

## **PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN MM WITH LOW CARBON EMISSIONS, BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES RECOGNIZED**



The Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) through the Mini(mize) Carbon Olympics (MCO) has awarded selected public high schools in Metro Manila for their exemplary performance in reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), solid waste management, water conservation and other environmental practices in their campuses.



Sta. Lucia High School (Rosario, Pasig City) and Caybiga High School (Caloocan City) received the Least Increase in Carbon Emission Award for the least consumption of electricity and fuel use among public high schools who participated in the MCO.



Other environmental recognition such as Best in Solid Waste Management was awarded to Sta. Lucia High School; Best in Greening Program was awarded to Las Pinas North and Muntinlupa National High Schools; Best in Water Conservation Technology went to Marikina High School; and Best in Restroom Maintenance went to North Fairview High School and Sta. Lucia High School.

The MCO, a program of the Climate Change Division (CCD) of the EMB-DENR in collaboration with the Department of Education-National Capital Region (DepEd-NCR), Earth Day Network Philippines, Inc., Globe Telecom and Climate Reality Project Philippines, aims to raise awareness and address the issue on climate change in academic institutions nationwide through Information, Education and Communication programs.



Speaking for DENR Assistant Secretary and Concurrent EMB Director Juan Miguel Cuna, EMB Assistant Director Eva Ocfemia said, “Academic institutions have a very significant role in teaching the younger generation to influence them to imbibe best practices in environmental protection may it be in their households, in schools and later in their workplaces.”

“With the challenges brought about by perennial surge in energy generation costs mitigating measures such as energy conservation will help in the reduction of carbon emission which greatly contribute to global warming. Energy conservation thus lessen the impact of climate change,” Ocfemia added.

The program, which was launched on April 22, 2013 is dedicated to the cause of climate change mitigation through sharing of greenhouse gas emission reduction initiatives among schools.



The MCO winners’ performance in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions have been judged through their environmental programs and policies in solid waste management, water conservation, greening program and through the reduction of GHGs by computing their carbon footprint through the schools’ electricity consumption and fuel utilization.

The recognition of MCO winners was held at the EMB Air Quality Management and Training Center on February 29, 2016. ###