

World Environment Month Highlights at the TVIRD Group

A spark of environmental consciousness that goes a long way



A conscious choice. Employee-volunteers of the TVIRD Group commemorate Philippine Arbor Day 2026 with an annual tree-planting activity, promoting environmental awareness, sustainability, and a shared commitment to a greener future.

Makati City / July 2026 — In recent history, the changing climate has transformed environmental protection from a periodic initiative into a daily imperative. As extreme weather and ecological challenges become more frequent, safeguarding natural resources requires consistent action to be embedded in everyday decisions—from the way organizations manage operations to how individuals help preserve the communities they call home.

At TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc. (TVIRD), World Environment Month provides an opportunity to reinforce that commitment. By bringing together employees and partner communities into environmental initiatives, the company underscores that caring for the environment is a responsibility best sustained through collective action.

Stewardship everyday

For Engr. Alexis Jareol, Chief Pollution Control Officer of TVIRD's Greenstone Resources Corporation (GRC), environmental stewardship extends well beyond organized programs at the company's Siana Gold Project in Surigao del Norte.

"Environmental stewardship is reflected in the everyday choices we make," he said, referring to the choices that shape how operations are managed and how people care for their surroundings.

According to Jareol, those choices are evident in the way environmental safeguards are integrated into operations, rehabilitation efforts continue alongside mining activities, and employees embrace a shared role in protecting the environment.

Rather than being viewed as the sole responsibility of one department, he said that environmental stewardship has become part of the organization's shared culture—one practiced collectively and reinforced through daily action.

Workplace participation

This year's observance reflected that same shared commitment through activities that engaged both employees and partner communities in meaningful ways. These included tree-growing initiatives, environmental awareness campaigns, community clean-up drives, and the *Ginoo at Binibining Kalikasan* competition, which encouraged participants to promote environmental conservation through leadership and public engagement.

Among the activities, Jareol considers the Philippine Arbor Day celebration the most meaningful. Employees from different departments gathered at GRC's rehabilitation areas at Tailings Storage Facility 3 (TSF3) and TSF4, where they planted 400 native *Sagimsim* seedlings and Manila Palms in support of the company's progressive mine rehabilitation program.

For him, the activity demonstrated that employees across the organization recognize the value of contributing to efforts that restore ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen climate resilience.

Collaboration across communities

For Environmental Protection and Enhancement Manager Jjam Cutillas, environmental protection has greater significance when shared, speaking primarily from his experience at the TVIRD Balabag Gold-Silver Project in Zamboanga del Sur.

"Environmental protection is a shared responsibility," he said.

Throughout the year, employees work alongside local government units, schools, indigenous peoples, government agencies, and host communities in programs that encourage shared ownership of environmental protection.

Among those initiatives are community clean-up drives in barangays Dipili, Depore, Pulangbato, and Dimalinao, where volunteers from various sectors work together to maintain cleaner surroundings and promote proper waste management.

The company's Adopt-a-River Program likewise brings together employees and local communities in the regular protection and maintenance of the Depore and Dipili Rivers, demonstrating how sustained collaboration can help preserve waterways that communities depend on for their daily needs.

Meanwhile, the Seed Exchange Program encourages families, schools, and indigenous communities to plant fruit-bearing trees, vegetables, and other crops, supporting environmental restoration while contributing to household food security and sustainable livelihoods.

According to Cutillas, these initiatives strengthen the connection between mining operations and the communities that rely on the same ecosystems. More importantly, they have contributed to greater environmental awareness and encouraged residents to take a more active role in conserving local natural resources.

Building a culture that lasts

For both environmental leaders, the significance of World Environment Month extends beyond the activities conducted throughout June. Ultimately, it lies in forming habits and values that continue long after the celebration concludes.

Jareol noted that environmental responsibility has become increasingly integrated into everyday work through progressive mine rehabilitation, biodiversity conservation, pollution control, and responsible water management.

At the same time, Cutillas has observed stronger participation from employees and host communities, with more volunteers joining environmental initiatives as they gain a deeper appreciation of their long-term value.

As the World Environment Month concludes, the message carried forward is not defined by a calendar or series of activities. Its lasting impact lies in the choices people consciously make after the banners are taken down and the events have come to a close.

Whether restoring forests, protecting rivers, managing mine rehabilitation, or caring for shared spaces within their communities, environmental stewardship ultimately becomes more meaningful when it is practiced not only during a month of celebration, but every day thereafter.

Press Photos



- 1** ***Roots for resilience.** Greenstone Agriculturist Johnny M. Catindoy and President Anthony B. Quijano (Left & Right, respectively) take part in the ceremonial tree planting during the Arbor Day 2026 celebration held last June 25 at the TSF3 Resiliency Ornamental Park.*



- 2** ***Planting together.** Balabag employees, together with PMIEA auditors, share smiles during the Arbor Day 2026 tree-planting activity held at the Balabag mine site. A total of 60 jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus*) seedlings were planted as part of the activity.*



3 Advocates for the environment. GRC employees Kenneth C. Tuleles and Mechei L. Betonio, winners of the Ginoo at Binibining Kalikasan 2026 pageant, with MGB-13 Regional Director Francis Glenn N. Suante (second from right), during the coronation event held last June 30 at the Gateway Hotel, Surigao City.

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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 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. (10 pts single spacing)

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