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SMPC reseeds 500 endangered clams in Semirara Island

INTEGRATED energy company Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC), together with the Department of Energy and barangay local government units, reseeded 500 endangered clams on March 16 and 17, 2022 at the 138-hectare Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) of Barangay Alegria and Tinogboc in Semirara Island, Caluya, Antique.

Locally known as taklobo or manlot, the giant clams are keystone species crucial to the coral reef ecosystem and function as bioindicators of the overall health of the marine ecosystem. They are ecologically significant because they promote marine biodiversity and filter dirty seawater. These bivalves can reach four feet in length and weigh 500 pounds.

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Sa ikaapat na taon ng Conveyor, espesyal ang taong ito para sa Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) sapagkat ipagdiriwang nito ang ika-25 anibersaryo sa ilalim ng matagumpay na pamamahala ng DMCI Holdings.

Kasabay ng pagsulong ng SMPC ay ang pag-unlad din ng ating komunidad dito sa isla ng Semirara. Mula noon, hanggang ngayon, naging kaakibat namin ang bawat isa upang maitaguyod ang progreso dito sa isla.

Sinamahan ninyo kami sa nakalipas na 25 taon at ang matibay na ugnayan na iyon ng aming Kompanya, ng ating mga LGUs, mga *civic groups*, at mga kapwa Semiraranhon ay tunay naming pinahahalagahan.

Kung hindi dahil sa inyo, marahil ay hindi namin makakamit ang anumang tagumpay na aming nararanasan ngayon. Kaya naman sa ngalan ng SMPC, taos-puso po kaming nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng nakabahagi namin sa paglalakbay na ito. Ang tagumpay ng SMPC ay tagumpay nating lahat!

Umaasa po kami sa inyong patuloy na suporta at tiwala sa SMPC. Kayo naman ay makakaasa sa amin na lalo kaming magsusumikap upang mas marami kaming matulungan at masuportahan dito sa isla na ating pinakamamahal.

Mabuhay ang SMPC! Mabuhay ang Semirara!


Creslito D. Bangalao

Deputy Manager for Administrative Division

Wala po kaming ibang bukambibig kundi pasasalamat sa lahat ng nakaagapay namin sa nakalipas na 25 taon ng SMPC sa mabuting pamamalakad ng DMCI Holdings. Pasasalamat sa inyong walang patid na tiwala; pasasalamat sa inyong buong-buo na suporta; at pasasalamat sa pagtanggap ninyo sa amin, mula noon hanggang ngayon.

Marami kaming nakahandang mga aktibidad para sa inyo sa paggunita natin ng *milestone* na ito ng SMPC. Kaya naman hiling namin ang patuloy ninyong masiglang pakikiisa sa gagawin naming aktibidad at programa sa mga susunod na buwan.

Hangad namin na maging makabuluhan at makasaysayan ang *silver anniversary* ng SMPC, at nais naming maging kabahagi kayo nito sa lahat ng aming gagawin.

Hayaan po ninyo akong pasalamatang muli ang Department of Energy, mga LGU leaders, mga kapwa ko empleyado at pamunuan ng SMPC, iba pang lider sa ating komunidad, at ang mga kapwa ko Semiraranhon.

Nawa'y panghawakan natin at pagyamanin ang pinakamahalagang leksyon na ating natutunan sa nakalipas na 25 taon: Walang unos na hindi kakayanin, basta't tayo ay sama-sama, tulong-tulong na makamit ang pangarap na tagumpay.

Mabuhay ang SMPC, mabuhay ang Semirara!


Engr. Ruben P. Lozada

Vice President for Mining Operations at Resident Manager



Ang **CONVEYOR** ang opisyal na pahayagang pampamayanan ng isla ng Semirara na tatluhan-buwan na inililimbag ng Semirara Mining and Power Corporation sa pakikipagtulungan sa Department of Energy. Ang punong tanggapan ng SMPC ay sa 2F DMCI Plaza, 2281 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City, Philippines 1231

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SMPC supports 70 tech-voc grads in Semirara Island

Seventy residents of Semirara Island in Caluya, Antique completed their technical-vocational courses sponsored by Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC).

