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Our Vision

To become a leading and world class provider of water and sanitation services that cares for the community and the environment.

Our Mission

To provide exceptional value to all stakeholders with a world class water and sanitation services using efficient and sustainable technology within the service area. CWD shall remain a Government-owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCC).

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Carcar Water District Celebrates 45 Years of Service, Resilience, and Sustainable Future



Carcar Water District (CWD) commemorated its 45th founding anniversary on May 30, 2025, with a grand evening celebration held at the picturesque Jardin De Muntuerto in Perrelos, Carcar City. Under the theme “45 Years of Water Stewardship: A Legacy of Resilience and a Sustainable Future,” the event brought together a distinguished gathering of guests, highlighting the water district’s remarkable journey and its unwavering commitment to providing reliable water services to the community.

The celebration was graced by the presence of prominent figures, including Congresswoman Girlie Veloso, Carcar City Mayor Patrick Barcenas, incoming Vice Mayor Perkins De Dios, members of the CWD Board of Directors, former employees and board members, delegates from other water

districts across the region, representatives from PEWUP, Landbank, DBP, Metro Gaisano, and other key partners who have played instrumental roles in CWD’s success.

The evening’s program served as a powerful testament to CWD’s resilience over the past four and a half decades. Dr. Merelea Cabalquinto, Chairperson of the Board, delivered a moving welcome address, recounting the water district’s evolution as a public water utility and emphasizing its core values: service excellence, teamwork, integrity, innovativeness, resilience, and stewardship – values that have guided its operations and shaped its enduring legacy.

A captivating short documentary film chronicling CWD’s history and growth was screened, deeply touching the hearts of the audience and evoking a sense of shared pride

and accomplishment. The film showcased the challenges overcome and the milestones achieved, underscoring the dedication and hard work that have defined CWD’s journey.

A special tribute was paid to former board members and employees, recognizing their invaluable contributions to the water district’s success. The heartfelt rendition of the song “Handog” by Florante served as a fitting tribute, expressing gratitude for their years of service and dedication.

Adding to the evening’s cultural richness, the Handuraw Dancers of Carcar City showcased their vibrant and captivating folk dances, adding a touch of local artistry and tradition to the celebration. Adding another layer of inspiration, Atty. Prim Rose Kong delivered a powerful rendition of “The Impossible Dream,” a song that perfectly captured the

spirit of ambition and perseverance that has characterized CWD’s journey.

As the evening drew to a close, CWD General Manager, Atty. Edward Remo, took the stage to share his inspiring vision for the future of the water district. His message resonated with the employees and guests alike, reinforcing the collective commitment to continue providing reliable and sustainable water services to the community.

The CWD choir concluded the program with a moving performance of Lea Salonga’s “Journey,” followed by a rousing group singalong of “A Million Dreams.” This uplifting finale served as a powerful symbol of unity, hope, and the shared aspirations for a brighter future, leaving all attendees inspired by CWD’s legacy and optimistic about its continued success in the years to come.





CWD Employees Celebrate CAWDEU Day 2025 with Games, Raffle, and Accomplishment Highlights

Carcar Water District commemorated CAWDEU Day on May 2, 2025 at the Carcar City Sports Complex in Poblacion I, Carcar City, gathering employees for

a day of recognition, camaraderie, and celebration.

The event was organized by the Carcar Water District Employees

Union (CAWDEU) officers and kicked off with an invocation, followed by opening remarks from CAWDEU President, Engr. Narjib Sordilla. A key highlight of the program was the presentation of the union's financial statement update and a video presentation showcasing accomplishments over the past year.

Employees also participated in raffle draws with exciting prizes, while team-building games such as the

"Pinoy Squid Game" and Jenga Wood Block Game brought energy and fun to the gathering—emphasizing collaboration, creativity, and healthy competition among CWD employees.

The annual CAWDEU Day aims to strengthen unity and morale among employees, while celebrating the collective achievements of the workforce that powers Carcar Water District.



