



Every Drop Counts: *Inside Okada Manila's Award-Winning Water Stewardship*

Okada Manila was recognized for its commitment to responsible water management with the Blue Crest Award at the World Water Day PH Awards 2026 last March 19. Hosted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), together with the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) and Maynilad Water Services, Inc., the awards recognized organizations advancing water sustainability through innovation, operational excellence, and environmental stewardship.

As the only private institution to receive the Blue Crest Award this year, Okada Manila was recognized for a water conservation practice that has long been part of the resort's operations. Through its Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), wastewater generated across the resort is treated and reused for essential non-potable needs, helping conserve water while maintaining a zero-discharge policy that prevents wastewater from being released into Manila Bay.

Every Drop Put Back to Purpose

Behind the experiences enjoyed throughout Okada Manila is a water management system designed to make responsible use of one of our most important natural resources.

The STP treats approximately 2,217 cubic meters of wastewater every day, or around 66,510 cubic meters each month. Once treated, the water is reused for landscaping and irrigation across 9.3 hectares of external grounds and cooling towers that support the resort's air-conditioning systems.

By putting treated water back into use, Okada Manila no longer relies on Maynilad for its non-potable water supply. More importantly, the system supports the resort's commitment to maintaining zero wastewater discharge into Manila Bay.

What happens behind the scenes ultimately supports the experience throughout the resort. From maintaining landscaped surroundings to keeping spaces comfortable for guests, responsible water reuse allows essential resort operations to continue while reducing the demand for additional water resources.



From Recognition to a National Benchmark

The practices behind the Blue Crest Award gained further recognition on April 8, when 17 executives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources visited Okada Manila's Sewage Treatment Plant to see the resort's water management system firsthand.

During the benchmarking visit, DENR representatives inspected the facility, reviewed the overall treatment process, and verified Okada Manila's zero-discharge meter readings. Following the assessment, DENR established Okada Manila's STP as a national benchmark, demonstrating how responsible water management can be integrated into large-scale hospitality operations.

The recognition affirms that meaningful environmental action goes beyond meeting standards. It is about finding better ways to use resources responsibly while sustaining the quality, comfort, and experiences guests expect from Okada Manila.



"We're proud that the Blue Crest Award and DENR's recognition of our Sewage Treatment Plant as a national benchmark have highlighted the work our team does every day. At the same time, these recognitions remind us that we need to keep improving how we manage and conserve water across the resort."

Louie Cornejo

Manager for Technical Operations of Facility Management

Why This Matters:

Water plays an essential role in keeping Okada Manila running every day. It supports the spaces guests enjoy, the systems that keep the resort comfortable, and many of the operations that make exceptional guest experiences possible.

By treating and reusing wastewater instead of allowing it to go to waste, Okada Manila is taking a more responsible approach to meeting these everyday needs. Maintaining zero wastewater discharge also helps protect Manila Bay while reducing the resort's reliance on external water resources for non-potable use.

The Blue Crest Award and DENR's recognition of the STP as a national benchmark show what can be achieved when sustainability becomes part of everyday operations. More than milestones for Okada Manila, they reinforce the responsibility to continue setting a strong example for water stewardship in the hospitality industry.

Join the Okada Green Heart Movement

Through the Water Conservation pillar of Okada Green Heart, Okada Manila continues to strengthen responsible water practices across the resort, maintain its zero-discharge operations, and uphold DENR environmental standards.

The recognitions we receive affirm the progress we have made, but our commitment goes beyond awards. By continuing to make thoughtful choices in how we use, treat, and reuse water, we can help build a more sustainable future while creating extraordinary experiences for every guest we welcome.



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Together, let's build a greener future—one action at a time.

