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Alaminos City breaks ground for eco-friendly water treatment pond

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ALAMINOS CITY, March 19 (PIA) — A ground breaking ceremony was held here on Sunday for the construction of an eco-friendly wastewater treatment pond in Barangay Poblacion.

The project will consist of an agri-aqua demo farm, organic reduction pond and nitrification pond, which will clean domestic, industrial and organic wastewater in several stages of natural process.

Known as the Free Surface-Flow Constructed Wetland for Natural Wastewater Treatment, the project will cover a 4,000 square meter land, which will also integrate an eco-park to be named Judge Felix R. De Castro Jr. Park., after the late father of the landowner, lawyer Alfred de Castro.

The project is spearheaded by the Democratic Local Governance in South East Asia (DELGOSEA) and was patterned after a project in Undothani, Thailand.

Because it uses natural method, the project can save the government substantial amount of funds, according to Mayor Hernani Braganza.

Rep. Teddy Casiño, an environmentalist, expressed enthusiasm over the project, saying it is a logical one considering that it does not need many artificial structures to be constructed for it to function.

Aside from the Philippines, the DELGOSEA is also currently undertaking different projects in Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia depending on the needs of these countries, according to DELGOSEA Executive Director Antonio Avila.

DELGOSEA projects are being implemented in the country by the Local Government Development Foundation (LGDF) with the League of Cities of the Philippines and Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, said Sheryll Bayan of the DELGOSEA. (ANL/ARRF-PIA 1 Pangasinan)