Semirara Training Center, Inc. (STCI), a TESDA-accredited, non-stock, non-profit center dedicated to providing local residents with high-quality vocational training and marketable trade skills, is fully funded by SMPC since 2007.

SMPC has championed trainings, scholarships and upgraded the local skills base to facilitate equitable access to employment opportunities and non-mining livelihood options, regardless of gender.

Residents of Semirara Island, as well as those from surrounding islands such as Caluya and Sibay, are eligible to enroll.

Of the 70 graduates who took the Basic Skills Training Program on Automotive Servicing NC II and Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC I, 55 were female and 15 were male.

“With these opportunities that have been created for you, may you impart your acquired skills to your fellow Semiraranhons,” SMPC President and COO Maria Cristina C. Gotianun advised the graduates during the meaningful graduation rites last February 2, 2022.

“On behalf of my fellow graduates, we thank SMPC, our families and

instructors for their support and encouragement to achieve our dreams and make our lives better,” said top trainee Jhett Balilo from Barangay Semirara.

To date, SMPC has sponsored 1,301 STCI graduates of vocational courses that also include Machine Shop Practice, Electrical Installation and Maintenance, and Pipefitting, among others. Forty-four percent of graduates have been employed by SMPC and its contractors, while others have found gainful employment abroad.

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“We thank SMPC for implementing the reseeded in our MPA, and we will ensure the barangay council will impose stricter rules to protect the area,” Barangay Tinogboc chair Romeo Malixi said.

“I am grateful to SMPC for its sustainability initiatives. Through the information campaigns, we understood more the importance of clams in the marine biodiversity,” Barangay Alegria chair Modesta Pionelo added.

SMPC continues to foster partnerships with the Municipality

of Caluya’s Bureau of Fisheries and Agriculture and Bantay Dagat to ensure the program’s sustainability.

SMPC’s Semirara Marine Hatchery Laboratory (SMHL) has propagated over 170,000 giant clams. It has successfully spawned the eight species of the endangered clams, two of which — *Tridacna gigas* and *Tridacna derasa*, are species tagged as “vulnerable” in the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.

The giant clam propagation, part of the company’s reef rehabilitation

program involving the spawning and reseeded of endangered clams in Semirara Island, was a runner-up in the 2015 ASEAN Energy Awards (Corporate Social Responsibility category). The program also includes coral transplantation with 1,567 corals and 500 seagrasses dispersed to date at the Marine Sanctuary of Barangay Semirara.

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SMPC donates Sherpa cargo plane to Armed Forces of the Philippines



Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) donated a Short Brothers and Harland SD3-30 aircraft to the Philippine Army to aid the national government in its pandemic and disaster relief efforts.

The turnover ceremony was held at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Pasay City on March 31, 2022. The twin-engine turbo-prop aircraft has a maximum speed of 291 kilometers per hour and can accommodate 27 passengers.



SMPC strengthens Barangay Alegria and Tinogboc Covid-19 Response

SMPC donated two (2) units of Chariot service vehicles and various medical supplies totaling Php 417,440 to Barangay Alegria and Barangay Tinogboc last March 25, 2022, as part of the company's Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) to address the COVID-19 preparedness and response needs of the community.

The turnover took place at

the SMPC Mess Hall, with the barangay councils of Tinogboc and Alegria, and in the presence of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau VI representatives.

Engr. Ronald Villamora, MGB Region VI Representative, said that goal of SDMP is to aid barangays in responding and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the

project would augment the monitoring of covid-19 patients and help with the other health needs of the barangay.

Hon. Romeo P. Malixi, Punong Barangay of Tinogboc said she is grateful to both SMPC and MGB for the project, as this will significantly help the Barangay Health Unit of Tinogboc to rapidly respond to health needs in their barangay.



SMPC rolls out IEC Roadshow in Semirara



Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) conducted last March 2022 an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) roadshow aimed at communicating the company's programs and initiatives to its employees and dependents.

Around 1,200 employees and dependents attended the 5-day event that tackled various topics on health and safety, including dental health, proper toothbrushing, and CoVid 19 vaccination, while further emphasizing the importance of booster shots.

Other topics discussed during the roadshow were the company's social media policy and SMPC's 25th-anniversary activities.

