**P1.2 M WORTH FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT.** Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) Alfredo Collado of Nueva Ecija (center) receives the P1.2 million worth firefighting equipment from Bernie Nopia and Jeffrey Gonzales, representatives from the Forestland Management Project (FMP) central planning and management office in Quezon City. The firefighting equipment will further boost the reforestation and protection of the 44,000-hectare Pantabangan-Carranglan watershed in Nueva Ecija under the Forestland Management Project (FMP).

Launched in 2012, FMP is a ten (10) year reforestation project that aims to rehabilitate the Pantabangan-Caranglan watershed, which is one of the biggest protected areas in Central Luzon and to strengthen the forestland management through the implementation of collaborative community-based forest management (CBFM) strategy.
Since 2012, FMP has already established more than 7,000 hectares of plantation within the Pantabangan-Carranglan watershed planted with 6.2 million indigenous forest and fruit tree seedlings. The Pantabangan reservoir covers 8,000 hectares and supplies irrigation water to more than 80,000 agricultural lands in Nueva Ecija, Tarlac and Pampanga.

Also in photo (from left to right) are Special Project Coordinator Ronilo Salac of DENR Region 3 and CENRO Florencio Lalu of Munoz, Nueva Ecija.

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