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## **Okada Manila Partners with DENR for Massive Reforestation in La Mesa**

**MANILA, 10 July 2025** – [Okada Manila](#), a Forbes VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality integrated resort in the Philippines, takes part in a massive forest rehabilitation program under the National Greening Program (NGP) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Held at the La Mesa Watershed—Metro Manila’s critical ecological reserve—this tree planting activity reflects Okada Manila’s steadfast commitment to environmental sustainability and its continuing efforts under the Okada Green Heart program, particularly through its Talent & Community pillar, which promotes employee engagement and positive social impact.

Now in the second year of a three-year partnership with the DENR, Okada Manila is entrusted with the stewardship of a one-to-two-hectare reforestation site at the watershed. Through this initiative, the resort is nurturing 500 indigenous forest tree species as part of the DENR’s “Forests for Life” campaign, which aims to plant five million trees by 2028.

On June 27, 2025, 110 team members volunteered and planted 200 seedlings to contribute to the ecological renewal of the La Mesa Watershed—a vital source of potable water for more than 12 million residents of Metro Manila. The tree planting served as a hands-on expression of Okada Manila’s long-term investment in clean air, biodiversity, and community well-being.

“This tree planting activity is a powerful reflection of our values,” said Patrick Henry Villacorte, Chief Security & Safety Officer of Okada Manila. “At Okada Manila, we believe that caring for the environment is a natural extension of caring for people. Through the Okada Green Heart program, we’re proud to give our team members opportunities to protect what matters and contribute meaningfully to a better, greener future.”

According to Atty. Michael Drake P. Matias, OIC Regional Executive Director, DENR-NCR, “Our partnership with Okada Manila demonstrates the power of collaboration in restoring our natural ecosystems. Through



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sustained and hands-on engagement, like this tree planting at the La Mesa Watershed, we are not only rehabilitating forests, we are also nurturing a culture of environmental stewardship. The DENR-NCR and Okada Manila are sowing the seeds of resilience, clean air, and climate action for everyone."

Okada Manila also participated at an event organized by DENR-NCR in celebration of Philippine Arbor Day last June 25, 2025. Themed "Amazing Trees," the event combined adventure, teamwork, and environmental education through tree-themed challenges held across the watershed.

Okada Manila proudly placed third in this unique competition, which highlighted the value of forests in sustaining life and fighting climate change.

As Okada Manila continues to expand its Green Heart initiatives, the tree planting activity stands as a testament to the resort's enduring promise: to grow a culture where sustainability, compassion, and shared purpose thrive in harmony.

To learn more about Okada Manila's comprehensive sustainability initiatives and the Okada Green Heart program, please visit our website at <https://www.okadamanila.com/okada-green-heart>

### **ABOUT OKADA MANILA**

Okada Manila, a Forbes 5-star destination in the Philippines, seamlessly blends unmatched hospitality, gaming, and entertainment across 30 breathtaking hectares. Known for its unique service philosophy, Okada Manila combines the warmth of Filipino hospitality with the precision of Japanese excellence, ensuring every guest feels truly special.

Guests can marvel at The Fountain, a world-renowned water choreography masterpiece, or dance the night away at Cove Manila, the world's largest indoor beach club and nightclub, setting the standard for leisure and nightlife. The expansive gaming floor, the largest in the Philippines, features a wide array of table games and electronic gaming machines. Exclusive clubs like Perlas, Maharlika, and the VIP Club offer elite gaming experiences for discerning guests.



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For families, PLAY and Thrillscape provide exciting and engaging entertainment options designed to cater to both developmental and recreational needs. The Sole Retreat and the Forbes 5-star-rated The Retreat Spa offer sanctuaries promoting wellness and relaxation. Culinary delights await at over 40 dining venues, and a variety of shopping options ensure convenience and luxury at your fingertips.

Business travelers will find state-of-the-art facilities for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE), offering well-appointed spaces equipped with the latest technology. The Okada Manila Entertainment Group (OMEG) brings world-class performances to life, enriching the vibrant entertainment landscape.

Guests can stay in one of 1,001 luxurious accommodations, each designed for comfort and sophistication. Digital innovations, including the Okada Online Casino and the Okada Manila App, make it easier than ever to enjoy the offerings.

Okada Manila is the ultimate destination for leisure and entertainment. Visit [www.okadamanila.com](http://www.okadamanila.com) to explore.

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### Photo captions:



1. 110 team member volunteered and planted 200 seedlings to contribute to the ecological renewal of the La Mesa Watershed.



2. An Okada Manila Team Member who is proud to be part of a company that walks the talk when it comes to sustainability.



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3. Okada Manila is entrusted with the stewardship of a one-to-two-hectare reforestation site at the watershed as part of the three-year partnership with the DENR.



4. Okada Manila participated in the eco-inspired competition organized by DENR-NCR on Philippine Arbor Day.



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5. The tree planting served as a hands-on expression of Okada Manila's long-term investment in clean air, biodiversity, and community well-being.



6. The tree planting activity reflects Okada Manila's steadfast commitment to environmental sustainability and its continuing efforts under the Okada Green Heart program.



7. Okada Manila team members took part in a Tree Planting Activity, fostering employee engagement while contributing to a greener, more sustainable community.