

4th ENVIRONMENT FRIENDSHIP CAMP



EVENT :4th Environment Friendship Camp (April 18 ~22, 2010)

This event is organized by FPIP CSR, under the HTSC Foundation, an inter-agency organization the main task of which is to protect the environment. The Environment Friendship Camp supported this task by planting trees along the river bank of San Juan River to prevent its erosion. San Juan River bank is traversing FPIP perimeters.

IBIDEN Japan employees contributed personal funds to help finance this activity. They chose Philippines as the recipient of their personal CSR, to support the quest for social contribution.

IBIDEN Philippines supported by joining the campers during their bamboo tree-planting at the FPIP Ecopark on April 21, 2010. An inspirational talk was given to the young campers on the importance of the love for environment - a passion that should be practiced for as long as we exist on earth.



It is an uphill and downhill way to the bamboo tree-planting site. I had to take off my uniform as I have to trek the grassy forest-like route under the heat of the 3:30pm sun. (Honestly, I didn't expect the place to be like this. Trekking is no problem but I could have been in safari vest).

These are the bamboo "stems" that were planted by the campers. A total of 48 "stems" were planted in the uphill portion of the ecopark. The FPIP bamboo ecopark is designed to be a real forest, wild life thrive in this place which is a sign that it is successfully maintained. (Snakes, birds, rats, wild cats are living here).



FPIP Bamboo Ecopark April 21, 2010



This is how a bamboo stem looks like.



At the back of this place is the San Juan River, a river that traverses the areas of Malvar, Tanauan, Sto. Tomas and Calabarzon towns and cities.



They slept on the floor, cooked food for themselves, and achieved camaraderie and independence from family during the camping.

The campers consist of 35 young adults aged 13 to 16 years old. Since this time of the year is summer vacation for most students, FPIP CSR took the opportunity to gather the youth for a road camp. They are billeted in a public school in Tanauan City where they stay for 5 days.