

“Cebu Waste Management Seminar”

This seminar was organised by Cebu City. The seminar was held over a period of two days and targeted residents and administration officials. Discussions for the first day of the seminar focused on barangay-based solid waste management systems and activities carried out by NGOs.

An action plan for solid waste management for Cebu City was also considered, and included recommendations such as the revision of city ordinances, need for incentive programs, promotion of consideration of the environment by industries, creation of an environmental centre for Metro Cebu, participation of other barangays in Cebu, conduct of a massive information and grassroots education campaigns, promotion of separation and collection, facilitation of buyers for recycled products, and development of an overall framework for solid waste management.

Discussions for the second day of the seminar focused on actions taken by the administration, as well as “barangay captains” (leaders of local government units) to improve the environment. Presentations by local governments of Japan provided background on actions taken by the administration in solid waste management, with particular focus on the creation of a resource recycling society and classification of garbage and recycling.

In addition to the recommendations by the residents and NGOs on 6 February, suggestions were also put forth by barangay captains and included the presentation of the activities of different barangays as part of the regular agenda during the meeting of the association of barangay captains (solid waste management group), which is held once a month. Additionally, the encouragement of surrounding barangays was also suggested to expand the activities of all barangays.