



World's Largest Rosary

It has been dubbed the world's largest rosary, yet when it was being laid out, no one was out to win any contest of scale.

Nestled appropriately in Meditation Point, Kawayan Cove's tranquil retreat, the rosary is an elegant installation composed of volcanic rocks as the beads, and a granite bench sculpture in the shape of a cross. The rosary is spread on the grass-covered promontory that overlooks the spectacular South China Sea.

Beating the record set by the 52.9-meter rosary in St. Joseph School in Illinois, USA, the Meditation Point rosary measures 57.3 meters from end to end. The idea to create a big rosary somewhere in Kawayan Cove was the vision of Angelita Razon Garcia, the Canada-based sister of Bingle Puyat. Visiting exotic lands is Angelita's passion and on one such trip, she came across a big rosary that was landscaped into the terrain. Inspired by her stories, nephew Jose Razon Puyat III, president of Kawayan Cove, commissioned architects Leandro Loesin Partners to execute something similar.

"We were excited with the thought of creating this monumental rosary because it adds another dimension to Meditation Point," said Puyat. "The rosary inspires prayer with its imposing size, and its structure allows people to walk their way from one to another instead of just praying with their fingers," he added.

Unlike any other, the rosary achieves what Angelita originally had in mind. Seeing it for the first time last year she said in awe, "Oh my, I didn't realize you created something so huge!" Misty eyed, she added, "I was immediately moved to thank God for his kindness, and to ask him to grant others the same kind of peace I feel here today." Indeed the rosary lies in an oasis of serenity, with only the rustle of trees, the echo of surf and occasional birdsong, piercing the transcendent quietude. ✍