'Ano'ng Kuwentong Semirara Mo?' video series inilunsad

Bilang bahagi ng selebrasyon ng ika-25 anibersaryo ng SMPC sa pamamahala ng DMCI Holdings, inilunsad ang proyektong "Ano'ng Kuwentong Semirara Mo?," isang *video series* na nagtatampok sa 25 mamamayan ng isla ng Semirara at kung paano nabago ang buhay nila sa tulong ng SMPC.

Mapapanood ang mga *video* sa opisyal na *Facebook page* na [facebook.com/SMPCEmpoweringOthers](https://www.facebook.com/SMPCEmpoweringOthers) at sa *YouTube* <https://www.semirarampc.com/YouTube>



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I-scan ang QR code na ito gamit ang iyong cellphone upang makasubaybay sa mga video.



Since 1997, SMPC has been operating the Semirara Infirmary, the only JH-licensed health facility in the island.



I'm really grateful for the SMPC Hospital because they attended me despite the complicated delivery.



MARIA LISA G. LIM
MA EDUCATION SCHOLAR OF SMPC

I'm Maria Lisa G. Lim, proud MA scholar of SMPC.

Promoting gender equality in the workplace



At SMPC, we value both the people we work with and the people we work for. In our value chain, we ensure that our employees and workers contribute within an environment that promotes their growth and development without compromising their safety and dignity.

SMPC has been distinguished anew as among the four Filipino companies cited in the 2022 Bloomberg Gender Equality Index which includes 418 companies across 45 countries and regions.



Gina Myca B. Aduana
Welder,
Mobile Department

"It's hard to be a welder, soaked in welding, and it's hot. I can't get my hands wet, and lifting heavy parts is hard, but I'm proud to be a welder because my job is honorable. Through it, I can help my family. Being a woman is not an obstacle in this kind of work because my colleagues have respect. When I ask for help, they are there. The working environment is good, we have respect, and we work together."



Isidro A. Consunji
Chairman and CEO
"While our businesses belong to male-dominated industries, we do not distinguish roles and opportunities

according to gender. We empower and promote people based on their individual merits and contributions to the organization."



Rachel Louise R. Columna
Cadet Engineer,
Environment Department

"Being a woman is not a hindrance to my work. For me, the most important trait in being a good environmental engineer is to be able to do your job well and contribute to the success of the company, whether you are a man or a woman."



Jane Faye D. Tubongbanua
Environmental Engineer

"Gender was never a factor in working as an environmental engineer. It doesn't mean that in a male-dominated industry, men are presumed to have leadership, perseverance, and physical labor capabilities. Women can do it too. In fact, we need to encourage people to go beyond stereotypes and acknowledge the effort he or she contributes to the workplace."



Ivy Talaro
Engineer I,
Safety Department

"SMPC empowers me as a woman by giving me opportunities and responsibilities that men can do. As a woman in a male-dominated industry, we must surpass our limits and step up so we can be recognized by our contributions and this will motivate and inspire us to get out of our comfort zone."





SMPC Continues Commitment to Climate Action

SMPC demonstrated its commitment to the UN sustainable development goals (SDGs), particularly in the aspect of climate action (SDG 13), by implementing preventive and mitigating measures to help manage the company's environmental impacts.

The company's power plants on Semirara island are equipped with pollution control and monitoring devices. The coal-fired power plant has a limestone feed injection system to help reduce sulfur oxide emissions. Similarly, the constant monitoring of the fuel feed at the diesel power plant ensures low levels of sulfur emissions.

The company regularly checks ambient air quality to assess the impact of the sources in sensitive receptor areas, namely, DMCI village, Molave Phase 1 housing, STCI campus, Sitio Villarises, and Sitio Suja. Sulfur dioxide

in the said areas ranges from 60 micrograms per cubic meter to not detectable (the standard threshold limit value is 340 micrograms per cubic meter). Results are reported to the Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) and verified by a Multi-partite Monitoring Team (MMT).

The mine site's carbon emissions are also accounted for using standard inventory procedures. Mitigation, through carbon sequestration, is done by planting trees and mangroves.

At present, the total carbon stock is 874.1 kilotons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), derived mainly from mangrove plantation areas. These vegetated areas are regularly maintained and enriched, while stable, old-growth areas are continuously protected.

