

DEPED BATAAN IN ACTION: SDG IN EDUCATION

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Division of Bataan released on August 1, 2018 under a Division Memorandum an assessment of environmental education and sustainability practices in schools which aims to further encourage the promotion of a clean and green learning environment and an integration of environmental literacy programs to create a healthy, ecological, economic and socially responsible living and learning environment. The programs under this memorandum are Waste Management which includes collection, transport, treatment and disposal of school waste together with monitoring and regulation, Water Conservation which includes all policies, strategies and activities to sustainably manage school local source of water efficiently to reduce unnecessary water usage, Electricity Conservation which focuses on efforts to reduce consumption of energy, Pollution Prevention which refers to the use of materials, processes or practices in school that eliminates the quantity of toxicity waste, and Clean and Green Program which refers to the programs intended to promote health, safety and social consciousness which includes environment friendly programs.

This is can be said to be an action taken in support to the responsible consumption and production under Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. It is focused on achieving economic growth and sustainable development in the concept of reducing ecological footprint through changing ways in the production and consumption of goods and resources. The effective management of shared natural resources, including ways to dispose of toxic waste and pollutants, recycle, and reduce waste, are crucial to achieving these goals. It also has the goal of ensuring food security, which may lead to a change in the economy's focus to one that is more resource-efficient.

The activities under waste management and conservation aid the process of opening the minds of the students how they can help in achieving a United Nations goal with their simple ways and means that eventually can bring huge effect and change to the society and community. Specifically, Waste segregation help the students in getting used in the process and a chance of doing it always even in their own homes. Also, Yes-O club under Science Department in the Division of Bataan implement a rule in terms of using lights and electric fans in the classroom. The rule specifically states that the start of using electric fans would be 8:30 in the morning which gives one hour saved energy in every school. In addition, effects of hunger can be reflected in the education institution through the lives and condition of the students and finding solution for such plays a vital role in achieving also the goals of the Department of Education. Feeding program that can be supplemented by the program “gulayan sa paaralan” manifest how this institution gives importance in aiding hunger and promoting food security that is essential part of responsible consumption and production goal of the United Nations.

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