



GARDEN DONATION A tree garden at the Diliman campus of the University of the Philippines showcasing native species was handed over to the public in a simple ceremony on July 5. Situated behind the carillon, between the UP Film Center and the UP Theater by Magsaysay Avenue, the 4,700-square-meter Washington SyCip Garden of Native Trees is a tribute of the Zuellig Group to its esteemed friend and director. The garden, which has over 100 species of Philippine native trees, is a model site for the National Greening Program created by Presidential Order 23, which aims to establish urban native forests by planting indigenous and endemic trees in public schools. Photo shows (from left) Caesar Saloma, chancellor at UP Diliman; Daniel Zuellig, director of Bridgebury Realty Corp.; Mario Deriquito, undersecretary for partnerships and external linkages of the Department of Education; Washington SyCip; and Brother Armin Luistro, Education secretary, as they water the *bagawak* tree, a good candidate to be the official tree of UP with its deep green leaves with maroon undersides.