

Mangrove Tree Planting in Orion

Last April 16, 2016, the Rotaract Club of Mariveles Ecozone-MAAP (RCMEM) and the MAAP Women Seafarers' Association (MWSA) spearheaded the Mangrove Tree Planting and Coastal Clean-Up event held at Brgy. Camachile, Orion, Bataan.

The event was participated by MAAP cadets, employees and instructors. The Rotaract Club of Mariveles Freeport also joined the event. They worked hand in hand in ensuring that the mangroves of Orion, Bataan will be rehabilitated and strengthened to serve as barriers when bad weather occurs. For the record, there were more than 1000 propagules planted and small sprouted *bakawan's* which were braced by bamboo sticks to guarantee a better survival. Moreover, there were also a lot of sacks which were filled with trashes which were found within the area.



The event was a success not only on its effect to the marine environment of Bataan, but also to the cadets for this served as an application of the knowledge they gained on their subjects like Marine Pollution and Marine Environment. This event was the second installment of the project of completely improving the marine environment of Bataan; the same event was done a year ago.

The natives within the area were very grateful for the continuous support of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific in safeguarding healthier mangroves. In addition, the Rotaract Club of Mariveles Ecozone-MAAP and the MAAP Women Seafarers' Association envisioned to partake in this endeavor and have continuous monitoring on the mortality rate of the propagules planted on the next months.

