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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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TO: All Members of the ViSCA Community

SUBJECT: Pollution in the ViSCA Campus

Last 18 February 1991, a group of ViSCA staff headed by Dr. Paciencia P. Milan and Dr. Federico R. Flores reported during the Ecology Seminar a very grim picture of the extent of pollution (soil and water) in the ViSCA campus. The report concluded that unless immediate steps are undertaken, the ViSCA ecosystem might suffer irreversible damage thus, creating danger to human life. In line with the policies set forth by the national government as reflected in the Philippine Strategy for Sustainable Development, all members of the ViSCA Community are enjoined to cooperate in the protection and rehabilitation of our environment for sustainable development. Towards this end, the following offices are hereby directed to undertake the following measures.

1. Housing Committee: To implement housing rules especially with regard to sanitation, waste disposal, and raising of animals particularly pigs which have been identified as a serious source of our river and sea pollution. Violators should be dealt with accordingly.
2. Experimental Station Development and Maintenance Unit: Designate an animal production area outside of the housing area where staff members can continue to raise animals. At the same time, it should identify appropriate dumping site for garbage.
3. Department of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine (DASVM): To design an animal production system in the designated food production area where staff members who wish to continue animal production can do so without creating serious pollution. Likewise the department should develop a system of proper waste disposal of its animal projects.
4. Parks, Roads, and Drainage Section, GSO: Due to ViSCA financial problem, ViSCA garbage truck should only collect non-degradable waste (plastics, cans, etc.) at a frequency determined by GSO. And all garbage for pick-up should be placed inside a bag (rice bag, cement bag, etc.) for ease in handling and disposal. All organic waste should be composted by households. The GSO should issue specific guidelines on garbage collection.



(DAREM): To design an affordable settling tank system so that water from the kitchen and laundry do not directly empty into the VisCA drainage system or rivers. Once completed, the department should also undertake a campaign for the adoption of this affordable system of household waste water treatment;

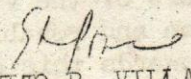
6. Department of Agronomy and Soils (DASS) and Department of Plant Protection (DPP): Design and campaign for effective methods of composting household refuse by individual households.

7. Office of Student Affairs: Implement an effective system of waste/refuse disposal in all student/dormitories/cottages in close collaboration with student organizations.

8. Department/Center Heads: Implement effective system of waste disposal especially chemicals from laboratories and workshops. Each department/center should monitor its disposal system and, whenever possible, undertake its own maintenance so as not to overburden the PPO.

The Director of ODI, CDREx, and GSO and the Chairman of the Housing Committee are directed to provide this office quarterly report as regard compliance to this memorandum.

For strict compliance.

  
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President