



TOWARDS 'NET POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT': TOYOTA AIMS TO CONSERVE BIODIVERSITY IN SIERRA MADRE AND VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE

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One of GT Capital Holdings, Inc.'s (GT Capital) core values is "Sustainable Value Creation." In achieving its vision and fulfilling its mission, GT Capital is committed to planting the seeds today that will result in the creation of sustainable stakeholder value in the future. In addition, we believe that taking a long-term and sustainable perspective is essential to contributing to the nation's sustainable development.

One of its key investments, where it has heritage of leadership, is in the vital sector of automotive assembly and distribution. GT Capital has 51% direct ownership in Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation (TMP). TMP is the leading and largest automotive and mobility company in the Philippines. Established through a joint venture between GT Capital and Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC), TMP is engaged in the assembly, importation, and wholesale distribution of Toyota and Lexus motor vehicles in the Philippines. TMP operates a facility located at the Toyota Special Economic Zone in Santa Rosa, Laguna, where it currently assembles its top-selling Vios and Innova models. Through its wide array of vehicle models and robust sales distribution and service network, TMP achieved its 20th consecutive Triple

Crown in 2021, topping the industry in passenger car, commercial vehicle, and overall vehicle sales.

As part of the GT Capital Sustainability Agenda, it embraces the goals and aspirations of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We believe that business excellence must be defined not merely by financial gains, but by the impact it creates to the society and environment as a whole. GT Capital previously identified 10 SDGs in 2018 where the group created meaningful impacts on. In a bid to be more laser-focused on creating impacts moving forward, in 2021, GT Capital established three priority SDGs: Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8), Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11), and Climate Action (SDG 13). The identification of GT Capital’s priority SDGs underwent an integrated approach – selecting based on component companies, strength, our current impact, and alignment to the Group’s strategic direction. The approach is complemented by thorough materiality assessment and stakeholder consultation.

SDG 13 is where GT Capital and TMP converge in terms of impact. GT Capital takes a two-pronged approach to climate action: mitigation through initiatives that reduce the Group’s carbon footprint, and adaptation by building resilience against future risks and seeking new opportunities as the society transition to low-carbon economy.



As its most recent initiative, TMP said it is further expanding its climate mitigation and biodiversity protection efforts with the adoption of an upland forest block in Siniloan, Laguna and mangrove forests in Calatagan, Batangas.

Under the National Greening Program or NGP, TMP signed two (2) separate agreements with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Region IV-A CALABARZON to formalize the adoption of the planting sites. These projects’ commitment is to plant 41,000 trees and mangroves in a span of (five) 5 years, aiming at 80% survival rate.

As an initial phase of reforestation activities, TMP mobilized groups of volunteer Team Members to plant 10,000 trees and 5,000 mangroves in the two (2) areas in the month of September. TMP also participated in the International Coastal Clean-up Day, turning over to the local authority 150 kilograms or 21 sacks of plastic wastes collected from the Calatagan coastline.



TMP president Atsuhiro Okamoto spearheads the mangrove-planting activity and the Company's participation in the International Coastal Clean-up Day in Calatagan, Batangas.



TMP Team Members together with the locals of Calatagan, Batangas participate in the planting of 5,000 mangroves and collection of plastic wastes.

“Toyota shares the responsibility in protecting the planet Earth and in fighting climate change in line with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,” according to TMP president Atsuhiro Okamoto who spearheaded the simultaneous mangrove-planting and coast clean-up activities.

“Global Toyota implements the Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050 to achieve zero carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and net positive environmental impact by year 2050.”



As a biodiversity conservation effort, TMP will plant native and fruit-bearing tree species in a 50-hectare area on the tail-end of Sierra Madre (mountain range) in Siniloan, Laguna. This area, according to University of the Philippines Los Baños, is the habitat of endemic flora and fauna such as the Philippine Hornbill, Gray's Monitor Lizard, Civet Cat, Cave Nectar Bat, and Wax Plant species. Moreover, the Sierra Madre hosts some of the country's oldest forests and serves as a natural barrier against typhoons with its long mountain range on the east of Luzon.



TMP Team Members plant native and fruit-bearing tree species to reforest a portion of Sierra Madre in Siniloan, Laguna.

TMP also commits to plant 16,000 mangrove propagules in an eight-hectare area on the coast of Calatagan. This project extends TMP's existing NGP planting site in Lian, Batangas where the Company has already planted 30,000 mangroves since 2018. These two (2) coastal sites are both part of the Verde Island Passage which is considered as the center of the center of marine shorefish biodiversity in the world.

According to TMP environment manager Mark Anthony Marcelo, mangroves are a distinct part of Toyota's climate change solution in the Philippines. "Mangroves have high capacity to absorb CO₂ as they store up to 10 times more per hectare than terrestrial forests. Mangroves also serve as a barrier against storm surges and are crucial to marine life and livelihood of coastal communities," Marcelo said.

TMP's local tree-planting, mangrove-planting, coastal and river-side clean-up activities are part of the "All Toyota Green Wave Project," a Global Toyota initiative which was started in 2015. This project connects the Toyota Network (including TMP Team Members, Dealers and Suppliers) to nature conservation activities while mitigating climate risks and supporting livelihoods of local communities in the long run.

In April 2022, TMP also adopted a 40-hectare NGP planting site in the rainforests of Maragondon, Cavite and initially planted 10,000 seedlings of native and fruit-bearing tree species.

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