



MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY

ECOSYSTEM'S BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

On January 13, 2023, the Mariano Marcos State University took a significant step toward its vision of developing a Health and Wellness Tourism hub on campus by planting more trees at the Biodiversity Conservation Learning Center and Leisure Park. Led by MMSU President Shirley C. Agrupis, university administrators, faculty, staff, and students planted 120 seedlings, including 28 native tree species and two bamboo species, to enhance the area's biodiversity and lay the groundwork for this future wellness hub. This initiative aligns with plans for a Health and Wellness Complex at the College of Medicine.

Further greening efforts continued on August 1, 2023, when the university community, led again by President Agrupis, planted 150 flowering and fruit-bearing trees around the Sunken Garden and University Library. Covering a 1,350-square-meter area, this project aimed to increase native species diversity, provide shade, and create natural windbreaks to benefit the campus. These seedlings, sourced from phenotypically superior mother trees in the wild, were carefully nurtured in the Clonal Nursery at the College of Agriculture, Food, and Sustainable Development. Together, these efforts reflect MMSU's commitment to environmental sustainability and community wellness.

Evidence:

1. More trees planted at MMSU to establish 'health tourism' hub
<https://www.mmsu.edu.ph/news/more-trees-planted-at-mmsu-to-establish-health-tourism-hub>
2. MMSU promotes more green spaces
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