

**A RECENT TANJAY ASSOCIATION USA PROJECT
FOR TANJAY CITY
PLUS OTHER CITY PROJECTS**

When sometime last year, the East Coast Chapter of the Association had a fund raiser specifically for improving the sanitation in many outlying barrios, the object became apparent: donate toilets. With their usual gung-ho spirit under the able leadership of chapter president Perla Labe-Pinzon, the East Coast Association members contributed a total of \$2,000. The venue had been worked out beforehand after close coordination with Mayor Teves, Dr Sedillo of the Rural Health Unit #2, and former Tanjay USA Association member but now local resident Badingding Gil. Using government channels would have been too long, bureaucratic, and expensive. So with the money channeled directly to Dr Sedillo, she managed to purchase 205 toilets, with money left over to cover one sack of cement and reinforcing bars for each toilet. These are to be distributed to the various barrios where the residents would provide the labor to dig the septic tank, line it with concrete, install the toilet, and finish up a simple enclosing structure for privacy. In an earlier report of Dr Sedillo, the receipts and other documents were presented and sent over to the Tanjay Association. Indeed, this was the maximum bang for the buck: \$9.75 per installed toilet!

When Perla came to visit last month, we figured it appropriate to fete her with at least some photo ops with Mayor Teves, Dr Sedillo, and of course at a few of the sites. Unfortunately, coordination with US visitors is not that easy, especially since she was visiting mainly for her class reunion in Cebu. When we set everything up with the Mayor, she got delayed in Cebu, and we ended up without her. See the following encaptioned photos below that tell the rest of the story.



Courtesy call on Mayor Teves. Badingding Gil on left and Dr Sedillo on right.



Dr Sedillo in front of her Rural Health Clinic in Palanas, about 8 km north.



The remaining toilets and steel bars in the front yard of the clinic.



Object of the exercise, water-seal type.



Walking with staffers to the nearest installation a few blocks away.



But first, another toilet pose.



One of the staffers explaining to Sally de la Cruz more statistics of the project. They need much more funding to cover so many more barrios.



All closed up.



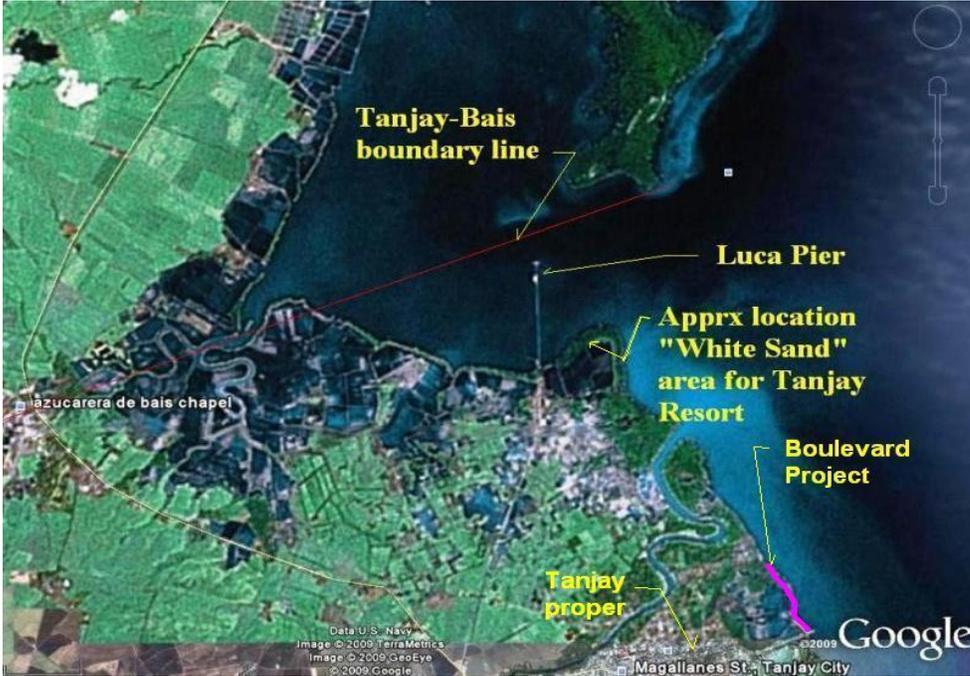
Being demonstrated.



Up close inside.

We understand that Perla's next East Coast fund raiser will be for the Tanjay Library. We enjoy all members to help.

Unfortunately, the Mayor couldn't spare the time for photo ops at the toilet project up north in Palanas. But he was glad to escort us to two of the City's on-going projects, the Boulevard, and White Sand, as shown below.



Google map on left shows the apprx location of the projects. Top left pic was taken at the Boulevard looking northward. It is a reclaimed area that will have a roadway starting from the pier at Lawton on the south, then extending northward. I am not too sure how far north it will go, perhaps up the the river mouth. See violet line on map. Top center pic looks south. The White Sands project is designed to be a tourist attraction where there

will be boardwalk (see two photos above right) wending its way through the mangrooves terminating at a pier where boats will be available for the popular whale and dolphin watching sites farther off at sea, including the popular Sandbar area. The plans also call for restaurants and resthouses in the area.

Since we were looking for photo ops with as many of the East Coast Tanjay Association members, we were considering the big Aguilar clan (who was visiting for the wake of their patriach Majencio) to join us. But most of them already had gone back, so presented below is a photo taken a few days earlier at the Azagra "Pa Señor", with the Aguilar ladies being flanked by some locals such as Dumaguete Mayor Tuting Perdices (in yellow shirt), and semi-local Braddock Calumpang (dark glasses).



The rest of the photos are fillers that show some more interesting projects.



Left, Gawad Kalinga Proj on Cidni's property. Right, Doc Tino, Badingding & Brad



at Mona's Restaurant. Below, all Tanjay Clinic.



Danny Gil, 22 Feb 2010