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TVIRD Group Corners Twin Championship Trophies at the 2024 Regional Fire Olympics

Balabag and Siana ERTs geared-up to showcase their skills at the National Fire Olympics



TVIRD Balabag ERT members perform the Fire Extinguishment relay in Pagadian City. The team would go on to win the overall championship in Region IX.

Philippines / March 2023 — The TVIRD Balabag Gold-Silver Project, along with Greenstone Resources Corporation, operator of the Siana Gold Project – both wholly owned and operated by TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc. – clinched their respective Regional Fire Olympic championship titles in the

Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) National Fire Olympics. Siana captured the top plum in Caraga, while Balabag cornered their victory in Region IX.

Competing in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur Province last February 27, the Greenstone Emergency Response Team (ERT) emerged victorious in the following Regional Fire Olympic categories: the Major Rescue and Transfer Relay event, Flammable Liquid Fire Extinguishment, and the Busted Hose and Up-the-Ladder Relay.

Meantime on March 8th, the Balabag ERT asserted their dominance as the overall champion in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur Province by winning the Fire Hose Down, Community Fire Busters, and The Blazing Showdown – Tug of War competitions of this region.

Safety as a practice

The TVIRD Group has always gone beyond expectations in its safety and health performance as well as legal compliance, as proven by its track record. With its recent wins in the BFP Regional Fire Olympics, the group has exceeded its usual best – and are now on its way to compete in the national leg.

The mindset of “safety begins with me; let’s go for ZERO accident” resonates strongly within the group and has driven its performance over the years. During the height of its nickel operations, TVIRD’s sister company, Agata Mining Ventures Inc., garnered three (3) Provincial Fire Safety Olympic crowns and was ultimately hailed as the national Fire Brigade Champion.

This mindset also extends to the group’s communities where it currently operates its gold and silver projects. To date, volunteers have been trained to respond to emergency situations and provide relief during times of crisis.

The road to the national championship

“We faced a lot of hurdles during our training and even in the competition itself, but those things did not hinder us. Instead, these challenges drove us to keep going and win the regional championship title,” TVIRD Group Safety and Health Manager Aldrin Arieta said.

Arieta also concurrently serves as the ERT coach and team manager of Greenstone and Balabag. “The teams have dedicated more than their usual best during these competitions, and we will strategize for a shot at the championship title,” he added.

The two teams will represent Region IX and Caraga at the National Fire Olympics in Baguio City this year. Despite being rivals for the national championship title, both teams maintain a high level of brotherhood within the TVIRD Group.

Press Photos



1 *A hero's welcome for the Greenstone Emergency Response Team after winning the championship title at the Caraga Regional Fire Olympics in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur.*



2 *The TVIRD Balabag Emergency Response Team was awarded the championship trophy during the Region IX Fire Olympics in Pagadian City.*



3 Gung-ho. *The Greenstone team in winning form, ready for competition.*



4 Balabag team in action. *Precision and performance during the Flammable Liquid Fire Extinguishment Relay.*

About TVI in the Philippines

TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc. ("TVIRD"), is owned in part by TVI Pacific Inc. (TSX: TVI), a publicly-listed Canadian mining company focused on the exploration, development and production of precious and base metals from district-scale, large-system, high-margin projects located in the Philippines. Concurrent ownership of ventures is shared with partner company, Prime Resource Holdings Inc.

The Agata Nickel Laterite Mine is the third successful mining project that TVIRD brought on-stream in a period of 10 years while its Balabag Gold-Silver Mine further cements its position as a steady producer of precious metals in the country. With the forthcoming commercial operations of its Siana Gold Mine, the company remains committed to exploration and mining practices that promote transparency, responsible stewardship of the environment, and the inalienable rights to life, dignity, and sustainable development of its host communities.

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