

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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### **Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc. supports DENR's International Coastal Clean-Up**



In its continuing efforts to contribute to environmental sustainability, Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc. (“MCFI” or “Foundation”) - the corporate social responsibility arm of Megawide Construction Corporation (“Megawide”) - participated in the International Coastal Clean-Up Drive 2024 held at the Dolomite Beach, Manila Bay, last September 21.

Led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the annual event saw hundreds of volunteers from various cause-oriented groups coming together to address the ongoing challenges of marine pollution and environmental degradation. MCFI, together with over 60 volunteers from Megawide’s different business units, took part in this initiative.

MCFI joined hands with local government units (LGUs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to remove trash and debris from Manila Bay’s Dolomite Beach. The Foundation’s participation underscores its commitment to environmental stewardship, with the end goal of promoting nature and biodiversity.

“The Foundation believes that a clean and healthy natural environment should go hand-in-hand with Megawide’s vision for a First-World Philippines,” said MCFI President Tata Saavedra. “Our participation in the clean-up is not just about picking up trash; it’s about raising awareness on the importance of our actions in preserving our coastlines for future generations.”

The event provided an opportunity for MCFI volunteers to actively engage in environmental preservation, through proper waste collection, segregation, and disposal. During the course of the day, the team was able to gather more than 30 sacks, with an estimate of 50 kgs each, of plastic waste, discarded fishing gear, and other non-biodegradable materials, along the shorelines — further emphasizing the need for sustained efforts in marine conservation. According to DENR, all collected materials will be disposed and recycled, and will be used for studies. Results will be forwarded to

Ocean Conservancy to help in the strategic planning for effective waste mitigation efforts in the future.

#### *A Commitment to Sustainable Development*

MCFI's involvement in the clean-up is part of its broader commitment to sustainable development. Through initiatives that focus on environmental protection, education, and community engagement, the Foundation continuously works to align its projects with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 13 "take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts."

The Dolomite Beach, which has undergone rehabilitation efforts, serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining our natural resources. By participating in events like the International Coastal Clean-Up, MCFI actively contributes to the preservation of critical ecosystems, supporting a cleaner and greener Philippines.

MCFI remains committed to its mission of promoting environmental sustainability and encouraging more individuals and organizations to join in this global effort. The Foundation will continue to collaborate with local communities and partners to develop programs that leave a lasting positive impact on the environment.

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#### **About Megawide Foundation**

Megawide Corporate Foundation, Inc. is the corporate social responsibility arm of Megawide Construction Corporation, a local conglomerate with several subsidiaries/strategic business units (SBUs) involved in renewable energy, infrastructure, real estate, etc.

The Foundation was established in 2012 as part of the company's sustainability initiative. In their pursuit to advocate quality education, they founded the Megawide Engineering Excellence Program (MEES) in 2015, now called the Megawide Scholarship Program (MSP), that supported 97 scholars since its inception.

Our vision is to provide First-World Communities through innovative solutions.