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Student leaders urge Misor plant to continue social and environmental initiatives

Villanueva, Misamis Oriental - Student leaders from Xavier University (XU) expressed optimism on various social and environmental initiatives taken by STEAG State Power Inc (SPI) during a recent visit to the 210MW (net) Mindanao Coal-Fired Power Plant Project.

XU Central Student Government (CSG) President Hapsah Baunto said that contrary to negative perceptions and misconception about the project, *“the company has seriously taken steps in making sure that the project is socially and environmentally responsible”*. She urged the power plant management to continue with its social and environmental initiatives not only in its host communities but also in other parts of the region.

During the forum, SPI Environment and Safety Officer Francis Libao explained the mechanisms installed to ensure that the power plant operations will comply with the stringent requirements of both local and international environmental regulatory and monitoring entities.

Libao cited the use of modern technologies such as Flu Gas Desulphurization Plant, Bag Filter System, DeNOX or low nitrogen oxide burning equipment, as among the measures installed in the power plant to ensure that emissions are kept within the environmentally safe and allowable standards.

Libao also stressed that the company has installed a Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) that is publicly accessible through DENR to ensure round-the-clock real-time monitoring of actual emission levels. *“SPI is perhaps the only company in the country that has installed a CEMS that is directly hooked-up with the DENR to ensure operational transparency”* Libao added.

Apart from using modern technologies, SPI has embarked on a 1,200 hectare forestry project in Mapawa, Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City, and a coastal resource management program in its host town in Villanueva. *“These are some of the community-based initiatives undertaken as the company’s response to a worldwide campaign to help protect the environment”* Libao concluded.