

“ISSUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TODAY: OUR SWEET PRECIOUS CANDY”

by:

Gemi D. Nuque

Teacher I, Orani National High School Parang-Parang

Candies--

They are sweet and delectable that can either be scrumptious or displeasing to our mouths. These kinds of products could be very delicate and have different outcomes if not handled carefully. Companies introduce it to people by displaying a mouthwatering commercial that could be a hoax. It is by using other materials like oil for a squishy effect. Some of them do these only for the sake of not getting bankrupt and earning income. This tasty goodness is very comparable to our home, Earth. If our place is not correctly lifted upright and is mixed with some fake news, it will lead to serious, catastrophic, and climate-change events.

To start with, climate change is a long-term event in which weathers shift very unusual. These changes are affected by human activity, such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation, increased energy consumption, waste, and so on. Doings like these can cause air to be denser, trap heat in our atmosphere, and plants will be fewer, which means less oxygen to all living things. Hence, why do we do these things if we know they can cause our demise? Well, it is because of human nature. Though we frequently think of human-caused climate change as something that will occur in the coming days, it is a continuous process. Presently, ecosystems and communities around the world are suffering.

The effects of climate change on different social groups are interconnected. Drought has the potential to harm both agricultural yields and public health. Flooding

has the potential to transmit disease and damage ecosystems and infrastructure. Human health issues have the possibility of increasing mortality rates, lessen access to food, and help decrease worker productivity. The effects of climate change can be seen in every facet of our universe. Long-standing socioeconomic disparities can make underserved groups more defenseless, as they are often the most susceptible to potential dangers and have the fewest resources to react.

Today, the dilemma in our environment has gone downhill. A once beguiling candy was drastically turned into disgusting dross. The rise of technology and machinery has been the cause of both problems and progress. Digitalization opens up new avenues for climate change mitigation and adaptation, but it also increases the ICT sector's carbon footprint. As stated by the World Economic Forum, digital technology has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15%. And, due to the world's remaining carbon budget being limited, every reduction matters. In a nutshell, we do these horrible things to sustain ourselves and are greedy for what we all have-- destroying our homes from the inside and hollowing our resources. But, what action do we part take to salvage the monstrosity we have created?

Mark Cortes once said, "A small step toward recovery is giant progress." We, humans, contribute to our loving planet by simply cleaning after our mess and trying to bring back most lives by their habitat. Small organizations make a small token of appreciation by starting in their hometowns. The media is giving a hand by documenting and instilling knowledge in young lads and raising awareness among most people. But although popular companies and people are doing what they can do best, is it enough? I mean technically, we need you.

As a catalyst for change living in the digital era, I pledge to do my best to conserve places by simply cleaning and keeping my garbage to myself. If a little lad could do his best, you certainly could. All you need is to exert an effort and make time for Mother Nature. Our burning desire can forge this barrier to save our planet and help it produce

more materials for us to spend wisely. The internet is the root of all knowledge we know exists, right? You can start there and grow wild. Although you cannot trust everything on the internet, somewhere there can spare a good fruit of labor. After all, the internet is made for communication and sharing information. Your fruit of labor could feed someone and make their ambition big enough to turn our amalgamation into a beautiful piece of art.

In this world, everything matters, even your opinion. You could help save thousands of innocent future lives. A little will do to help improve our climate and change it back to its better version. There is no stopping you from being successful in what you do. We could actually use everything we can to build up our loving nature. Be one of the people to lift our world back to its former glory!

In the end, we could still taste the sweet savory goodness (that we salvaged) using what we have and expecting what we have earned to make it all work. Our world keeps evolving, but we are still hoping not the worse. Generation after generation, technology has become powerful. Even if climates change, we should not change the flame we need to make our tasty candy.

References:

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change>

<https://www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections/climate/climate-change-impacts>

<https://twitter.com/carusrecovery/status/914948146555445251>

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/digital-development/nexus-green-and-digital-opportunity-or-challenge>