

Special Feature

Editor's Note: The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Public Private Partnership initiative has drawn widespread support from the community. Various activities have been conducted and projects have been launched to rally behind the destination enhancement campaign. This section will provide insights on how PPP supporters are committed to the program.



Rotary

buckles down to work

The Rotary Club of Saipan is moving forward with its enhancement project at the Suicide Cliff.

Fifteen Rotary members plus their family members held a cleanup drive at the site last

month. They worked on the iron fence and had it repainted, courtesy of the donated paint from Tandem Skydive Saipan. Rotary also teamed up with Division of Parks & Recreation to bush cut grass and clear trees at the Suicide Cliff, while the Saipan May-

or's Office assisted the club in pulling out tree stumps to clear the area for new plants.

Clearing work and other minor improvement at the site that has World War II historical significance were done in preparation for Rotary Club's major project—to develop a butterfly garden.

"The planned butterfly garden will add value to the historical significance of the Suicide Cliff for all residents and tourists to enjoy. This is an opportunity for our club to develop a creative and unique project that our people can enjoy and be proud of," said Ro-

tary Club of Saipan president Sonya Dancoc.

The repainting of the iron fence and cleanup drive are just the beginning of many steps that the Rotary will be taking to enhance Suicide Cliff. Their next project is to plant trees and grow foliage in the area and then work on a sustainable and environment-friendly artwork at the site.

"Rotarians are people of action and we will continue to work on projects that benefit our community. *Gi todos hit ta hulat. Together, we can,*" Dancoc said. **(PR)**



New sites, new partners for Rota

The Rota Mayor's Office, Filipino Community of Rota, and Hotel Valentino have won over additional partners for their new adopted sites, strengthening the island's support for the Public Private Partnership initiative of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers.

Rota Merchandizing and

DK Brothers, which are owned by Pedro Dela Cruz, have signed up for the island's beautification project involving old abandoned buildings at the main thoroughfare of Songsong. The two companies will also help spruce up and maintain the Melchor Mendiola Leadership Park, the new site adopted by Rota.

The island's other new adopted site is the Airport

Road and Hotel Valentino will team up with the Commonwealth Ports Authority in beautifying the area by planting flowers and growing foliage native to Rota.

"We would like to welcome and thank Rota Merchandizing, DK Brothers, and CPA for joining us in this destination enhancement initiative. The more help we could get in the community, the more projects we could do to help take care of the key sites on our beautiful island," Hotel Valentino operations manager Lupe Flores said.

The Rota partner groups

recently did paint work, landscaping, and water blasting at the Benita Manglona Building, an abandoned site in the heart of Songsong. Norman Tenorio of Joeten Enterprise and Diego Songao donated paints for the project, while Rota Merchandizing and DK Brothers provided manpower and equipment for the cleanup.

"Once we complete the paint job at the two buildings, we will shift our focus to the Mendiola Park, as the holiday season is here and the park is used for Rota's Christmas tree lighting, novena, and other gatherings," Flores said. **(PR)**

