



19,500 trees to go. Manila North Tollways Corp. (MNTC) President Jose P. de Jesus and Pulilan Mayor Vicente Esguerra plant the first sapling at the Pulilan interchange of the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) to set in motion MNTC's "Greening the NLEX" tree planting program. Witnessing the rite is MNTC vice president for corporate communication Marlene N. Ochoa and Pulilan councilor Mar Enriquez. In one day alone, with employee volunteers from both MNTC and Pulilan Government, about 500 young trees were planted, with 19,500 more to go. The program's goal is to plant 20,000 saplings in every available plantable space along the 84-kilometer stretch of NLEX. De Jesus said during the program's launch that the "greening the NLEX" drive is MNTC's contribution to environmental protection, which is one of the main thrusts and advocacies of MNTC and the Lopez Group of Companies, a major shareholder of MNTC.