallega-Samoro, of uninterrupted water supply to the newly opened hospital. Dr. Gallega-Samoro thanked GM Benito for his commitment of uninterrupted water supply to the ACEMC – Butuan.

He briefed the media on the recent accomplishments of the water district highlighting the relocation of the 10-inch diameter steel pipeline at the bridge near the COA Regional Office, Brgy. Villa Kananga, which caused for the



GM Benito (left) meets Department of Health secretary Dr. Teodoro Javier Herbosa during the inauguration of ACEMC – Butuan on October 21, 2023.





DISTRICT NEWS

BCWD INTRODUCES ITS

ONLINE SURVEY FORM

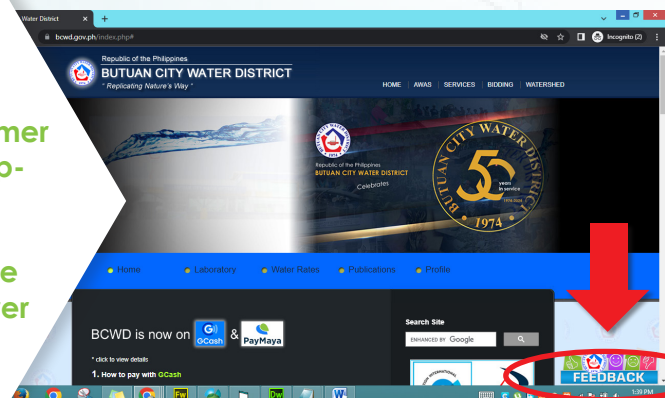
by Mark Amba

Butuan City Water District (BCWD) introduces its Online Survey Form through its official webpage <https://bcwd.gov.ph>. The Online Survey Form will help BCWD gather information and feedback from its concessionaires to help improve its services.

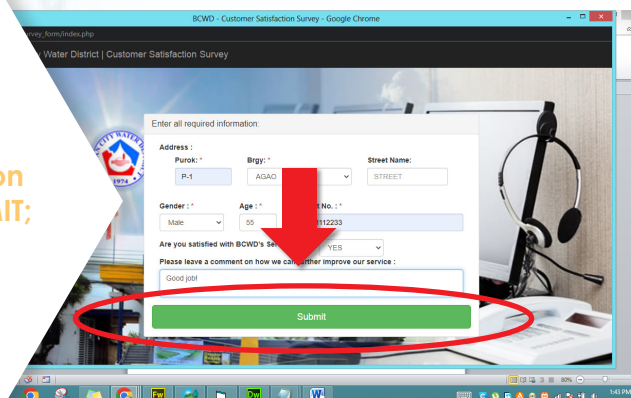
To access the Online Survey Form just visit the website of BCWD and click on the FEEDBACK icon on the lower right corner of the page.

Follow the steps below to access the Online Survey Form:

