

RADIO GUESTING AT 95.9 RADYO TOTOO DWAL FM BATANGAS CITY

OBJECTIVES:

1. To give updates on the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program;
2. To encourage people to participate in the rehabilitation programs of Manila Bay; and
3. To raise awareness on the importance of this rehabilitation program.

SUMMARY:

To keep the public updated with the rehabilitation program conducted in the Manila Bay, personnel from EMB CALABARZON joined Radyo Totoo, DWAL FM 95.9 last February 18, 2019 in Batangas City. Mr. Renz Belda and Ms. Carissa Hornilla hosted the said program with Engr. Wilfredo U. Billones, focal person of the Manila Bay Program of EMB CALABARZON and OIC of Water Section as guest speaker.

The Manila Bay rehabilitation program is pursuant to the Supreme Court mandamus directing 13 government agencies to clean, rehabilitate, and preserve Manila Bay in their different capacities. During the interview, Engr. Billones gave an overview about the on-going Manila Bay Rehabilitation program. He said that this is the cornerstone program of Secretary Cimatú's term as DENR Secretary. They are eager to bring back the glory of Manila Bay as Engr. Billones dubbed it as our country's pride. The current coliform level right now is 330 million mpn in which the goal is to lower it to a level which is swimmable - less than 100 mpn. MPN refers to the most probable number of fecal coliform bacteria per 100 milliliters.

Engr. Billones also emphasized that the government is determined to rehabilitate Manila Bay and will not hesitate to file appropriate actions against violators of environmental laws. For the last part of the interview, he said that the responsibility to rehabilitate Manila Bay does not lie alone on the 13 mandamus agencies but to the local people as well. Everyone must take part on this program to achieve the desired goal.



Mr. Renz Belda and Ms. Carissa Hornilla together with EMB personnel Engr. Wilfredo Billones, Ms. Eileen Ma. Em-Em Y. Agbuya, Ms. Nini Baguio and Mr. Rommel Francisco.