CONVEYOR

ANG OPISYAL NA PAHAYAGANG PAMPAMAYANAN NG ISLA NG SEMIRARA

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SMPC representatives led by VP-Mining Operations and Resident Manager Ruben P. Lozada (third from left) turn over the additional 7,500 rapid antigen kits to Caluya Mayor Rigil Kent Lim (fifth from left) on December 22, 2021, as COVID-19 response support to Antique Provincial Health Office, Caluya Municipal Health Office, and Barangay Semirara Health Unit.

SMPC donates additional 9,000 antigen kits to Antique

Semirara Mining and Power Corporation (SMPC) continues to support the healthcare units of Antique province to combat against the Omicron variant risk of COVID-19.

SMPC donated 7,500 rapid antigen test kits to the Antique Provincial Health Office, Caluya Municipal Health Office, and Barangay Semirara Health Unit on December 22, in addition to the 2,000 kits provided on October 8.

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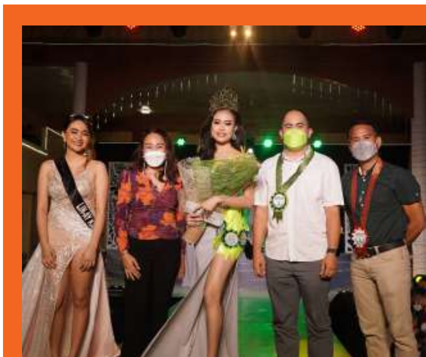

Pagkalinga at pagkakaisa, tunay na diwa ng Pasko sa Semirara 12

Ako ay nagagalak at nagpapasalamat sa ating mga empleyado sa kanilang pagsusumikap sa pagganap sa kanilang trabaho kahit patuloy pa rin ang banta ng COVID-19.

Mahirap man at hindi pa rin tayo makagalaw nang maayos ngunit naniniwala ako na nakalagpas na tayo sa pinakamahirap na bahagi ng pandemya. Subalit hindi dapat tayo maging kompiyansa. Manatili tayong sumunod sa mga alituntuning pangkaligtasan upang maprotektahan natin hindi lamng ang ating mga sarili pati na rin ang bawat isa.

Nawa'y sa panibagong taon na darating, harapin natin ito ng may buong pag-asa at sigla nang mapagtagumpayan natin anuman ang hamon ng buhay.

Vicente Cesar V. Malig
Editor in Chief/Administrative Division Manager

Sa mga panahong ito na walang katiyakan dahil sa panganib na dulot ng pandemya, hindi nagpatinag ang ating mga kawani sa SMPC sa kanilang pagsusumikap at dedikasyon sa responsibilidad upang tapusin ang taong 2021 na may pinakamataas na *business performance* sa kasaysayan ng kompanya.

Gayunpaman, nananatili rin tapat ang SMPC sa pagtupad nito ng mga *sustainability initiatives* na may layong paunlarin ang mga aspetong pangkapaligiran, sosyal, at ekonomik sa buong isla ng Semirara.

Kaya naman taos-puso ang aking pasasalamat sa bawat kasapi ng ating Kompanya, kasama na rin ang mga katuwang natin sa negosyo at *stakeholders* sa isla ng Semirara, sa kanilang walang patid na pakikiisa at pagsuporta upang makamit natin ang mga tagumpay na ito.

Asahan ninyo ang aming patuloy na pagsusumikap at pagtataguyod sa aming mga tungkulin upang mas lalo kaming makapaglingkod sa ating mga *stakeholders*.

Engr. Ruben P. Lozada
Vice President for Mining Operations at Resident Manager

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Ang **CONVEYOR** ang opisyal na pahayagang pampamayanan ng isla ng Semirara na tatluhang-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, DOE nagkaloob ng fiberglass banca sa mangigisda ng Alegria

Dalawampung mangingisda mula sa Barangay Alegria sa Isla ng Semirara ang unang grupong nakatanggap ng *fiberglass* banca mula sa SMPC at ng Department of Energy (DOE).

