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Inauguration of Jardín Botánico Ambiental at UNAN-León

On March 19, 2010 Jardín Botánico Ambiental –JBA- (Environmental Botanical Garden) opened its doors at UNAN-León. This place offers a wide selection for amusement of families, students and tourists. Located 2 miles from downtown León and comprising 30 acres, the new botanical garden has plant collections of dry forest, humid forest, gallery forest and transition forest. It also has an area of parcels used for agricultural crops. This is complemented with classrooms, meeting rooms, ornamental plants nursery, cafe, shop and ticket office.

In its first month of operation, the JBA of the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua at León (UNAN-León), received 4,229 visitors, of which nearly 50% were children of school age.

UNAN-León assigned the management of the garden to its Alma Mater Foundation. The staff responsible for administration, sales, visitors, research and maintenance was adequately trained to carry out their functions. UNAN-León appointed Botanist Dr. Ricardo Rueda as Director of the garden.

The JBA joined Botanical Garden Conservation International, a global network, indicating its emphasis on conservation of dry forest plant species in Mesoamerica.



A month after its opening, the JBA won an award at the 14th Fair for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living, organized on the occasion of Earth Day by the National Engineering University of Nicaragua. The demonstration of the use of clean energy and sustainable environmental practices is one of the main attractions offered to visitors.

The Botanical Garden of UNAN-León welcomes everyone from Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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