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ASSET DISPOSITION PROGRAM

BUILDING *a* STRONG FUTURE

Since May 1993, in line with Republic Act No. 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992), the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) has been working for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), one of its key stakeholders. As of December 2021, BCDA's total contributions to the AFP reached about Php56.4 billion. Of this amount, Php45.3 billion was allocated for the AFP Modernization Program and Php11.1 billion for the replication of military facilities.



« Artist's render of the Officers' Clubhouse of ASCOM at Camp Servillano Aquino in Tarlac.

ASCOM gets a NEW HOME



« BCDA President and CEO Vivencio Dizon (third from right) and Defense Assistant Secretary Josue Gaverza Jr. (third from left) lay down the time capsule during the groundbreaking ceremony of the ASCOM facilities at Camp Servillano Aquino in Tarlac.

The Army Support Command (ASCOM) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is one such beneficiary of BCDA's Asset Disposition Program.

On February 23, 2021, BCDA, represented by BCDA President and CEO Vince Dizon, broke ground for the construction and development of the new headquarters of ASCOM on a 29.8-hectare lot at Camp Servillano Aquino, Tarlac City.

At an estimated cost of Php1.6 billion, BCDA aims to build various facilities for ASCOM—a total of 44 structures. This includes quarters and dining halls for officers and enlisted personnel, barracks, student classrooms, a training center, a warehouse, hubs for transportation and maintenance, and recreational areas. As of December 2021, the new ASCOM facility was already 67.88% complete. All 44 structures are scheduled to be finished by August 2022.

The groundbreaking ceremony is aligned with BCDA's modernization program for AFP, which BCDA has been working on with the Department of National Defense (DND) and the AFP for years.

From its new vantage point in Tarlac, ASCOM is now poised to achieve its goal of excellence, according to AFP Chief of Staff LtGen Jose Faustino Jr. "With the agreement of the Department of National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines and the BCDA, this cooperation will permit the Philippine Army to provide our ASCOM personnel with the best facilities; a step closer to our aspiration of truly becoming a world-class army."

Indeed, bigger by 18.3 hectares than ASCOM's current home in the Bonifacio South Pointe property, the Camp Servillano Aquino development is the ideal location for ASCOM's operations. At the groundbreaking ceremony, LtGen Arnulfo B Burgos Jr, Northern Luzon Command chief, speaking on behalf of Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt Cirilito Sobejana, emphasized the soundness of ASCOM's relocation. "ASCOM plays a

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We feel this is a sound investment, which not only puts ASCOM in a better position to serve the military, but opens up new opportunities for the national government to generate much-needed revenues by developing the soon-to-be vacated Army areas in Fort Bonifacio.

—Vivencio Dizon, BCDA President and CEO

very significant role in the Armed Forces and Philippine Army because they provide logistical support for all the Army units not only in Luzon, but also in Visayas and Mindanao," he said. "This is why ASCOM should be situated in a strategic location, like here in Camp Aquino."

The location of ASCOM's new headquarters also gives the unit better security than when it had its base of operations in Metro Manila. Says ASCOM Commander Major General Glenn E Cruz, "Considering the congestion in Metro Manila, the ease of our movement and security of our access from one place to another has already been affected. The new ASCOM area provides us with easier and more efficient logistics operations."

With BCDA forging ahead with all-out support in the form of funding and construction, AFP is well on its way to modernization.

MODERN FACILITIES for all

ASCOM is only one of the Army units that continues to benefit from BCDA's mandate. Another ongoing replication project is the Army's Special Services and Division Administration Command Center. The Philippine Air Force, the Philippine Navy and the Philippine Marine Corps are all at the receiving end of BCDA's Asset Disposition Program (ADP) by way of relocations and modern facility replications.

Philippine Army

Three Philippine Army units currently share an 11.5-hectare lot at the Bonifacio South Pointe: Army Support Command (ASCOM), Special Services Center (SSC), and Division Administration Command Center (DACC).

BCDA is halfway through the completion of ASCOM's new headquarters in Camp Servillano Aquino in Tarlac. Meanwhile, with a budget of Php283.4 million, BCDA is in the process of replicating facilities for the relocation of SSC and DACC to a new 3,080-square-meter area in Fort Bonifacio. The five-storey building, whose target completion date is end of 2022, will be equipped with more modern facilities, including a helipad, roof deck, lower ground parking, and a bridgeway connection to the Army headquarters.

This new facility is a huge boost to the AFP's transformation, according to AFP Chief of Staff Gen Andres C Centino. "It symbolizes [SSC and DACC's] commitment to uplift the well-being of AFP's human resources," adds PA Commanding General LtGen Romeo S Brawner Jr. "Providing our men and women with better and modern facilities will surely translate to more efficient and productive soldiers and civilian personnel of the Philippine Army."