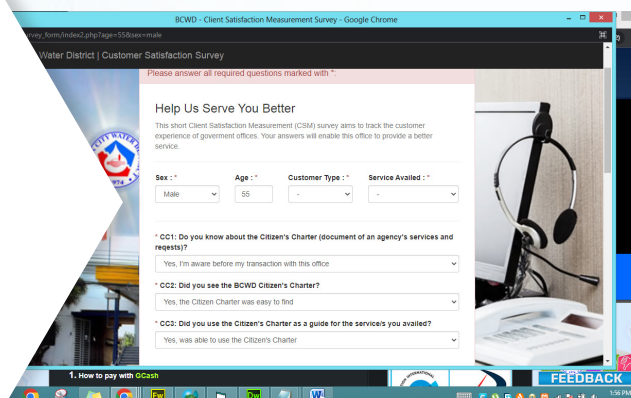
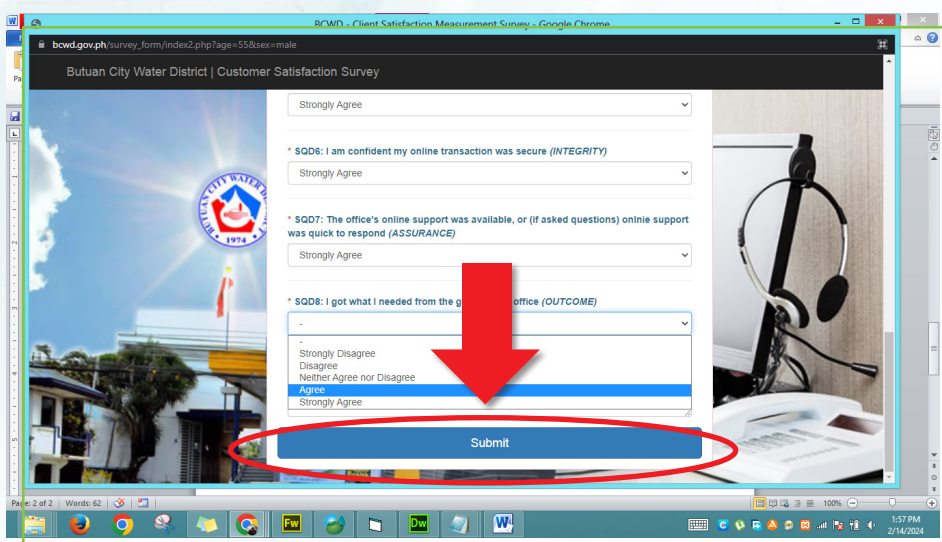
1. Visit bcwd.gov.ph;
2. For first time visitors, Customer Satisfaction Survey will pop-up;
3. For regular visitors, click the **FEEDBACK** icon on the lower right corner of the page;



4. Enter the required information on the form then click **SUBMIT**;



5. Enter additional feedback survey questions (Per ARTA requirements) then click **SUBMIT**;






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UNITY IN CHRISTMAS RESPONSIBILITY

Christmas Party





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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

BCWD assists in the CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM of Sitio Sinaka, Barangay Anticala

by Blesyn Basillo



The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) assisted in the construction of a Water Supply System for Sitio Sinaka, Barangay Anticala, Butuan City. Sitio Sinaka is located within the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve (TRWFR).



BCWD offered its assistance/services through the conduct of ocular survey on the proposed project location; designed the water system; and prepared its cost estimates. The Local Government Unit of Barangay Anticala provided monetary support for the implementation of the said project.

As a counterpart for the implementation of the project, residents of Sitio Sinaka constructed the intake box and impounding tank which is one of the main components of the water supply system.

On October 04, 2023, BCWD, represented by the staff from Engineering Department (ED) in collaboration with the Watershed and Environmental Management Division (WEMD), assisted the installation of the distribution



pipeline of the system in Sitio Sinaka. A submersible pump was also installed to help increase the efficiency of water for the said system.

The project is almost complete and is only awaiting the electrical line so that the submersible pump can be energized. Once the project is complete, the residents of Sitio Sinaka can now enjoy sufficient water supply to meet their daily needs.





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resumption of normal water supply in San Vicente and Bit-os. It can be recalled that BCWD disconnected said pipeline that was affected by the bridge widening project of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on September 23, 2021. He also bared his plans to improve other areas with water supply problem.

The event was graced by no less than the new Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH), Dr. Teodoro Javier Herbosa.

In his keynote speech, Herbosa said “the private sector should engage so that we can have a unified and inclusive approach to the development of the healthcare agenda. As we set to this journey, let us keep it in mind that we are shaping the future of the healthcare in the Philippines.”

Herbosa congratulated ACE Group for having 40 hospitals all over the country. “That is more than 4,000 beds at 100 beds per hospital. Indeed, you are a major industry player in the field of healthcare,” he said.

Together with the ACE Group and the rest of the private sector, Herbosa’s dream is to build a healthcare system that is not just comprehensive but also



GM Benito (right) talks with ACCEM – Butuan president Dr. Fredilyn Gallega-Samoro (left) and ACCEM – Butuan vice-chairman Dr. Antonio S. Montalban Jr. on water supply during the inauguration of ACCEM – Butuan on October 21, 2023.

compassionate, affordable, efficient, equitable and above all one that is truly cares for the well-being of every Filipino, every community, and every healthcare worker.

