



## **SAN JUAN CITY, MMDA, AND BARANGAY BATIS TO SIGN MOA AND INAUGURATE THE SAN JUAN CITY LINEAR PARK; CITY GOVERNMENT AND PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD TO INAUGURATE PCG SUB-STATION**

The City Government of San Juan, in partnership with the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and Barangay Batis, signed a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and inaugurate the San Juan City Linear Park on March 19, 2025 (Wednesday), at 9:00 AM, in front of the San Luis Pumping Station.

Mayor Francis Zamora was joined by MMDA Chairman Atty. Romando S. Artes, MMDA Deputy Chairman Usec. Frisco S. San Juan Jr., MMDA General Manager Usec. Procopio G. Lipana, MMDA Assistant General Manager for Operations Asec. David Angelo R. Vargas, Congressman Bel Zamora, members of the San Juan City Council headed by Vice Mayor Angelo Agcaoili, and Barangay Batis Chairman Dino C. Geneston.

The Neighborhood Upgrading Project with Nature-Based Solutions along the San Juan River Easement aims to revitalize underutilized spaces, transforming them into a vibrant, community-driven linear park. The project integrated features such as vertical gardens, rainwater harvesting systems, cisterns, rain gardens, and community pavilions.

Designed to enhance environmental sustainability, this initiative also utilized nature-based solutions to improve waterway easements while providing green, eco-friendly spaces for social interaction, recreation, and environmental education.

“We are proud to be part of this transformative project that will benefit not only the residents of San Juan but also the entire Metro Manila community,” said Mayor Francis Zamora. “The San Juan City Linear Park is a perfect example of how we can integrate nature into urban spaces. This project is a significant step towards creating more sustainable, green spaces that promote environmental consciousness and provide our residents with a healthy place to gather, relax, and connect with nature. It reflects our commitment to improving the quality of life in San Juan while addressing climate change and enhancing our city's beauty.”

Following the MOA signing, at 10:00 AM, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the City Government of San Juan inaugurated the Philippine Coast Guard Sub-Station in San Juan City, located along F. Manalo Street, Barangay Batis.

Among those attended were PCG Commodore Christopher Meñado, Commander Michael Jhon Encina, Mayor Francis Zamora, and other local officials.

The newly established PCG Sub-Station strengthens maritime safety measures, disaster response capabilities, and other PCG mandates within San Juan.



“We are proud to strengthen our partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard through the inauguration of their sub-station here in San Juan,” Mayor Francis Zamora said. “The Coast Guard has always been a critical partner in our city, particularly during typhoons and flood-related emergencies. Their presence in San Juan will ensure faster, more effective responses to maritime and water-related emergencies, ultimately safeguarding our residents, especially those in flood-prone areas. This sub-station is an important milestone in our commitment to community safety and disaster resilience.”

With the establishment of the PCG Sub-Station, San Juan residents can expect enhanced safety measures, quicker emergency response times, and a stronger maritime safety presence. The sub-station will also play a vital role in flood risk management, disaster coordination, and emergency preparedness along the city's waterways.