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Bamboo Tree Growing for Environmental Reparation



Fiscal Malou M. Romualdo-Sumalpong –Deputy Provincial Prosecutor of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) Misamis Oriental Branch 39 (Standing –center) joined the Bamboo Tree Growing Activity in Brgy. Bagoceboc, Opol, Misamis Oriental.

Representatives of MGB-X, together with the staff of RTC Branch 39, headed by Fiscal Malou M. Sumalpong, the Local Government Unit-Opol, Philippine National Police-Opol, Barangay Officials, Yellow Stone Corporation and communities kicked off the celebration of the environment month in a tree-growing activity at Barangay Bagoceboc, Opol, Misamis Oriental last June 1, 2018.

It may be recalled that in 2012, MGB –X filed a case against Yellow Stone Mining and Development Corporation for illegal exploration.

Last May 2018, the presiding judge, Hon. Marites Filomena B. Rana-Bernales ordered Yellow Stone Corporation to pay the fine of Php 50, 000.00 and to spend P200, 000.00 for environmental reparation in the area in the form of a tree planting activity at Brgy. Bagoceboc, Opol. More than 100 persons participated in the court ordered activity where a total of 1,000 bamboo plantlets were prepared to be planted.

To spread environmental awareness, a short program featuring some lectures on proper tree-growing, the dangers of illegal mining and how the vigilance of the people in the area can help curb the problem were also conducted prior to the undertaking for the benefit of the local community.