

YOUTH AGENDA FOR THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA

VISION

We envision the seas of East Asia with healthy marine life and abundant resources, where there is harmonious co-existence between the environment and every sector of society and where people of every generation work hand in hand to secure the sustainability of the East Asian seas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

$$I^3 = E$$

Inform × Inspire × Involve = Empower

Inform

- Provide education to bring about positive change for the environment
- Exchange and share information among various stakeholders on sustainable development strategies
- Develop more opportunities for youth to learn how to protect and preserve our marine resources for the future generations
- Intensify research efforts to develop eco-friendly technologies and to use new information technologies such as internet, GoogleEarth

Inspire

- Increase appreciation of the value of the environment
- Promote protection of the environment as an integral part of each person's culture
- Incorporate education for sustainable development as a compulsory element starting from preschool through all educational levels

Involve

- Encourage public, civil society, private companies and government involvement to reduce land-based pollution, practice sustainable ecotourism and green consumerism
- Increase youth involvement in environmental issues including outreach activities for out-of-school youth
- Create opportunities such as research grants and competitions to encourage youth to apply science & technology in marine conservation

PLAN OF ACTION

Inform

Short-term

- Conduct information dissemination drives (IDD) such as room-to-room discussions on marine environmental issues
- Use GoogleEarth to input data on local environmental problems for sharing on the World Wide Web
- Inform young people on the importance of keeping the environment clean by using pictures, simple illustrations, newspaper articles, internet (blogs, online resources)
- Appeal to colleges/universities to integrate issues relating to marine conservation in their curriculum

Medium-term

- Organize seminars and training courses for fisherfolks and farmers about sustainable fishing or farming such as nondestructive fishing methods and organic farming
- Publish consumer guides to encourage consumers to purchase only products from sustainable farming or fishing
- Set up exhibitions in campuses, town centers and streets to provide easy access to information on environmental protection
- Translate the useful information materials into local languages

Inspire

Short-term

- Promote green consumerisms at local households
- Adopt eco-friendly practices in our homes and campuses such as by using reusable bags instead of plastic bags, saving electricity, taking public transportation and not littering
- Submit articles on environmental activities and success stories to local newspapers, magazines and the internet

Medium-term

- Approach companies and encourage them to participate in various environmental events or campaigns

Long-term

- Voice out to local government units to adopt environmental sustainability when creating and/or updating local development plans

- Report any incidents of illegal and destructive practices on the marine environment to the authorities
- Promote corporate social responsibility within the private sector by encouraging corporate firms to adopt green technologies (request diving companies to adopt eco-friendly practices; educate pet owners)
- Organize international exchange programs among the youth to celebrate the cultural diversity in the region

Involve

Short-term

- Organize expeditions and field trips for young people
- Join environmental groups
- Conduct open discussions about environmental issues with friends and/or families
- Practice the 3Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle

Medium-term

- Organize fun-filled environmental activities and events such as competitions and concerts featuring celebrities who advocate environmental causes
- Establish and expand a youth network to connect environmental groups from different countries to exchange information and best practices
- Conduct grassroots donation programs for environmental research such as by placing cash donation boxes in public areas
- Help train out-of-school youth to work in the ecotourism industry (tour guides, service providers)
- Continue to organize the EAS Youth Forum

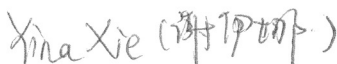
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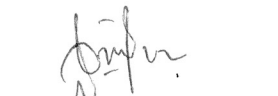
- Network with concerned government agencies, NGOs and POs in conceptualizing and implementing mechanisms to bring national policies to the community level
- Involve youth as volunteers in creating an inventory of available resources
- Set up an integrated network to ensure sustainability of forums and conferences
- Contribute ideas to experts and policymakers in developing and implementing effective monitoring that will ensure compliance to sustainable resource use
- Volunteer to replant and restore coastal forests and mangroves
- Volunteer to control forest fires

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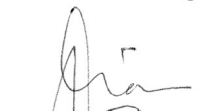

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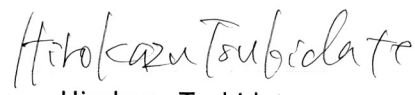

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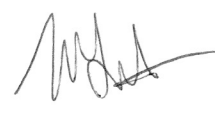

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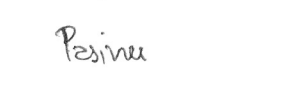

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