



Liliw Barangays, Recipients of KBP Projects



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The Kalayaan Barangay Program (KBP) is a local peace building initiative intended to put an end to the decades-old communist insurgency problem thru social services and infrastructure projects. It aims to bring peace and development in the poorest rural and conflict affected barangays in the country and make the local folks less vulnerable to joining the insurgency. It was conceptualized sometime in year 2005.

Initially, 500 barangays nationwide have been identified to benefit from the program to include the municipality of Liliw, Laguna as one of the pilot barangays.

On 21 August 2006, a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted, marking its formal launching, at Brgy Kanlurang Bukal, Liliw, Laguna with Sec Jesus Dureza of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP) as Guest of Honor and Speaker. The occasion was graced by local government officials together with MGEN JAIME B BUENAFLO, then OJ7, representing the Chief of Staff, AFP.



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On 01 October 2006, a decisive move in helping bring down the classroom backlog in barangays was launched when one construction company was dispatched by 564ECB, 51EBde, PA to Liliw, Laguna to undertake the repair of eight classrooms at Kanlurang Bukal National High School (Annex Building). It signaled the start of KBP implementation in the 51st Engineer Brigade area of operations.

Recently, the unit has completed the rehabilitation of five Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) Projects, namely: the 2.75 km Barangay Ibabang San Roque FMR; the 1.5 km Barangay Ilayang San Roque FMR; the 1.3 km Barangay Silangang Bukal FMR; the 1.65 km Barangay Kanlurang Bukal FMR; and the 3.0 km Barangay Novaliches FMR or a total of 10.2 kilometers road length amounting to P12.70 million. These FMR's will directly benefit the above-mentioned barangays and their neighbors.

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The KBP Projects symbolize the continuing effort of the government to deliver basic services to the people with the Armed Forces of the Philippines as its active partner in the socio-economic development Program.

The Team 51st Engineer Brigade is praying that it will continue to solve the insurgency problem proactively and to spend more on infrastructure projects than to engage in war. The Team Army Engineers will continue as bearer of peace. They will build not destroy and to bring happiness not sorrow.

A humble contribution of the 51EBde to development, particularly at conflict affected barangays in Southern Luzon. **End.**