“I urge you all to actively participate, engage, discuss, and embrace the opportunity to become champions of change in your organization, the province, the region, and the nation. Work together with renewed sense of mission, we can reform the healthcare system.

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ALLIED CARE EXPERTS (ACE) MEDICAL CENTER - BUTUAN, INC.

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"Our healthcare workers are prided as one of the best in the world. In the 1960s, people would go to the Philippines to get healthcare. Today, they go to Singapore, Malaysia or Thailand to get healthcare services.

"So we need to work hard to regain that commitment and prestige. Once again my call to the private sector, let's partner in the 8-point action agenda. Together, we can seize this opportunity and create a healthy Pilipinas, kung saan bawat buhay ay mahalaga. Mabuhay ang Allied Care Experts Medical Center - Butuan, Inc. Mabuhay ang bawat Filipino. Mabuhay ang ating adhikain para sa kalusugan at kagalingan ng ating lahi," Herbosa concluded.



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GM Benito (L) with some members of local medial.

Dr. (Edo) J. Herbosa
Secretary, Department of Health

CONGRATULATIONS TO BCWD'S NEW MASTER PLUMBERS

by Ann Patrimonio



**Have a goal. Work towards it.
Because there is not a thing
more fulfilling than reaping the
fruits of your labor.**

- Amanda Shivrattan



The Butuan City Water District (BCWD) congratulates its employees who passed the Master Plumbers Licensure Examination this February 2023.

Here are BCWD's newly registered Master Plumbers:

1. Engr. Lea E. Espinosa
2. Engr. Odeny C. Palima, Jr.

With the overall **passing rate of 43.25%**, the BCWD family is proud of your achievement for continuously improving your craft.





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The speakers talked about different topics related to the watershed. Sharing about the Taguibo River Watershed Forest Reserve was the Forestry Assistant of BCWD, For. Edelmart Datchile; Mr. Ernesto B. Castro, Environmental Monitoring Officer of DENR-EMB Caraga talked about Solid Waste Management or RA 9003 Ecological Solid Waste Management Act; while Ms. Daisy Jane S. Lor, Environmental Management Specialist II, still from DENR-EMB Caraga also shared





about the TRWFR as a Water Quality Management Area.

The Watershed Community Symposium is a continuing IEC activity of BCWD 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 using the tool of knowledge sharing to the watershed settlers.

BCWD hopes that the continuing sharing of knowledge and information dissemination to the watershed settlers will be embedded in their minds and in their lives inculcating better watershed protection and preservation practices.



PERSONNEL MOVEMENT			
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023			
RECRUITMENT			
Name	1ST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	Status
Jumar L Magdalera	November 28, 2023	Driver	Contract of Service
Rosedel P. Mapute	December 11, 2023	Clerk	Contract of Service
Jeovler M. Ho	December 27, 2023	Clerk	Contract of Service
Elaiza C. Pino	December 29, 2023	Clerk	Contract of Service

DESIGNATION			
Name	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	Designation
Roberto C. Aguilar	October 1, 2023	Supervising Procurement Officer	Acting Senior Corporate Planning Specialist, Corporate Planning Division
Joseph Y. Tantoy	October 27, 2023	Supervising Material Planning Officer	Officer-In-Charge, Property and Materials Management Division concurrent as Supervisor-In-Charge of the Procurement and Records Services Division
For. Arnel C. Basnillo	November 21, 2023	Forestry Assistant A	Supervisor-In-Charge, Watershed and Environmental Management Division
Marivel T. Reambonanza	December 1, 2023	Customer Service Officer B	Officer-In-Charge, Commercial Services Department
Mary Grace M. Tejano	December 1, 2023	Customer Service Officer B	Officer-In-Charge, Customer Service Division
Engr. Peter Al R. Fudalan	December 1, 2023	Division Manager A	Officer-In-Charge, Administrative Services Department
Josephine S. Anasta	December 1, 2023	Cashiering Services Chief B	Officer-In-Charge, Finance Department

PERSONNEL MOVEMENT**OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023****REASSIGNMENT / TRANSFER OF ASSIGNMENT / STATUS-QUO OF ASSIGNMENT**