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People's Hour Cleanup Drive

Employees of the Water District participated in a spirited one-hour cleanup drive on May 9, 2025, as part of the District's monthlong anniversary celebration and ongoing 5S program. The initiative targeted three key areas: the water treatment plant site, the newly rented adjacent

property, and the motorpool area, all of which had accumulated a significant amount of unnecessary materials and items.

The "Peoples Hour" drive, as it was dubbed, saw employees working collaboratively to sort, remove,

and properly dispose of unwanted materials. Despite the short timeframe, the results were immediately noticeable. The treatment plant site, previously cluttered, now boasts a significantly improved level of organization and cleanliness. The newly rented adjacent property also underwent transformation, making it readily available for use. Similarly, the motorpool area experienced a remarkable improvement in orderliness.

"We're incredibly proud of our employees' dedication and hard work," said Ruby Angelica C. Galicano, division manager for Admin. "This cleanup drive

wasn't just about tidying up; it was about demonstrating our commitment to the 5S program and creating a safer, more efficient workplace. The positive impact is already evident, and we anticipate ongoing benefits in terms of productivity and employee morale."

The 5S methodology, which focuses on workplace organization, is a key component of the water district's ongoing efforts to improve efficiency and safety. This cleanup drive serves as a powerful example of the program's success in practice. The District plans to continue implementing similar initiatives to maintain the improved workplace conditions.





A Walk through the Natural Park in the Heart of Carcar City

Employees of Carcar Water District together PEWUP personnel embarked on an exhilarating nature walk last May 23, 2025, at the breathtaking Guadalupe Mabugnao Mainit Hot Spring National Park (GMMHSNP). The invigorating trek followed the trail leading to the Mainit Caves, descending afterwards to the picturesque cold spring.

A planned stop at the Mainit Caves provided an opportunity for a short orientation session focusing on the unique flora and fauna found within the park's boundaries. Participants

learned about the diverse plant and animal life that calls this natural wonder home.

The employees expressed immense enthusiasm and delight throughout the entire experience. The combination of physical activity, stunning natural scenery, and educational insights created a memorable and enriching team-building event.

CWD and PEWUP personnel left the park rejuvenated and with a deeper appreciation for the natural world. "The journey was not just a physical adventure, it was an immersive



Water Stewardship: and a Sustainable Future"

Carcar Water District Inaugurates Two New Water Sources, Expanding Access for Residents

Carcar Water District (CWD) celebrated its 45th anniversary with the inauguration of two new water sources on May 30, 2025, significantly enhancing water access for residents of Hillside, Guadalupe, and Proper Perrelos in Carcar City, and neighboring areas. The event marked a significant milestone in the district's commitment to providing reliable and sustainable water services to its concessionaires.

The inauguration ceremony, officiated by Rev. Fr. Frumencio D. Mahusay, was graced by a distinguished gathering, including

the Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for Integrated Environmental Science, Dr. Carlos Primo C. David; the Mayor of Carcar City, Hon. Mario Patricio P. Barcenas; Barangay Chairperson Hon. Rey Lawas of Guadalupe; and Barangay Chairperson Hon. Schubert Veloso of Perrelos. Also present were general managers from other water districts across the Province of Cebu, the CWD Board of Directors, management, and staff, led by Board Chairperson Dr. Merlea Cabalquinto and General Manager Atty. Edward L. Remo.

experience into the rich biodiversity of the national park", commented Ms. Junnah Manugas, one of the participants of the walk.

The success of this nature walk highlights the importance of incorporating wellness activities and environmental awareness into workplace initiatives.

The newly inaugurated water sources are expected to alleviate water shortages and improve the quality of life for numerous residents. The expansion directly benefits the communities of Hillside and Perrelos, while also providing increased water availability to surrounding areas.

"This project underscores our commitment to providing clean and reliable water to our constituents," stated Dr. Cabalquinto. "The inauguration of these new water sources is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our team, the local government, and our partners. We are grateful for the support received, and we remain dedicated to further improving water services in Carcar City."

