

Puerto Princesa City: A Model in Sustainable Development "The City in a Forest"

COMMITMENT

Consistent with the vision of an environmentally sustainable city, Puerto Princesa will take a lead role in promoting environmental stewardship building mutual support and cooperation with cities in the Asia-Pacific region. To manifest this commitment, the City of Puerto Princesa will increase its waste diversion rate target at 80% by 2013.

To achieve this target, the city will undertake the following measures:

- Intensify information and education campaign on waste segregation at source and composting at community and household levels;
- Regularly monitor and evaluate Barangay Ecological Solid Waste Management Act compliance;
- Provide technical and financial assistance on recycled product development, packaging and labeling, and marketing;
- Allocate funds for the purchase of compost bins and seed compost production for distribution to interested communities and households;
- Institute a reward system, in terms of projects, for innovative and fully compliant Barangay LGUs;
- Pass an ordinance regulating the use of plastics; and
- Partner with PhilBIO and the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities on a waste to Energy Project to capture the methane produced by the Sanitary Landfill.

The above process will be significantly facilitated if assistance through international cooperation is provided for technical visits, advises and information as well as the city's participation in exchanges and events.

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