



# Maypajo High School

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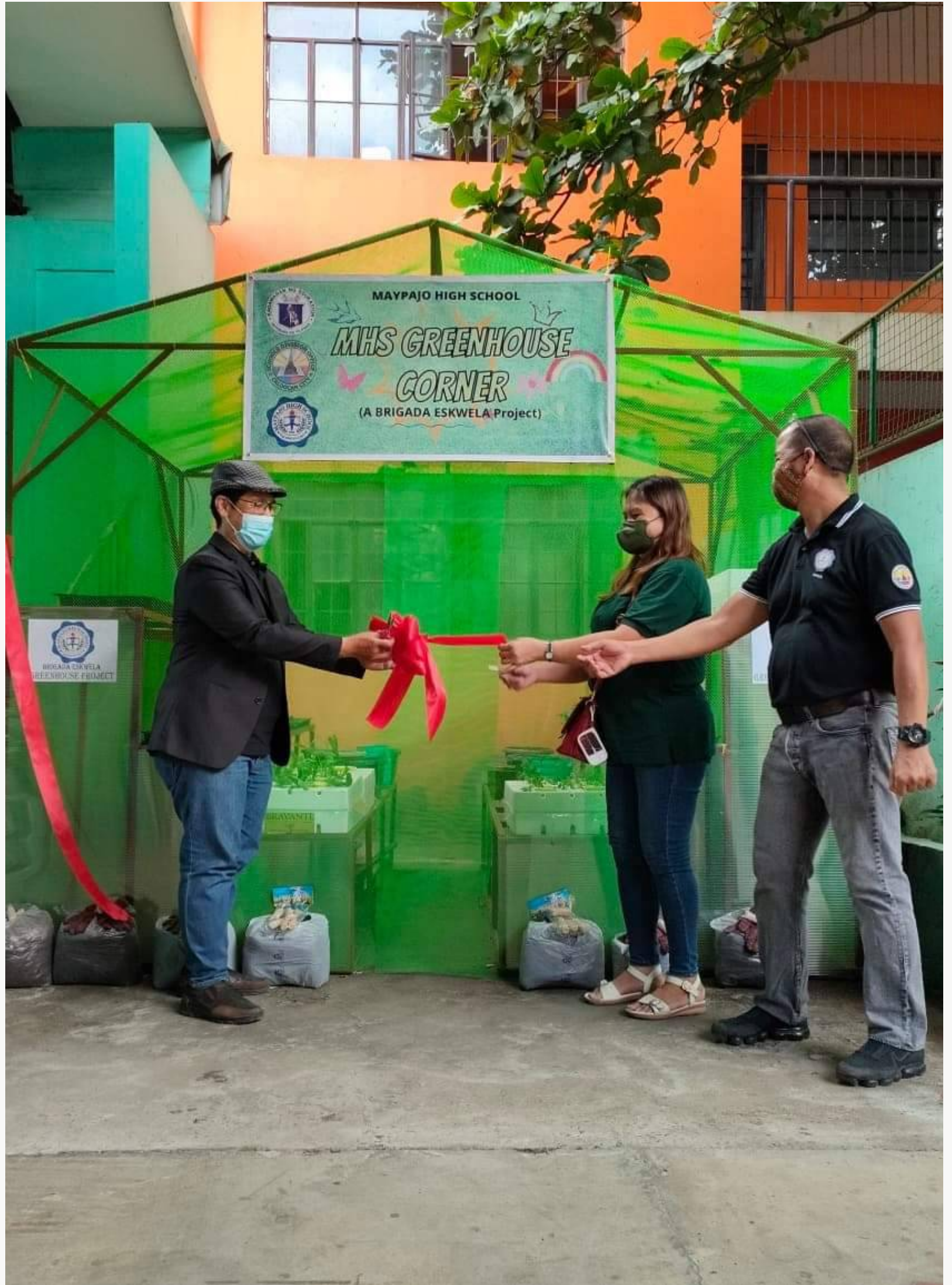
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## MHS goes greener

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"It is indeed one of the most important projects of the school this year." To elevate the students' nutritional status and achieve a clean and green environment, Maypajo High School Principal, Mr. Benjamin M. Molina, II spearheaded the MHS Greenhouse Corner Project which was inaugurated last February 18, 2022, at Maypajo High School Grounds. The said program was participated by the school's stakeholders and was held simultaneously on-site and virtually via Maypajo High School Official Facebook Page.