The city mayor added, "This achievement is a fitting celebration of CWD's 45th anniversary. It reflects the water district's dedication to sustainable development and its unwavering commitment to serving the people of Carcar City."

The event highlighted the significance of this expansion in the context of the district's ongoing efforts to ensure water security and sustainable water management practices within Carcar City. The presence of Dr. David further emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship in the development and management of water resources.



Celebrating Resilience Through Art: 4th CWD Painting Contest Showcases 45 Years of Water Stewardship

On May 24, 2025, CWD successfully held its 4th CWD Painting Contest at the CWD grounds, culminating weeks of creative expression that highlighted the agency's milestone—45 Years of Water Stewardship: A Legacy of Resilience and a Sustainable Future.

The contest officially launched on April 8, 2025, inviting artists from across the region to visually interpret the legacy of CWD's service and its commitment to water sustainability. By the submission deadline at noon on May 24, a total of 41 final entries were received—each one a

powerful depiction of how art can reflect the journey of resilience, innovation, and hope for future generations.

The afternoon program began with the judging of entries. In his opening remarks, CWD General Manager Atty. Edward Remo emphasized the deeper significance of the event. "We at CWD want you to capture our journey on resilience through art," he said, explaining that the contest goes beyond art—it serves as a visual archive of the agency's transformation and ongoing mission. The event also aimed to uplift



the inaugural winner of the 1st CWD Painting Contest.

The winners of the 4th CWD Painting Contest are as follows:

1st Prize: Mariolindo Anuada
2nd Prize: Jayson Laña
3rd Prize: Alfredo Bito-on

In addition, ten artists received consolation prizes in recognition of their exceptional work. The top three winning entries will become part of CWD's official collection, symbolizing the agency's journey and values. Meanwhile, the consolation entries will be exhibited for public viewing at the CWD ground floor from May 24 to May 30, 2025.



the local art community, particularly young and emerging artists in Carcar and beyond.

This year's panel of judges included Bernardo Hermoso, a renowned visual artist from Sibonga; Gabriel Abellana, a respected landscape artist from a family of artists in Carcar; and Adrian Perolino,

Through this contest, CWD reinforces its commitment not just to water service, but to storytelling through art—honoring the past, acknowledging present challenges, and envisioning a sustainable future, one brushstroke at a time.

CWD Turns Over Washlets to Two Carcar Schools Under "Reaching Heights, Changing Lives 2.0" Initiative



Carcar City, Cebu — On May 23, 2025, the Carcar Water District (CWD), in partnership with the AFAS Foundation and Performance Enhancement Water Utilities Philippines (PEWUP), officially turned over washlet units to Tal-ut Valencia Elementary School and Caraatan Elementary School as part of its 45th Anniversary activities.

The donation falls under the CWD's project "Reaching Heights, Changing Lives 2.0," which aims to improve access to water and sanitation. A total of 13 schools have been selected as beneficiaries in this phase, including the two schools visited during the May 23 turnover.

At Tal-ut Valencia Elementary School, a short turnover program was held where Ms. Baronessa Varga, the school head, welcomed CWD and PEWUP representatives. In her remarks, she

commended the professionalism of the CWD team and noted the smooth coordination between the agency and the school.

CWD General Manager Atty. Edward Remo also addressed attendees, highlighting the broader goal of the project. "While CWD has regularly participated in CSR activities, especially during Brigada Eskwela, this time we intend to give meaning to what we are doing," he said. "The installation of washlets directly supports the Department of Education's Wash in Schools (WINS) Program, promoting hygiene and sanitation for students."

A similar ceremony was held at Caraatan Elementary School, where School Head Ms. Jhenny Rose Hernaez shared the school's challenges, particularly the lack of clean, potable water. "Our teachers used to fetch water from a nearby river



just to meet basic needs but now thanks to CWD water is readily available," she said, expressing gratitude for the support provided.

Each turnover concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and symbolic handwashing activity to emphasize the importance of proper hygiene practices.

The project reinforces CWD's commitment to community development by improving water access and sanitation facilities in local schools—one step closer to creating healthier learning environments for Carcar's youth.

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