



Top photo shows Lalub and Olivares conferring with Intex officers and personnel, led by IRPI President Joselito Bacani (far right), at Intex's Victoria facility in Oriental Mindoro. Below, the MGB officials survey one of Intex's forest areas in Mindoro. He cited the efforts of the company's Community Relations and Development Office in donating seedlings to local government units, and in teaching community members not only the names of medicinal plants that Intex also distributes, but their uses as well.



He said he is pleased that lush forest trees and other plants now cover the area – an achievement of Intex's Community Relations and Development Office (CRDO), led by its manager, Andy Pestaño.

Over at the Sablayan Penal Colony where Intex provides allowances to some minimum-security inmates for working in the

nursery, Ladub took special note of the training Intex provides these inmates under its Livelihood Enhancement through Agro-Forestry (LEAF) Program.

"The things they learn through LEAF will undoubtedly help these inmates when they get a chance to leave the Colony after they've been paroled," Ladub says. "They gain lifelong skills that will enable them to lead productive lives when they join society's mainstream."

Ladub and Olivares also visited the company's nurseries, plantations and mining forest sites in the barangays of Malisbong, Pag-asa, and San Agustin, all in Sablayan; as well as in the barangays of Mabini, Villa Cerveza, and Alcate, Urdaneta in Victoria, Oriental Mindoro, and in Barangay Mabuhay in Socorro also in this province. Ladub liked the idea of the company donating seedlings to local government units, and including vegetables and fruit trees, as well as medicinal and herbal plants in some of its nurseries. He cited CREDO's efforts to teach community members not only the names of the medicinal plants, but their uses as well.

The MGB team likewise called on the members of the ALAS-KA Marketing Cooperative (AMACO) and the Manam Lay Women's Association Development, Inc. (MAWADI), people's organizations being assisted by Intex in their livelihood projects. AMACO maintains a processing and livelihood center in San Agustin, where members are engaged in *salabat* (powdered ginger ale) production and will soon start honey production and vermiculture composting. MAWADI, on the other hand, operates a community *sari-sari* variety store and a lending cooperative for members as part of the organization's livelihood program.

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As part of MGB's itinerary to monitor Intex's community development performance, Ladub and Olivares inspected six water systems put up by the company in barangays Pag-asa, Malisbong, Alcate and Villa Cerveza. The government officials were pleased to know that all water systems are operational and in good condition. ①



Intex donates 6,000 trees in Earth Day, Arbor Day planting activities

Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. partnered with various government agencies, private institutions, and civil society organizations in three separate activities in Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro to celebrate Arbor Day last June and Earth Day last April.

Some 200 people joined the Habitat Vegetation Enhancement activity at the Upper Watershed Zone of the Naujan Lake National Park in Socorro, Oriental Mindoro, where 2,000 trees mostly of the dao (1,000 trees) and narra (800) varieties were planted. The new trees are a big boost to vegetation in the area, which is characterized by a combination of coconut-banana-citrus farms and other minor subsistence crops borne by cultivation practices in a highly logged-over lowland dipterocarp rainforest.



Part of the 200 participants who joined the tree-planting activity in Lake Naujan show the seedlings that they will plant as their contribution to the Arbor Day celebration. Edwin Pasigan, superintendent of the Naujan Lake Protected Area, thanked Intex for providing the seedlings and logistical support for the activity.

The activity was participated in by officers, staff members and personnel of Intex, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-PENRO), the Socorro City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), Unified Tree of Life (UTOL) Program

Barangay Mabuhay II, Samahan Apo and Womens Association, as well as by beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). Livelihood fund donated by Intex over the last

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As part of MOA tripartite commitment

Mangyan ICCs receive P1 million livelihood fund from Intex



Kabilogan ng mga Mangyan, Inc. (KMI) Chairman Acosta Baldo (in green) receives a check with the amount of P1 million from Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. (IRPI) President Joselito Bacani during turnover ceremonies witnessed by National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Provincial Officer Reynante Luna (second from left) and NCIP Community Service Officer Reynaldo Tupaz (far left). Also in photo are KMI Vice Chairman Ronniel Baldo (second from right) and IRPI Community Relations and Development Office Manager Andy Pestaño (far right).

A Mangyan indigenous peoples organization in Oriental Mindoro received a boost for its membership livelihood development program when tribal leaders received the final tranche of funding support from Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. (IRPI) as part of the tribe's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the company and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

Kabilogan ng mga Mangyan, Inc. (KMI), through its chairman Acosta Baldo, accepted on behalf of his fellow KMI members P1 million from IRPI President Joselito Bacani in the presence of NCIP officials. The amount represents the last of the total P5 million. The other important support

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Mindoro Nickel Project at a glance :

Among the world's largest undeveloped Nickel deposits, discovered and defined by Intex and its affiliates.

Nearly 345 million tons total laterite resources hold some 2 million tons nickel with further upside potential. Over 20-years production at 53,000 tons nickel per annum.

Projected as one of the most cost-efficient per pound nickel producers with low carbon footprint for the life of operations.

Potential valuable by-products include ammonium sulfate fertilizer, chromite, cobalt and scandium as well as carbon-free, steam-generated electrical power.

Enjoys growing community support. Providing socio-economic benefits for local residents and Mangyan indigenous peoples through education, livelihood, health and sanitation initiatives and infrastructure support.

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six years following the MOA signed by the three parties at the conclusion of the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) process that the company – through its affiliate Alag-ag Mining Corporation (AMC) – went through in 2008.

Intex's MOA Commitment is part of an integrated package of support negotiated by KMI during the FPIC process. The package includes Land Tenure Security, where the company provided support for the processing of KMI's land claims, that is, Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim and the subsequent Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title, as well as of KMI's Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan.

