

## COMMITMENT

The City Government of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines is committed in promoting environmental stewardship as reflected in the City's vision, "The Botanical Garden City, a Healthy City and the Springboard for Regional Progress in the Philippines. A place where everybody wants to live and work in". It shall strive to build mutual support and cooperation with cities in the Asia Pacific Region, and beyond towards environmental sustainability. As concrete demonstration of this commitment, by the year 2012, City of San Fernando, La Union shall:

Improve the solid waste management program of the city through the institutionalization of segregation at source and recycling programs at the household level including commercial establishments. Hence, increasing waste diversion rate up to **60-80%** as along with the provision of sustainable livelihood opportunities. To achieve the above target, the City shall take measures such as:

- Establish a Centralized Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) cum Composting Facility
- Promote the establishment of community-based MRFs in all barangays
- Residual Waste Project with HOLCIM, Philippines as alternative source of fuel
- Acceptance and treatment of medical wastes at the Sanitary Engineered Landfill
- Institutionalize the 5S Program to all City Government Offices
- Strict enforcement and compliance to ISO 14001:2004 Certification (Environmental Management System)
- Strengthen the City SWEEP Program providing complete technical staff and office and field equipment;
- Update SWM data gathering through annual Waste Analysis and Characterization Survey (WACS);
- Continuous updating of the City Solid Waste Management Plan;
- Provide incentives to the barangays or villages and business sectors that are effectively and efficiently implementing the solid waste management program.
- Introduce new sustainable technologies and upgrade existing technologies to improve SWM system

The above strategies/measures will be significantly facilitated if assistance through local and international cooperation is provided for:

- Access to relevant technical information;

- Training of campaigners/community leaders;
- Expert visits and advices;
- Participation to trainings/exchange programs/event
- Financial support to new and existing environmental technologies

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