



Projects presented by la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil implemented at the Metropolitan pantheon and the Roberto Gilbert Children's Hospital were evaluated by the Technical Commission of Latin America Prizes, conformed by members of the Latin American and Caribbean (CAF) Development Bank, Earth University from the United States, National Geographic and other International entities.

Operation and construction of the Metropolitan Pantheon ranked # 19 in the "URBAN PRODUCTION AND RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION MANAGEMENT" category; since it has an ashen forest with close to 3000 trees keeping 4 tons of carbon dioxide from spreading and contaminating the environment. Furthermore using a water from the well irrigation system for green areas saves 7000 m3 of potable water a month.

Its strategic location was another matter considered by the technical Commission which according to Eng, Juan Guevara Perez, head of la Junta de Beneficencia Environmental Management System, allows taking advantage of all air currents and freshen the vaults and maintenance halls.

Another Project presented was the initiative "Hot water for Hospitable Service" which ranked at # 20 in the energy ranking category. This consists of using 64 solar panels which supply the Dr. Roberto Gilbert Children's Hospital with hot water reducing diesel consumption significantly.

The socio-environmental initiatives of construction and operation of the Metropolitan Pantheon and hot water for hospital service are part of the 76 socio-environmental initiatives presented by different institutions in Ecuador.

The present edition of green Latin American prizes is a Guayaquil Municipality initiative; CAF-Latin American development Bank; Sambito and DirecTV; in which 25 countries participate as well as 513 Latin American cities. On an international level a total of 1407 cases were presented; and la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil initiatives placed # 129 and # 142.

This is how la Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil innovates day to day to offer the interested public, strengthening its value chain and following good practices for social responsibility. The objective is to leave a green imprint on the planet while improving the social impact worldwide. "In this way we help reduce the carbon imprint and consequently global warming" concluded Eng. Freddy Matamoros head of Engineering at the Alejandro Man Hospital complier, a leader of this initiative.