NAME	EFFECTIVITY DATE	POSITION	FROM	TO
Marilyn C. Daniel	October 16, 2023	Internal Control Assistant A	Internal Audit Division	Legal Office
Archie A. Busico	November 28, 2023	Clerk-Processor B	Human Resource Division	Procurement and Records Services Division
Bea S. Plaza	December 1, 2023	Clerk-Processor B	Non-Revenue Water Management Division	Accounting Division, Finance Department

VIRTUAL TRAININGS/ SEMINARS

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES/FORUM/SUMMIT ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES				
Annual 29 th Philwater International Conference & Exhibition with the theme "Overcoming Global Challenges in Water & Wastewater"	October 4-6, 2023	Hennan resort, Bohol	Philippine Water Works Association, Inc.	Benito, Engr. John Michael Y.
MAWD Forum 2023 with the theme "MAWD Accelerating Actions Towards a Water Secure Mindanao"	October 11-13, 2023	Dipolog City Sports Center, Olingan, Dipolog City	MAWD	Benito, Engr. John Michael Y.
THE FCC Forum	October 13, 2023	Watergate Pavillion, Butuan City	Pag-Ibig Fund	Tiempo, Christine M.
2021 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) Regional Data Dissemination Forum	December 19, 2023	Robinsons Go Hotel, Butuan City	Philippine Statistics Authority	Montera, Kit Irvin G.

SEMINARS / TRAININGS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis Training	October 10-13, 2023	VCDU Convention Hall, Butuan City	City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council	Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
				Palima, Odeny C.
Enhanced Institutional Development Workshop Butuan	November 23, 2023	Hiraya Hall, Caraga State University-Main Campus, Butuan City	DICT	Aguilar, Alberto C.
				Asis, Lowell A.
Customized Training on the Updates on the Revised IRR of RA 9184	December 5-7, 2023	COA Regional Office No. XIII, Butuan City	COA	Anasta, Josephine S.
				Penazo, Bert Louie S.
				Sulapas, Donabelle B.

VIRTUAL TRAININGS/ SEMINARS

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023

TITLE	INCLUSIVE DATES	VENUE	CONDUCTED BY:	PARTICIPANTS
OTHER ACTIVITIES / MEETINGS				
41 st Committee Hearing of Committee on Urban Planning and Infrastructure	October 17, 2023	SP Session Hall, SP Building, City Government of Butuan	Office of the City Councilor	Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
34 th National Statistics Month Closing Ceremony and 16 th Inter-Agency/LGU Statistics Quiz	October 25, 2023	Watergate Hotel, Jose Rosales Avenue, Butuan City	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	Labor, Mae Ann T.
				Penados, Harley Jon C.
4 th Quarter TRWMC Meeting	October 27, 2023	PENRO Agusan del Norte, Provincial Learning Center, 3 rd Floor, Brgy. Tiniwisan, Butuan City	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Basnillo, Arnel
				Basilio, Blesyn A.
4 th Quarter CDRRMC Joint Committee and Full Council Meeting	November 22, 2023	City Hall, Butuan City	CDRRMO	Dela Calzada, Al Patrick M.
Consultation Meeting on Handling & Management of Drinking Water to Disaster affected population	November 29 - December 2, 2023	Quezon City, Manila & Clark, Pampanga	LWUA	Benito, John Michael Y.
MAWD Year End Meeting	December 19-21, 2023	Cagayan de Oro City	MAWD	Benito, John Michael Y.



Adopt-a-Forest

Project of Butuan City Water District
in Taguibo River Forest Reserve

For more information, customers are
advised to call the BCWD Call Center
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WHO CAN ADOPT?

Adopters- can be any **Individual, Organization, Corporation, or Group** who wishes to help.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It will take **₱ 75,000.00** to reforest one hectare
of the TRWFR.

Donors can opt to donate ₱30,000.00 per hectare
and **BCWD** will provide the additional fund to
complete the ₱75,000.00 requirement

Your donation will ensure that the seedlings provided will be
planted, well-maintained and monitored regularly. In this manner,
we can assure high survival rate of the planted seedlings, which
eventually, will enhance the forest cover of TWFR.

