



SAN JUAN CITY COMMEMORATES ITS 18TH CITYHOOD ANNIVERSARY WITH FULL DAY OF HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY EVENTS

San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora led the commemoration of the city's 18th Cityhood Anniversary on June 17, 2025 with a series of meaningful activities focused on health, environmental sustainability, and community development.

The celebration began at 8:00 AM with a media briefing on the "Do-It-Yourself Water Catchment System Contest", a major project headed by the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO). The contest invites households, business establishments, and government institutions to showcase innovative solutions vis a vis water conservation.

For households, participants must coordinate and register with their respective barangays and will be given one (1) month to build their DIY water catchment system. Each barangay will nominate their top 3 household finalists within two months from the launch date, based on the following criteria:

- * Design (50%) – use of recycled/reusable materials
- * Sustainability (25%) – potential for replication
- * Effectiveness (25%) – water collected, storage, and usability

These top 3 household finalists per barangay will be monitored by CENRO from August 2025 to February 2026.

For business establishments and government institutions, participants have until August 1, 2025, to construct their systems, ensuring they match the water requirements and infrastructure of their buildings. Entries will be judged using the following criteria:

- * Functionality/Efficiency (25%) – water collected and storage
- * Usability (25%) – actual use of collected water
- * Creativity & Cost-effectiveness (20%) – recycled/affordable materials
- * Sustainability (20%) – low maintenance, scalable
- * Community Impact (10%) – outreach or water-sharing

Household, business establishment, and government institution entries must also be posted on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok with the hashtag #SaveWater4MakabagongSanJuan, along with



a short caption on water conservation. Participants are required to submit a report detailing the design, materials used, cost, and water savings.

Cash prizes per category are as follows:

Household Category:

🏆 1st Place – ₱30,000

🥈 2nd Place – ₱15,000

🥉 3rd Place – ₱10,000

Commercial & Government Institutions:

🏆 1st Place – ₱50,000

🥈 2nd Place – ₱30,000

🥉 3rd Place – ₱15,000

Winners will be recognized in March 2026 during World Water Day.

At 9:30 AM, the city launched Bisikleta Para sa Kalusugan — a bike ride to promote healthy living. City officials, bike patrollers, and enthusiasts rode to Ermitaño Creek and Maytunas Creek to oversee the Barangay Cleanup Drive, which happened simultaneously in all 21 barangays.

The Dengue Town Hall Meeting commenced at 10:00 AM at the City Hall Multipurpose Hall. Stakeholders such as barangay officials and parent leaders will be briefed on dengue prevention efforts.

At 11:00 AM, the City Health Department launched its Supplemental Feeding Program for underweight and malnourished children at the City Hall driveway.

“These programs reflect our continuous commitment to the health, wellness, and resilience of every San Juaneño. As we celebrate our 18th year as a city, we want this week-long Wattah! Wattah! Festival to not only bring joy to our residents, but also inspire lasting impact through initiatives that benefit our environment and our people’s well-being,” said Mayor Francis Zamora.