« Artist's render of the Special and Technical Staff (STS) building of the Philippine Army at Bonifacio South Pointe.



« Artist's render of the Chief of Staff's quarters at the ASCOM compound in Camp Servillano Aquino, Tarlac.

» BCDA and DND officials inspect the site of the five-storey STS building of the SSC and DACC during its groundbreaking ceremony held December 16, 2021.



« BCDA and DND officials lead the groundbreaking ceremony of the ASCOM Facilities held February 23, 2021.



AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL THESE EFFORTS TOWARDS MODERNIZING OUR FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IS OUR MODEST STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A WORLD-CLASS ARMED FORCES THAT IS A SOURCE OF NATIONAL PRIDE.”

—AFP Chief of Staff **Gen Andres C Centino**

Philippine Air Force

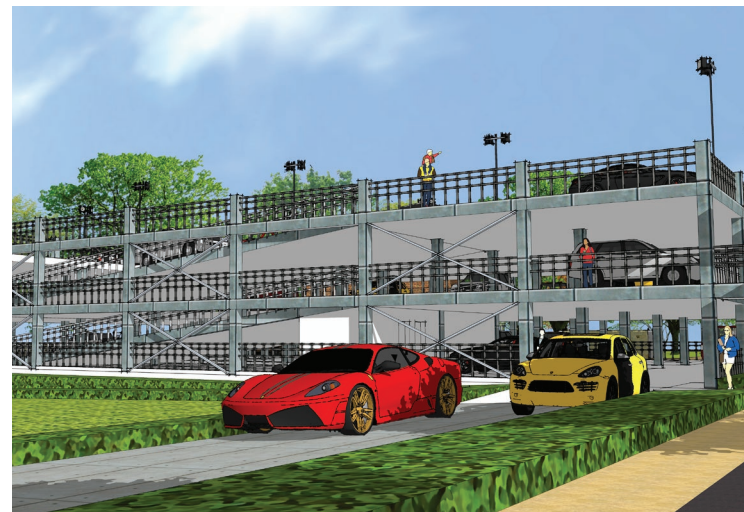
As Clark Freeport Zone moves to maximize its economic potential, one of its tenants, the Philippine Air Force (PAF), has to be relocated from its 313.4-hectare area in the Freeport. To get this move going, BCDA is currently developing several projects for the PAF:

- 1) Construction of the PAF steel parking area in Villamor Air Base, which was 84.57% finished in December 2021. With a cost of Php72 million and targeting completion by first quarter of 2022, this structure will have three levels, and involves the rerouting of power lines within the Air Base;
- 2) Replication and future relocation of PAF’s community and housing facilities to a 65-hectare area in New Clark City. As of end-2021, the Detailed Architectural and Engineering Design (DAED) was already approved. The construction of the PAF housing and community facilities is estimated at Php3 billion;
- 3) Future relocation of PAF’s operational facilities to a 146.8-hectare area in the OMNI Aviation Complex, south of Clark International Airport. The preparation of the DAED is ongoing.

» Artist’s render of the Philippine Air Force Officer’s Quarters in New Clark City.



» Artist’s render of the Philippine Marine Corps Headquarters in Bataan Technology Park.



Artist’s render of the Philippine Air Force steel parking area in Villamor Air Base.



DND, BCDA, and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority officials at the groundbreaking of the Philippine Marine Corps Headquarters at Bataan Technology Park in Morong.



“The Philippine Marine Corps is excited for this much-awaited groundbreaking ceremony and looks forward to building our new headquarters at the Bataan Technology Park. We see the strategic value of this area and confirm that it offers a conducive place especially that we are in the midst of strengthening our Archipelagic Coastal Defense strategy.”

— **MGen Ariel R Caculitan**
Commandant, Philippine Marine Corps

Philippine Marine Corps

In the pipeline are ambitious projects to provide world-class amenities to the new headquarters of the Philippine Marine Corps (PMC).

PMC will have its new headquarters on 100 hectares of land in the Bataan Technology Park. The PMC facilities include a five-storey building for its new headquarters, a five-storey bachelor/transient officers’ quarters with a 176-bed capacity for enlisted personnel, battalion training facilities and battalion headquarters, premium liaison and satellite offices, an officers’ clubhouse, officers’ quarters and official residences, a Catholic church and mortuary, and parade grounds with grandstand.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new headquarters of the Philippine Marines was held in November 2021, which was also the pre-anniversary celebration of the PMC’s 71st founding anniversary on November 7. The modern facilities housed in the 100-hectare land is an upgrade to the current 12.46-hectare location of the Marines in Fort Bonifacio. The Php28-billion development is deemed ideal for the Marines as it would help expedite emergency response and ease deployment of troops.



