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NARRATIVE REPORT

Planting trees is one of the easiest and most sustainable ways to make a positive impact on the environment.

Today we see a lot of bare forest, or deforested. Deforestation is the removal or cutting down of trees and forests to make way for human uses such as agriculture, housing, commercial and other development. When deforestation occurs, much of the carbon stored in trees is released back into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, contributing to climate change. To help in mitigating this problem is to plant trees. We need to plant more trees. Get involved in tree planting initiatives in your community or through global organizations.

On January 6, 2023, the Community Extension Services (CES) team arrived at 4:30am at Daang Katutubo, Barangay Mapita, Aguilar, Pangasinan for a site inspection of the proposed tree planting activity of Dr. Vic Raciles, Prefect of Discipline and Research Assistant. Dr Raciles is the project leader of this tree planting activity in partnership with the community extension services.

During the site visit they had the opportunity to talk to the key people behind this activity. They were Mr. Tomas Mabitasan, Representative of DENR, Pangasinan; Dr. Grace Mabitasan, Vice President; Atty. Liezl Villanueva, Legal Counsel; and Dr. Nora Angeles, Honorary Member and Sponsor of VMV Forest Greener's Association. They



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discussed the importance of tree planting in their areas, the size of the land, the number of trees to be planted, the varieties of fine Trees and mangroves and their willingness to cooperate with various environmental government agencies.

After the discussion, the team went out into the field for an inspection. The area is so grassy, deforested and bare in the middle. The land needs to be planted with trees because trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, improving climate, conserving water, conserving soil and supporting wildlife.

We experienced a foggy, cloudy day and very cold weather.

The team composed of Dr. Vic Raciles, Project Head, Tree Planting Activity, Dr. Josephine P. Dasig, Head, and Maria Loida S. Benosa, Program Assistant both from the Community Extension Services, Engr. Alvin P. Santos, Head, and Safety Officer Randy Isnari, both from the Safety and Health Department, Security Guard Alvin Simon, Security Department, and Nick Siababa, Driver, Motorpool.

ATTENDANCE SHEET

No	Name	Position/Department
University of Perpetual Help System DALTA		
1	Dr. Vic Raciles	Prefect of Discipline/Research Assistant
2	Dr. Josephine P. Dasig	Head, Community Extension Services
3	Engr. Alvin P. Santos	Head, Safety and Health Dept
4	Maria Loida S. Benosa	Program Asst., Community Extension Services
5	Mr. Randy Isnari	Safety Officer, Safety and Health Dept.
6	Mr. Alvin Simon	SG, Security Dept.
7	Mr. Nick Siababa	Driver, Motorpool
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)		
8	Tomas Mabitasan	Representative of the DENR, Pangasinan
VMV Forest Greeners Association		
12	Dr. Grace Mabitasan	Vice-President
13	Atty. Liezl Villanueva	Legal Counsel
14	Dr. Nora Angeles	Honorary Member and Sponsor



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DOCUMENTATION



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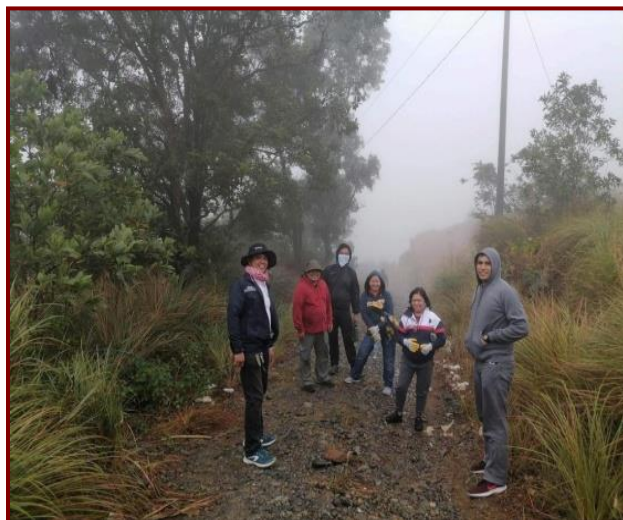
Dr. Vic Raciles points out the jurisdiction of the Daang Katutubo. He also explained the other side of Pangasinan which is the Lingayen Gulf



Meeting with key personnel of the DENR representative Mr. Tomas Mabitasan and VMV Forest Greener's Association headed by Dr. Grade Mabitasan, Vice President, Atty. Lizel Villanueva, Legal Counsel, and Dr. Nora Angeles, Honorary Member and Sponsor. Also in the pictures are Dr Josephine P. Dasig, Head of Community Extension Services and Dr. Vic Raciles, Project Leader of the Tree Planting Activity.



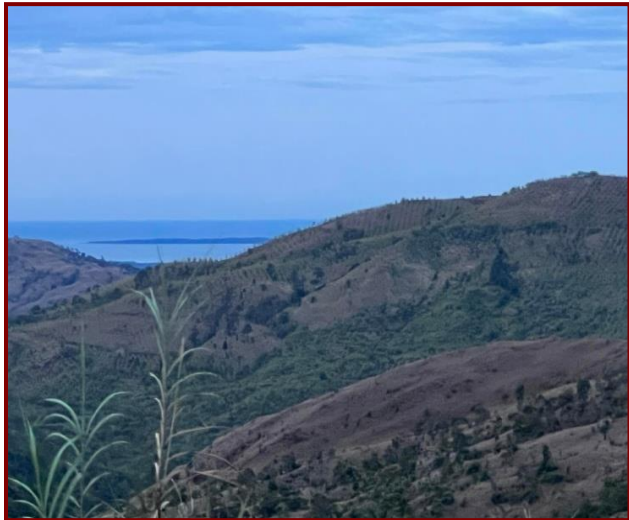
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The way to the top of the Daang katutubo...called stairway to heaven.



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The true status of the Daang Katutubo...bare...deforested...
devastated. The land is begging for help...
please plant me more trees.





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Photo opportunity with the CES Team led by Dr. Josephine P. Dasig, Head, Community Extension Services, Dr. Vic Raciles, Project Leader, Tree Planting Activity, Engr, Alvin Santos, Head, Safety and Health, Maria Loida S. Benosa, Program Assistant, CES, and Randy Isnari, Security Officer, Safety and Health Dept., Security Guard Alvin Simon, Security Department, and the Leader of the Katutubo, and caretaker of the land.