Ipinagkaloob ang mga bangka sa mga residente noong Nobyembre 3 at Disyembre 23, 2021, na pinangunahan ng mga opisyal ng SMPC, DOE at lokal na pamahalaang barangay ng Alegria.

Sa programang pangkabuhayang ito ng SMPC, lahat ng kagamitan sa paggawa ng *fiberglass* banca ay libreng ipinagkaloob ng SMPC at DOE kasama na ang 7.5 *horsepower* na makina nito, elesi, at timon.

Bilang *counterpart* ng mga mangingisda, sila ang sama-samang gumawa ng kanilang mga bangka sa tulong ng ilang ekspertong kawani ng *Municipal Agricultural Office* ng Caluya na siyang nagturo kanila kung paano gumawa ng bangkang yari sa *fiberglass.*

Ang *fiberglass* banca ay tiyak na matibay at nagtatagal ng mula 40 hanggang 50 taon ayon sa mga eksperto.

Sa ganitong pamamaraan ay naiiwasan din ang pagputol ng mga punong-kahoy upang gawin bangka, bagay na nakatutulong sa pag-iingat sa ating kalikasan.

Layunin ng programang ito na magkaloob ng 25 bangka sa bawat 3 barangay sa isla bilang bahagi ng selebrasyon ng ika-25 na anibersaryo ng SMPC sa pamamahala ng DMCI Holdings.

Naging madamdamin ang mensahe ni Lolita Brabonga, maybahay ni Amelito Brabonga, isa sa benepisyaryo ng proyekto kung saan ibinahagi niya ang kanilang labis na kaligayahan sa pagtanggap ng bangkang fiberglass.

"*High school* pa po ako, pangingisda na ang aming pinagkukunan ng kabuhayan. Pangarap namin noon pa man na magkaroon ng sariling bangka. Sa ngayon gamit lang po namin ay bangkang gawa sa styro at sinasagwan lang namin kasi wala kaming pambili ng bangka. Ngayon po maraming-maraming salamat sa SMPC! Nabigyan kami ng bangka, kaya salamat, salamat po talaga sa lahat-lahat," aniya.

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Last April, SMPC donated 3,000 rapid antigen test kits to the Antique provincial government to aid its mass testing program, totaling the donation to 12,500 kits for the entire province this year.

"Along with COVID-19 vaccination, the test and trace strategy still remain as among the most important strategies to our fight against COVID. Given the threat of the Omicron variant, we must continue to remain steadfast in protecting our people with the immediacy and convenience that antigen test kits can provide," said Caluya Mayor Rigil Kent Lim.

SMPC is providing free accommodations to PHO and MHO medical teams who administer the jabs for residents of Semirara Island. SMPC also volunteered free use of its 2,900-meter food court as the island's vaccination site that can accommodate 200 vaccinees per day.

"SMPC played a substantial role in the vaccination program. Through their initiative and encouragement of their employees (and family) to get vaccinated, it helped boost the vaccination status of the island," said Caluya MHO chief Dr. Anna Marie Villalobos.

As of December 20, about 6,800 island residents and SMPC employees—roughly 40% of the island's eligible population from ages 12 and above—have been fully inoculated with doses of CoronaVac (Sinovac), Oxford-AstraZeneca, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, or Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccines, according to the Caluya MHO.

SMPC is the only power producer in the country that owns and mines its own fuel source, allowing it to generate affordable and reliable baseload power for the Luzon and Visayas grids.

Year-end stakeholder report and thanksgiving

Over 80 stakeholders from different sectors in Semirara Island attended SMPC's year-end report and stakeholder thanksgiving on December 18, 2021.

The event held at the SMPC mess hall tackled SMPC's accomplishments on its environmental stewardship programs, social development programs, community health response through its Semirara Infirmary, and human resources management.

The inaugural event was attended by officials of local government units in Caluya and Semirara Island led by Mayor Rigil Kent Lim, members of the academe, religious groups, and non-governmental organizations.

