

Volunteer Highlights: Asia Pacific



Cebu, Philippines

With a focus on sustainability, Lexmark Cebu participated in Earth Hour on March 24, 2018, reporting an estimated savings of 1,653 kWh, equivalent to 906 kg of CO₂ emission reduction.

Lexmark also participated in an annual mangrove planting and coastal clean-up event in partnership with DENR-CENRO. Since the program started in 2008, a total of 136,000 mangrove propagules and 16,645 seedlings have been planted by Lexmark Cebu volunteers. In 2018, 300 seedlings of fruit-bearing trees were planted at Barangay Adlaon.



The International Coastal Cleanup Day Talk with Commander Mike Smith of the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary kicked off the International Coastal Cleanup Day events. On September 22 at South Road Properties, a crew of 104 Lexmark Cebu volunteers collected 21 bags of trash totaling 185.50 kg.



A Green Living blogging competition was held for employees to share their inspirational stories on sustainable living at home and beyond, reinforcing carbon footprint reduction by generating less waste or emissions, conserving resources and taking the environment into consideration in everyday tasks.

Lexmark Cebu volunteers provisioned a staging and storage area for scrap wastes at Hipodromo Elementary School. This Material Recovery Facility is designed for sorting and segregating various comingled curbside or commercial recyclable materials at this location.

Coordinating with the Cebu Disaster Risk Reduction Management (CDRRM) office, Lexmark Cebu Competence Center's CSR and Health & Safety team joined the Hipodromo Elementary School Teachers' Disaster Preparedness Program.

In October, the Cebu Research and Development team visited [Gasa sa Gugma](#)—a community organization for the elderly, perishing and abandoned. Volunteers cleaned the vicinity, painted walls, and replaced CFL bulbs with LEDs. They also gave a lecture on health and emergency response, and provided donated wheelchairs to the organization.



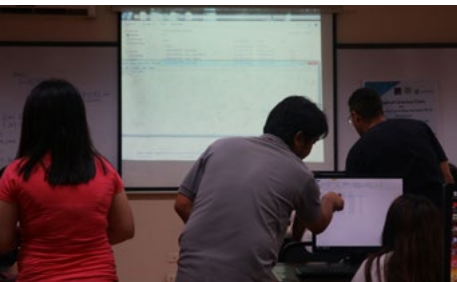
In coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection and Filipino Chinese Volunteer Fire Brigade, Lexmark Cebu has provided water to responding fire trucks during fire emergencies since 2014. To date, a total of 127 fire trucks have been assisted and filled with water (equivalent to 1,270 m³) during fire emergencies in Lexmark neighboring areas. In 2018 alone, Lexmark contributed 1,010 m³ of water to 101 fire trucks in four fires.



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Approximately 190 Lexmarkers joined the 2018 World AIDS Day Run, organized as an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.



After a three-month digital literacy program, Lexmark Cebu was given a plaque of appreciation for its volunteerism efforts by the [Paglaum Training International Inc.](#) Lexmark, together with the University of San Carlos, held computer literacy classes for vulnerable young people in Paglaum to prepare them for taking the [Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency \(ALS A&E\) Test.](#)



Lexmark Cebu employees donated goods worth \$1,700 during the company donation drive for Naga landslide victims. As part of its #Lexmas 12 Days of Christmas celebration, Lexmark Cebu employees donated goods to children staying at the Parian Drop-in Center, including a party sponsored by the Gay-Straight Alliance of Lexmark Employees (GALE).



Volunteers visit and help manage the [Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur medical camp](#) the third Sunday of each month, alongside the [National Service Scheme \(NSS\)](#) student volunteers, well-respected doctors from Kolkata, monks and teachers. On average, 125-150 patients are seen and medications are provided at no charge.

During Durga Puja and Diwali in October and November of 2018, Lexmark India provided in-kind donations and purchased goods in support of [Pratyush CDCW \(Complete Development of Children and Women\)](#) in the Barasat area of West Bengal, the [Barrackpore Avenue Women's Cultural & Social Welfare Society \(BAWCSWS\)](#), and [Howrah Sri Ramakrishna Sangha](#). Donated items included clothes, toys, food, chocolates, children's shoes, a steel almirah and book shelves, and a television and radio transistor for a home for the elderly.



Kolkata, India

Promoting education, Lexmark India partnered with [Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark](#), to donate books to 200 students, including those with different abilities. Students receiving books were selected based on financial need and merit. The cost of the initiative was INR 400,000 (\$6,000).



Lexmark India helped set up homes supported by [Barrackpore Avenue Women's Cultural & Social Welfare Society \(BAWCSWS\)](#) by donating beds, mattresses and bedding for women and orphans previously sleeping on the floor. Volunteers had the opportunity to interact with those receiving assistance. Additionally, Lexmark provided seven hot water units for the elderly at [Ramakrishna Mission, Barisha, Kolkata.](#)