Our
COMMUNITY
Our
COMPASSION

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) undertakes to support the communities through its programs and projects for the people, nation, and the environment. For 2021, BCDA's strategies and initiatives focused on promoting sustainability and social good. Among the beneficiaries is BCDA's biggest stakeholder, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Caring for heroes



“ We need to level up our physical well-being as our natural defense against any infection. Again, our utmost gratitude to BCDA on behalf of our people from the frontlines... this is a big help and we will make sure that this will go a long way.”

—Col Ruben B Guinolbay GSC (INF) PA, chief of the Office of the Chief Special Service



01 In support of the AFP medical frontliners. BCDA donated personal protective equipment (PPE) and KN95 masks in support of the AFP’s 21-kilometer Virtual Endurance Run, themed “Mitigate the Effect of the Pandemic through Sports and Physical Fitness,” a fund-raising initiative to procure PPE sets for the medical frontliners of the AFP Health Service Command. The virtual run was a project of the AFP Office of the Chief Special Service and part of the AFP’s celebration of its 86th Founding Anniversary on December 21, 2021.

02 Sharing our blessings with Typhoon Odette victims. Responding to the urgent call for aid in the wake of Typhoon Odette, BCDA, in partnership with the Air Logistics Command (ALC) of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) and the Office of Civil Defense (Region 3), donated relief packages to calamity-stricken families in Cebu. The packages were turned over to ALC Chief MGen Florante M Amano (PAF) at the command’s headquarters in Clark Air Base, Mabalacat, Pampanga. ALC worked with partners in the local community to collect in-kind donations for affected families, which they then loaded into a C-130 military aircraft and transported to the affected areas. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) took charge of the distribution of all donations. “The donated goods from BCDA along with the donations from other NGOs and the [local government of] Angeles City in Pampanga were enough to cover distribution among hundreds of families in the provinces of Cebu and Palawan,” said Maj Arvin C Gundran, PAF ACCS, Civil Military Operations and Chief Public Affairs Officer. “BCDA’s assistance towards the affected families brought about hope and assurance that during unwanted circumstances such as this one, BCDA, together with other organizations, will be around to extend much-needed help.”

“ I would like to extend appreciation to BCDA for showing their corporate social responsibility to the bigger Filipino community who are very much in need due to the disaster caused by Typhoon Odette. This will serve as a token for the typhoon victims for them to enjoy Christmas and the New Year in spite of what happened to them.”

—MGen Florante M Amano
Commander, Air Logistics Command,
Philippine Air Force

Helping our wounded soldiers. In honor of the heroism and bravery of the troops who fought for the liberation of Marawi City, BCDA, in partnership with St. Luke’s Medical Center (SLMC), set up in 2017 a Php5-million fund for our Marawi heroes. The fund was used to defray the cost of necessary medical services needed by soldier beneficiaries wounded in the conflict.

Fifty-two soldiers received assistance, which led BCDA and SLMC to agree to continue the project via a revolving annual fund of Php5 million. This fund is being used to provide injured AFP soldiers the needed medical services if these are unavailable in military hospitals. BCDA is proud to be continuing this tribute as a way to show appreciation for our AFP heroes.

Green Initiatives



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Established on a former U.S. air base to the north of the capital Manila, the city is seeking to set a new benchmark in addressing the growing environmental problems caused by climate change, while also focusing on resilience to natural disasters. As a fairly new settlement, New Clark City provides a unique opportunity to showcase exemplary sustainable urban planning approaches that seek not only to reduce carbon emissions but also to create cooler open spaces and places in our rapidly heating cities.”

—Ed Baker, Consultant, UKFCDO

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Strategies for sustainability. The UK government’s Prosperity Fund is financing the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP), which carries out targeted interventions in 19 selected cities in 10 countries, including New Clark City (NCC). The goal of this program is to encourage sustainable development and to increase prosperity while alleviating high levels of poverty.

An Integrated Sustainability Plan for NCC has been delivered through the UK Foreign

Commonwealth Development Office (UKFCDO). Part of this plan is to set up the NCC Sustainability Unit to further strengthen the internal organization of BCDA, especially in localizing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and embedding sustainability in BCDA developments based on key performance indicators and benchmarks. The year 2021 saw the agency undergoing the orientation phase and sharing of the sustainability plan with stakeholders. In 2022, a series of workshops will be conducted to formulate the strategies to be undertaken in jump-starting the NCC Sustainability Unit.

