

BSWM Soil Museum in Manila, The Philippines

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Hello Dr. Samran,

As promised, the photo of our very modest soil museum:



Left: This is how the BSWM Soil Museum looks like now. The theme is "Soil Conservation at the Dawn of Civilization" and at the centerpiece is terracing in the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. **Right:** This is the old diorama when the Soil Museum was opened during the 50th Anniversary of BSWM in June 5, 2000. The theme was "The Future of Soil Science" and shown was soil survey in Mars.



Above: The inauguration of the BSWM Soil Museum in 2000 led by no other than then Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Q. Montemayor (middle, to the left), his then Undersecretary Ernesto Ordonez (middle, to the right). Front row, from left: BSWM Laboratory Services Chief, Dr. Lauro G. Hernandez, JICA First Secretary, Secretary Montemayor, Undersecretary Ordonez, JICA Team Leader Dr. Michio Araragi, BSWM Director Rogelio N. Concepcion, Soil Museum In-charge Rodelio Carating, and JICA Expert Dr. Toshiaki Ohkura. Other BSWM division chiefs, JICA experts, and guests were on the background.

Note: Dr Carating met me at the recent LADA workshop in Bangkok and promised to send photos about the Soil Museum that he was partly responsible for establishing at his bureau. After two weeks he sent photos to me and promised that after updating the museum he will send more, and as a PPT file, so that we can post on the website like all others. **We hope other colleagues will send photos of their soil museums to us too.** - Samran