"Ito siguro ang unang pagkakataon na punung-puno ang mess hall at lahat po ng organisasyon sa Semirara Island ay kasama. Maraming salamat sa initiative na ito ng SMPC na nagbibigay sila sa atin ng report para aware tayo sa mga nangyayari," said Brgy. Semirara chair Catherine Lim.

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SMPC pinaigting ang kaligtasan ng empleyado kontra COVID-19

Sa kabila ng patuloy na banta sa kalusugan ng COVID-19, tinitiyak ng SMPC na maipagpapatuloy nito ang ligtas at maayos na serbisyo sa mga *stakeholders* nito habang inuuna ang kalusugan ng mga empleyado.

Bilang isang *"essential industry,"* ang SMPC ay sinisigurong ligtas ang lugar ng paggawa sa pagpapaigting ng mga *basic health procedures, engineering controls (floor signs, barriers,* atbp.), at agarang pagbigay ng mga *medical services*.

Sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Caluya, Antique, siniguro din ng SMPC na mabakunahan ang mga empleyado bilang proteksyon sa COVID-19. Sa kabuuan, 92 porsyento ng empleyado ng SMPC ang *fully-vaccinated* na kontra COVID-19.

"Maswerte kaming empleyado dahil may ganitong programa ang SMPC. Lalo na sa katulad kong may *comorbidity*, abot kamay ang bakuna at protektado ang sarili at ang pamilya," ani Joel Flores, *SSR analyst*.

IEC Roadshow for employees and dependents

As an important element in our approach to business sustainability, SMPC conducted a series of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) roadshow to its over 1,000 employees and their dependents to engage them with the company's environmental and social development initiatives to its host communities.

The IEC Roadshow held in November 2021 discussed topics on significance of COVID-19 vaccination, updates on company policies, and other community programs.

The roadshow also served as a feedback mechanism to know the issues and concerns raised by our employees and dependents especially during this pandemic.

"Sa housing naman, mahalagang malaman din ng mga dependents *ang* housing policies *ng* company *para hindi sila basta-basta nagpo-post [ng maling impormasyon]* sa social media *at manaig ang pakikisama sa mga* neighborhood *nila*," said Elsi Lantaca, Area 3 coordinator.

"*Napakahalaga ang pagkakaroon ng maayos na komunikasyon sa bawat isa at mapanatili ang pagsunod sa mga batas na ipinapatupad ng ating kompanya upang magkaroon ng ligtas at maunlad na komunidad,*" said former Area 4 coordinator Mariza Cordova.

Bridgette Calay was crowned Lin-Ay Kang Semirara 2021 with Carla Jelynne Unabia as first runner-up and Kristine Kaye Bandelean as 2nd Runner-up.

Pagkalinga at pagkakaisa, tunay na diwa ng Pasko sa Semirara

The barangay local government unit of Semirara headed by Punong Barangay Hon. Catherine Lim held a month-long Christmas celebration together with all Semiraranhons to feel the spirit of Christmas.

This year's theme was *"Pagkalinga at pagkakaisa, tunay na diwa ng Pasko sa Semirara"* to acknowledge the unity and care of each one amidst the pandemic. This was also to thank fellow Semiraranhons for trusting and loving our leaders who showed unconditional love for us.

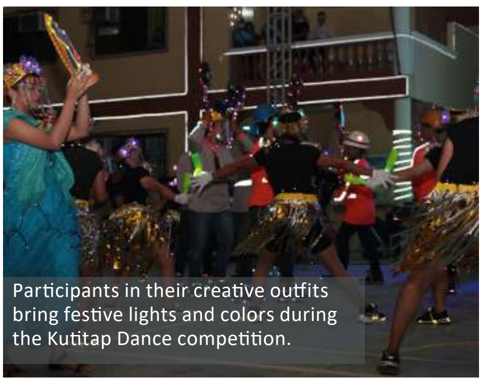
Indeed, it was a blessed, notable, and successful Christmas celebration of Barangay Semirara. As we share love, peace, joy and unite for the coming year, may we also continue to live life to a progressive Semirara.

