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## Ground Breaking Ceremony of Plastic Waste Transformation Project by RESIKLOS

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In a collaboration that holds the promise of reshaping the future of plastic waste management, the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna (UPHSL) under the Office of International and External Affairs, Eagral Social Tech Solutions Ltd. (ESTSL), and the Local Government of Infanta Quezon, joined forces on January 29, 2024. The alliance marks the continuation of the Resiklos project, a visionary initiative that garnered attention last year for its innovative approach to digital plastic waste management. The groundbreaking event for "End-to-End Solutions for Plastic Waste Management" was honored by the presence of key figures, including Dr. Josefa G. Carrillo, Director for International and External Affairs at UPHSL and RESIKLOS adviser; Mr. James Paglomutan, CEO of ESTSL; Ms. Leizel Obuga, Vice President for Marketing; RESIKLOS early movers, investors, and supporters; LGU officials and Department Heads of Infanta Quezon; along with an ENVIROTECH representative.

Their collective presence added a layer of prestige to the ceremony, highlighting a strong commitment to addressing real-world challenges through collaborative and innovative partnerships. Resiklos leads the charge in digital plastic waste management, marking a pivotal shift in conventional methods and heralding a new era in the global fight against plastic pollution. At the heart of Resiklos lies a commitment to a circular economy, locally processing collected plastic waste into furniture, tiles, and blocks. This innovative model not only addresses immediate plastic pollution issues but also champions sustainable resource use. Resiklos' dedication to a circular economy offers a significant departure from traditional linear economies, reducing environmental degradation by minimizing waste through reuse, repurposing, and recycling. This forward-thinking approach not only mitigates the environmental impact of plastic waste but also sets a precedent for responsible waste management, paving the way for a sustainable and resource-efficient future.

During the ceremony, Dr. Josefa G. Carrillo expressed admiration for the collaboration, labeling it a significant stride in addressing plastic pollution. She praised Resiklos as an admirable example, not just for the country but on a global scale, emphasizing its integration of technology, education, and community engagement in the quest for a cleaner planet. Under Dr. Carrillo's leadership, the International and External Affairs Office at UPHSL has played a crucial role in catalyzing impactful collaborations, extending its influence beyond academic realms. The office highlights the vital role of global cooperation in addressing urgent issues like environmental sustainability and technological innovation In advancing the continuation of the Resiklos project, the collaborative efforts between the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna (UPHSL), Eagral Social Tech Solutions Ltd., and the Local Government of Infanta Quezon stand as a symbol of hope, embodying a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. This innovative partnership not only addresses the immediate challenges of plastic pollution but sets an extraordinary precedent for responsible waste management and circular economy practices. Through their unified vision, these partners are paving the way for a sustainable future, showcasing the transformative power of unity, innovation, and a shared commitment to a cleaner and greener planet for generations to come.