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At last, tap water!

Davao's waterworks system inaugurated Aug. 26.

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DAVAO CITY, Aug. 22
 — More than half a million residents in this city who never had enough water in their homes will benefit when the P1.3 million waterworks project is inaugurated here on Monday, Aug. 26.

Three powerful pumps from Atkins, Kroll & Co. Inc. will supply some 4.5 million gallons of potable water daily to the city compared to the then 950,000 gallons of slimy water.

Special guests to the

formal inauguration will be Executive Secretary Alejandro Melchor and Public Works Secretary David Consunji. Mayor Luis T. Santos will lead the city in the formal launching.

Earlier this week, the full force of the water system was put "on" to flush out the clogged pipes and sanitize them in the process. Leaks were also pinpointed and plugged. Unused hydrants burst while leaking conduit pipes flooded some areas.

It was as far back as in 1947 or 27 years ago when the water pipes in

this city got their last feel of running water.

Started in October last year, the city's completed interim waterworks project was implemented by a technical panel headed by Engr. Vicente Garcia.

The improved system can service 9,000 more connections in addition to the present 2,000, Engr. Illuminado Quinto told the Bulletin Today. The administrative control of the system rests on a board of directors headed by Dr. Alex Panuncialman.

Meanwhile, the inauguration of the building

which will house the computer system of the city is also set on August 26. It will be timed with the visit of Secretary Melchor and Secretary Consunji. The gadgets will be set up by the National Computer system.

To coincide with these two occasions will be the formal launching of the development of Times Beach as the city's official tourist resort.

Right now, a mammoth complex is undergoing construction to beat the August 26 deadline. It will provide all the necessary facilities for tourists and visitors.