

NEAT COAST PROJECT: COASTAL CLEANUP DRIVE AY 2023 - 2024 TERM 2

The "Neat Coast Project: Coastal CleanUp Drive" held last December 9, 2023, from 6:00 to 9:00AM at Barangay 649 Baseco Port Area, Metro Manila, was a collaborative effort hosted by the NU Academic Internship and Placement Office, in partnership with the NU Community Extension Office. This initiative's main objective was to promote environmental responsibility within the NU Community by organizing a coastal cleanup drive aimed at mitigating marine pollution. Furthermore, this event aimed to strengthen the spirit of volunteerism among the National University community, involving interns and incoming interns so that when they work, they can have the sense of belongingness to join an outreach program of their company.

Participation in this endeavor not only contributed to the betterment of the environment but also added value to the participants' resumes by enhancing their volunteer experience. With a total of 16 student-interns, 5 NSTP faculty members, and 2 ASPs from AIPO joining forces, the outcome was remarkable, with the collection of 30 bags (sako) filled with trash, marking a significant step towards a cleaner and healthier coastal environment.

Attendance: (or participants)

NSTP Faculty/ ASPs:

- 1. Erika Mae Valencia AIPO
- 2. Lalaine CJ Evangelista AIPO
- 3. Edward C. Paglinawan NSTP COMEX
- 4. Alex R. Mendoza NSTP COMEX
- 5. Maria Carmel Rimpos NSTP COMEX
- 6. Helinor Y. Medina NSTP COMEX
- 7. Agnes P. Rosell NSTP COMEX
- 8. Mischelle S. Aguja NSTP COMEX

Student-interns:

- 1. Aple Venese C. Terol CBA
- 2. Clarizel V. Openiano CEAS
- 3. Dorothy Joy Y. Panganiban CCIT
- 4. Fang Han CEAS
- 5. Fangyan Yu CEAS
- 6. Gwymeth Renee A. Alcaraz CBA
- 7. Hannah Faye D. Danao CBA
- 8. Joshua Cuartina Pielago CTHM
- 9. Junezsa Belar COE
- 10. Lyka Mari S. Santiago CBA
- 11. Marc Damer S. Magbanua COE
- 12. Mark Alfredo Jomel D. Zosa COE
- 13. Noreen Ann Q. Gonzales CBA
- 14. Pei Pei CEAS
- 15. Pheobe Nicole T. Cuento CTHM

16. Raziel Anne C. Sulit – CBA

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Programme:

TIME (AM)	ACTIVITY	OFFICER OR ORGANIZATION
5:00-5:30	Meet-up/Gathering in NU	
5:30-6:00	Transit to Baseco Port	
6:00-6:05	Invocation and Opening remarks	COMEX
6:05-6:10	Debriefing and dissemination of Cleaning tools	
6:10-8:50	Coastal Clean-up	
8:50-9:00	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	COMEX



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Evaluation/Feedback from Participants:

A. Summary

Questions	Ratings
How organized was the event?	4.65
How effective do you think our efforts were in cleaning the coastal area?	4.41
Did you feel safe during the event, considering health and safety guidelines?	100%- YES
Overall, how satisfied are you with the event?	4.71

B. Participants' Feedback

The most rewarding aspects of the cleanup drive for participants includes the completion of the cleanup project and witnessing the area become tidy. People found joy in working together and forming new connections, fostering a sense of unity among Nationalians. Many felt a heightened sense of productivity and accomplishment, emphasizing the positive impact on the environment. Some participants highlighted the satisfaction of contributing, even in small ways, to the well-being of the environment and the local community. Additionally, the experience of collaboration and making a tangible difference in a short period was fulfilling for participants.

Participants suggested that the cleanup drive should have a longer time duration, with some proposing a half-day or full-day event instead of the current 2 hours period. They recommend involving different organizations and student leaders under National University in non-academic activities to inspire future leaders. Some participants express gratitude for the opportunity but suggest a more extended cleanup time frame.

There are suggestions to follow a planned time frame, considering a half-day or full-day cleanup, providing insights and information during and after the event. Transportation concerns are raised, suggesting the possibility of borrowing multiple National University vans, especially for students unfamiliar with the cleanup location.

Participants emphasize the need for more advanced notice about the event, preferably 1 or 2 weeks in advance, to allow more students to participate. They propose assigned cleaning areas for pairs of students, a pre-event volunteer workshop to create sturdy cleaning tools, and the donation of these tools for the community. Additionally, participants suggest having morning and afternoon cleanup batches for thorough cleaning.

Lastly, a simple suggestion is made to involve more people in coastal cleaning, acknowledging the high interest in volunteering and expressing a limitation in current opportunities.

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C. Response to Participants' Feedback

The organizers noted the participants' feedback on the program. It is commendable and the organizers will adapt the same in future orientation.

Admittedly, there is a need to improve how the schedule was managed so that the program will start and end on time or as scheduled.

Group Photo:



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