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Filipina engineers and scientists plant molave trees in New Clark City. BCDA and the Women Engineers’ Network of the Philippines Technological Council (PTC-WEN) partnered to plant trees along the newly built New Clark City (NCC) Bamban Interchange. Around 120 molave trees were planted by Filipina engineers and scientist members of PTC-WEN, in line with Clark Freeport Zone’s hosting of the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists of the Asia Pacific Nation Network (INWES-APNN) Conference and Meetings.

SCRP team joins tree-planting event. As part of BCDA’s thrust to establish sustainable communities and to contribute to the continuous greening program, the Subic-Clark Railway Project (SCRP) team of BCDA participated in a tree-planting event on 19 June 2021 at Brgy. Sapangbato, Angeles City. Located within the Clark Special Economic Zone, the area, or parts thereof, is being eyed by the Angeles City LGU and BCDA as a possible watershed that would benefit the constituents and stakeholders of Metro Clark, Angeles City, and its immediate environs.

Environmental group Abacan River and Angeles Watershed Advocacy Council, Inc. (ARAW-ACI) initiated the activity for the benefit of the community to ensure sustainable supply of water for Angeles City and Metro Clark, and to provide livelihood assistance to the Aeta community of Sapangbato. At least 2,300 seedlings of forest trees, fruit-bearing trees, and bamboo were planted by the participants coming from 40 private companies, schools, and organizations.

Working for everybody's safety



BCDA volunteers were mobilized to help manage the SM Mall of Asia Arena swabbing facility, one of the four Mega Swabbing Facilities that were established during the COVID-19 surge.



Easing the impact of COVID-19

The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) is proud of its strong and reliable workforce as it helped to align the agency's efforts with the government's whole-of-nation COVID response. A total of 108 employees volunteered to be on the front lines, serving as first responders to the administration's call for manpower support. They likewise supported BCDA-initiated measures to establish Clark as a safe haven for returning Filipinos.

Holistic approach in facing the pandemic

In 2021, BCDA implemented an anti-COVID-19 program to prevent the spread of the virus, especially in the workplace; to give timely help to employees and their families infected by the virus; to thwart the pandemic's negative effects on employees' mental and physical health; and to keep all BCDA employees engaged. It was an internal campaign that focused on how the agency faced the pandemic, that is, using a holistic approach.

BCDA's integrated method included "avoiding the spread of the virus through imposed protocols, infor-

mation drive retaining or boosting physical health even amidst reduction of movement, guarding the employees' mental health by hiring experts in the field, giving prompt assistance to those who got infected with the virus, etc."

BCDA also distributed food and health packs to the affected BCDA officers, staff, utility personnel, and drivers. Majority of those affected are heads of the family and were unable to provide for their loved ones while they remained in isolation or quarantine. The agency also established the COVID-19 CSR Help Fund in 2021 to provide food and medicines to BCDA's affected personnel and to help augment other COVID-related expenses.

BCDA employees, 100% fully-vaccinated

Aside from helping BCDA workers and their families with their needs during the pandemic, the agency also wanted to make sure that the offices are safe for everyone. BCDA, therefore, encouraged all employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The good news is that as of 31 December 2021, 420 employees—100% of the total employee population—have received full vaccination.

EASING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

Task Force Clark Safe Haven (TF CSH), which involved BCDA, Clark Development Corporation (CDC), and the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), was created to provide an alternative shelter and backup quarantine area in Central Luzon in the event of a drastic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. BCDA employees took part in the planning and logistics to ensure the comfort and convenience of stranded guests. They assisted the returning overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and billeted them in quarantine-designated hotels or at the New Clark City "We Heal As One" center.

Forty-four volunteers were also mobilized to manage the four Mega Swabbing Facilities (MSFs) in Palacio de Maynila Tent (Roxas Boulevard), Enderun Colleges (Taguig City), Mall of Asia Arena (Pasay City), and the Philippine Arena (Bulacan).

In partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), the BCDA team helped ramp up swab testing in the country to reach herd immunity through mass testing. BCDA volunteers provided assistance in the National Capital Region and 22 other provinces in the Philippines, providing fellow Filipinos access to free swab testing.

As part of the "Oplan Kalinga" Task Force, nine BCDA volunteers made available to the public 24/7 medical services for COVID-19 related concerns. From July 2020 until end-December, the Task Force successfully isolated 206,721 patients, helping prevent the spread of the virus.

Seventeen BCDA workers partnered with the DOH and Clark Development Corporation to assist in the screening and hiring of nurses in the COVID-19 facilities, particularly in Clark, Pampanga.