The said project was collaboratively made possible by the School's Brigada Eskwela Coordinator, Mr. Jeffrey Manalastas, in cooperation with the GPTA Officers, the Technology & Livelihood Education Department led by Mr. Paulino M. Sandigio, Head Teacher III, who also designed the layout of the greenhouse structure.



IT ALL BEGINS HERE. (From L to R): Mr. Benjamin M. Molina, II, MHS Principal, Mrs. Jocelyn A. De Guzman, GPTA President, and Mr. Paulino M. Sandigio, Head, TLE Department lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the MHS' Greenhouse Corner.

"Ang kultura ng paghahalaman ay matagal na talagang nasimulan sa ating paaralan, 'yun nga lang napapansin namin na namamatay ang mga tanim dahil sa kawalan ng maayos na vegetation area," Manalastas said as he recounted their attempts to have a small scale faming-model inside the school. For this reason, the idea of having a greenhouse corner was conceived.

Utilizing the Brigada Eskwela funds donated by the stakeholders, a greenhouse corner was built. Locals of the area volunteered in the preparations such as landscaping, planting, and adding finishing touches for its completion. It serves as a breeding ground for the variety of hydroponic plants which contain naturally in - stored water and minerals.



A VISSION TURNED INTO A REALITY. Brigada Eskwela Coordinator, Mr. Jeffrey Manalastas, recounts the conceptualization of the greenhouse corner.



**A MASTERPIECE IN THE MAKING.** The School's stakeholders give their full support towards the launching of the MHS greenhouse corner that will serve as a breeding ground for a variety of hydroponic plants and fishes.

Mr. Julius P. Resultay Teacher III TLE Department and designated overseer of the newly-built greenhouse said, *“Isa sa mga pangunahing layunin ng ating kagawaran ng edukasyon ay ang pagpapabuti ng estadong pangkalusugan at nutrisyon ng barwat kabataan sa paaralan. Maraming mag-aaral ang nakararanas ng malnutrisyon at kakulangan sa masustansyang pagkain. Ito rin ang isa sa mga nakikitang dahilan kung bakit mababa at kulang ang naipapakitang husay at galing ng mga mag-aaral na kung minsan ay nagiging dahilan din upang sila ay huminto sa pag-aaral lalo na ngayong panahon ng pandemic.”* This is what fuels Maypajo School to move and make a difference through constructing a greenhouse corner.

The primary goals of having a greenhouse corner are to promote urban gardening and to improve the learners' nutritional status so that they would have a better academic performance, particularly when limited face-to-face classes begin. It can also be a source of fresh fruits and vegetables that can be consumed by the school community. Also, the greenhouse corner is expected to contribute towards maintaining cleanliness which leads to the beautification of the school premises.

Furthermore, it aims to tap the learners' interest in planting and make them understand its importance in sustaining life on earth.

As it would continue to flourish, the harvested crops from the greenhouse will be used by the Technical-Vocational (TVL) Students in preparing sumptuous yet healthy dishes. Also, the naturally in-stored water from the hydroponic plants will be

used in the formation of aqua phonic fish tanks. In this way, the greenhouse corner would support both flora and fauna organisms.

During the greenhouse corner inauguration, Maypajo High School Principal Mr. Benjamin M. Molina, II congratulated the whole Project Planning Team for their success.

*“When I saw the plants in the greenhouse corner and the enthusiasm*

*of the people involved in the project, the more I realize that it is a serious matter.”* In line with this, Mr. Molina encouraged the support of all the school's stakeholders for the continuous improvement of the MHS greenhouse corner. He emphasized that the launching was just the beginning and there will be more to come.



**THE BEST IS YET TO COME.** Mr. Molina as he delivers an inspirational and insightful message which encourages everyone's participation for the greenhouse project.