Hon. Catherine Lim and barangay officials lead the distribution of groceries and gifts to senior citizens and differently-abled citizens of Semirara.

Residents showcase their culinary talents in cooking and cake decorating contest.

Students from Villarises Elementary School win in the grade school category of RJL's Pinoy Henyo 2021.

Members of the LGBTQIA+ community hold a fashion show inspired by the elements of the earth.


Participants in their creative outfits bring festive lights and colors during the Kutitap Dance competition.

Residents join the motocross and biking contest sponsored by BLGU-Semirara.

SCPC, SLPGC upscale Adopt-A-Forest Program

Over 10,000 seedlings of narra, molave, and mahogany were planted by SMPC's subsidiaries SEM-Calaca Power Corporation *(*SCPC) and Southwest Luzon Power Generation Corporation (SLPGC) at its adopted 50-hectare upland forest site at Barangay Patugo, Balayan, Batangas to surpass its annual 5,000 seedling target.

The program commenced during the rainy season and ensured the greater survival of the planted trees. Additionally, we regularly disseminated information to the DENR-CENRO to promote sustainable forest management and prevent slash and burn farming (kaingin) methods. We also provided fruit-bearing tree seedlings to the community.

To ensure the continuing success of our sustainable Adopt-A-Forest program, we will upscale the adopted site by another 50 hectares and extend it to other areas, such as Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve *(with reports from The Current, the Official Community Relations Newsletter of SCPC and SLPGC).*

DOE kicks-off 2021 National Energy Consciousness Month

By DOE

TAGUIG CITY—The Department of Energy (DOE) on Wednesday (1 December) virtually kicked off the month-long celebration of the National Energy Consciousness Month (NECM) for 2021.

With the theme, "Committed to Serve: Building a Better Normal by Forging Ahead through Energy Ability, Security, and Sustainability," the NECM's annual observance seeks to instill a strong foundation of energy literacy and awareness among Filipinos, while highlighting their crucial role in defining the energy future of the country.

In his inspirational message, Energy Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi emphasized that this year's NECM captures the Department's objective to "uphold and enhance the well-being of Filipino energy consumers."

"The past several years have been riddled with challenges, and yet the DOE and the entire Philippine Energy Family continue to forge on. We are here to serve the public, and they, just like you and I, deserve nothing but the very best in everything that we do here in the agency," Secretary Cusi said.

The Energy chief, ensuring that the country's current energy needs are met, and while constantly working toward providing an even brighter energy future, is a tall order. *"Mas lalo na po sa panahon ngayon,* we need to be even more determined and innovative in our approach toward defining and realizing our energy goals," he stressed.

He also expressed his appreciation to all the members of the DOE and the Energy Family for their continued support and untiring dedication.

"Sa inyong lahat na bumubuo sa Energy family—*maraming salamat po sa inyong patuloy at walang takot na pagsusumikap para ating matugunan ang pangangailangang pang-enerhiya ng mamamayang Pilipino.* The past couple of years have not been easy for any of us, but the DOE wouldn't have made it this far without each and every one of you," the Secretary stated.

This year's celebration features several energy-related campaigns, including:

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) virtual seminars by the DOE (including those on dam safety operations, especially life-saving spilling operations during typhoons; and measures to maximize the use of water resources), which will be rolled out in the coming days;

Energy Investment Forum (IEF), which will focus on energy finance to mobilize resources toward energy security, clean and renewable source development, and climate change issues; and

Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) seminars for government offices and entities in different regions;

The DOE will also host several internal programs—such as bloodletting programs, virtual seminar on health and wellness, and the virtual chorale singing contest—to celebrate its 49th anniversary.

In 2007, then-President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed Proclamation No. 1427, declaring December of every year as NECM, to coincide with the DOE's anniversary.

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