

Rivers of the World (ROW) Foundation team Visit to the Philippines, November 21-28, 2018

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It was quite an undertaking for a short 7-day trip. I was really happy with the arrangements they made. The talks were well appreciated and the visits to various River sites in Cebu/Mandaue area and Iloilo Province were very effective in getting us some valuable data for the Rivers and the watersheds. It will take some time to follow up with specific plans and programs, especially for the Butuanon River in Cebu, which has a number of issues and needs help. The local authorities including the Vice Mayor of Mandaue City, Atty. Carlo Pontico C. Fortuna are all very supportive and keen on taking suitable steps to protect and restore the streams and rivers there.



ROW-team-with-Alvidon-Coordinator-Int'l River-Summit and Malaysia-Participant-Dr. Ms-Chong (From R)

In Iloilo city we provided an all-day Workshop on Water and Renewable Energy, followed by a visit to the Tigum River from Iloilo City all the way to its upstream area. With a great support of the Iloilo ENRO (Noel Hechanova and his team) we went to visit the Indigenous people, up the hills where they are living in bamboo huts. We tested their potable/drinking water and suggested some alternative practices and sustainable water sources which would be more effective in support of their natural/healthy living.

There are a number of pictures and video clips in chronological order following my travel log –

1. Washington via Hongkong Airport → Manila
2. Manila → Cebu/Mandaue City (Nov 21) – Participate in the 4th International River Summit

3. Cebu City → Iloilo City(Nov24 PM)
4. Iloilo City (Water and Renewable Energy Worksho)
5. Iloilo City → Tigum River Upstream –visit Indigenous People and test water Quality
6. Iloilo City → Manila (Return)
7. Manila → Hongkong → Washington DC

Here is the link to pictures and short video clips

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/8vDWAHxfcX4eVW3E6>

You can click on a photo and then “ i “ to see the location and other local info.

Please feel free to forward to others.

Video Clip of one of the performances at the International River Summit in Cebu/Mandaue

<https://youtu.be/xX-CXV0u6eQ>