

THE PLDT SMART FOUNDATION DONATED 20 PLANT SMART KITS TO THE COLEGIO



In a movement that reflects a commitment to environmental education and sustainability, the PLDT-Smart Foundation via their TMT One Communities Team has generously donated a collection of twenty pieces of Plant Smart Kits to Colegio de San Juan de Letran. The kits, designed to nurture a love for nature, attainment of food security, and foster hands-on learning, were handed over to the Community Extension Department on August 08, 2023, at the Salon de Actos.

The Plant Smart Kits, an initiative by the PLDT-Smart Foundation, aim to engage the Filipino people in the world of plants while instilling a deeper understanding of the environment. Each kit includes a variety of vegetable seeds, nurtured soil, and an instructional guide for individuals through planting, caring for, and observing the growth of the plants.

In an interview with Ms. Aiza Najera, the Senior Community Development Officer of TMT One Communities Team from PLDT Smart Foundation, she shared the sole purpose of the distribution of the Plant Smart Kits to the community, *“Our team is involved with different communities-schools, cooperatives, local government units. This initiative for this month is Nutrition Month and in preparation for the Brigada Eskwela, that is why we are donating Plant Smart Kits for food security.”*

She also shared on how she sees the project in the long run, *“Syempre ayaw natin ng (short term). Mas gusto natin ay sustainability, so parang mas gusto natin, for example, ang mga plants, nag gr-grow sila- and dapat tayo rin, parang tao rin yan.”*

Meanwhile, in an interview with Mr. Leo Bernadas of the Community Extension Department (CED) of the Colegio elaborated on how these donations will be used by the administration, *“The donation of PLDT Smart Foundation, specifically their Plant Smart Kits, is very helpful for the community service efforts of the institutions. Specifically in empowering our partner communities and encouraging them to plant vegetables for their food security.”*

Mr. Bernadas emphasized the essence of urban gardening, especially how nowadays, vegetables can tend to be costly in the Metro, which serves these plants as an alternative and malaking tulong for them financially. Where instead of purchasing vegetables, they can opt for their homegrown goods and buy other necessary items for the family.

Gratitude to other companies and organizations with the same initiatives was also brought into the conversation by Mr. Bernadas, *“Letran is very very grateful to those organizations who donated to these kinds of activities. Kaya nga nung nakita ko, naisip ko agad, maganda to i-connect sa environmental program for our partner communities.”*

As the Colegio looks forward to integrating these kits into their partner communities, the PLDT Smart Foundation’s contribution stands as a shining example of how organizations can collaborate to shape a greener and more sustainable future for our nation.

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