Edwin Pesigan, superintendent of the Naujan Lake Protected Area acknowledged the effort of the all participants, and thanked Intex for providing the seedlings and logistical support for the activity. He said he hopes this year's activity signals the start of an annual collaborative effort of the participating groups in "enhancing the serene ecosystems of the Naujan Lake Protected Area".

Intex President Joselito Bacani, who also participated in the event, said activities like this "provide the company an opportunity to highlight our commitment to support the environmental management and protection efforts of Intex's stakeholders in Mindoro."

"If given the chance to move forward with our Mindoro Nickel Project which straddles the two provinces of this island, we believe we can do more not only in protecting Mindoro's forests, but also in ensuring that catchment areas that are the primary sources of water for agriculture, commercial and domestic uses are preserved alongside the remaining biodiversity and scenic landscapes."

Over at Occidental Mindoro last June 17, Intex participated in two events: the Roadside Tree Planting at Barangay San Agustin, and the CENRO Tree Planting at Barangay Batong Buhay both in the Sablayan. Intex personnel led by Andy Pestaño, manager of the company's Community Relations and Development Office (CREDO), joined some 500 participants in planting a total of 3,000 narra and mahogany trees – 1,000 of them along the roadside of the two barangays, and 2,000 in barren lands identified by the CENRO.

Other participants included officials and representatives from the host barangay, Manamlay Women's Association for Development, Inc. (MAWADI), Hayupang Agapay Lingap sa Kahirapan Association (HALIK), Sitio Pandalagan Mangyan Community, Rang-ayan Women's Development Association, Inc. (RWDAI) of Barangay Pagasa, Isang Samahan ng mga Magsasaka para sa Kaunlaran Association (ISAMA-KA) of Barangay Ibud, as well as students from Barangay Yapang National High School.



Officers and members of KMI, happy after receiving the P1 million check for their livelihood fund, pose with NCIP and Intex officials for posterity.



Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. President Joselito Bacani does his share during the Habitat Vegetation Enhancement tree-planting activity at the Upper Watershed Zone of the Naujan Lake National Park in Socorro, Oriental Mindoro in June 2014. He said activities like this provides Intex the opportunity to highlight the company's commitment to support the environmental management and protection efforts of stakeholders in Mindoro."

"The trees that we donate to these kinds of activities are representative of the wider efforts we will undertake in the areas of forest management and erosion control as soon as the Mindoro Nickel Project is allowed to develop and operate," Pestaño said. "These efforts will help prevent flooding and excessive siltation in catchment areas. We take pride in Intex's distinction of being Mindoro's biggest forester, and we intend to remain true to this distinction in close partnership with Mindoreños."

Earlier, last April 29, Intex also donated 1,000 narra, mahogany and mangium trees during the Earth Day celebration at Barangay Antonino in Victoria, Oriental Mindoro. Intex's CREDO team members were joined by residents of the host barangay, by officials of Victoria CENRO, and by members of ALAS-KA in this province with the planting of trees along the roadside of Barangay Antonino.

"We hope to be able to expand our collaboration with our host communities going forward," Bacani added. "Despite the difficulties, we have determined to see the Mindoro Nickel Project develop into a success story that would create permanent value for Mindoro both from the standpoints of economic development and environmental protection." ①

components are in the areas of Health; Education; Cooperative Development; Agriculture; Livelihood Support (including dispersal of work animals as well as poultry and livestock, and farm tools and equipment); Capacity Building; and Information Education and Communication campaigns for the promotion and development of indigenous culture and tradition.

Intex's Mindoro Nickel Project covers four tenements by virtue of the company's Mineral Production Sharing Agreement with the Philippine government. The tenements straddle the provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro.

Once the Project proceeds to the production stage, These ICCs stands to receive royalty payments from Intex, also as part of the MOA. signatories believe the agro-forestry project will support the nation's Climate Change and environmental protection efforts as many trees will be planted within KMI's ancestral domain claims and Intex tenements. ①

MGB Safety, Health & Social Development Monitoring and Audit:

Inspection of Intex environment and community projects yields positive results

Well-maintained mining forest sites with high survival rates of planted trees. Spring-fed waters systems that provide potable drinking water to residents of host communities. Empowered people's organizations with members who are increasingly becoming more capable of helping themselves. These are just some of the community development and environmental protection initiatives that Intex Resources Philippines, Inc. has been doing – and doing well – for Occidental Mindoro and Oriental Mindoro, where the company's four exploration tenements are located.

This was the conclusion of the two-man field monitoring and audit team from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Region IV-B Mine Safety, Environment, and Social Development Division (MESDD) who recently visited several sites in both Mindoro provinces where Intex personnel have been undertaking community development and environmental management activities for several years now. Of particular interest to the team was Intex's compliance with its Environmental Work Program and Community Development Program, as well as the company's performance vis-a-vis the government's Mining Forest Contest, and National Greening Program.

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Percival Ladub, MGB IV-B MESDD OIC-chief and his colleague, Ferdinand Olivares, were particularly impressed with the forest growth at Sitio Amnay, Barangay Pag-asa in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro. Ladub had personally witnessed the reforestation site in 2008 when it was still a barren piece of land. *Continued on page 4*



Photos show Mines and Geosciences Bureau IV-B Mine Safety, Environment, and Social Development Division OIC Percival Lalub (in orange shirt) inspecting Intex's tree nurseries and Mining Forest sites in Oriental Mindoro. Together with his colleague Ferdinand Olivares, Lalub took note of Intex's compliance with its Environmental Work Program and Community Development Program, as well as the company's performance vis-a-vis the government's Mining Forest Contest, and National Greening Program.