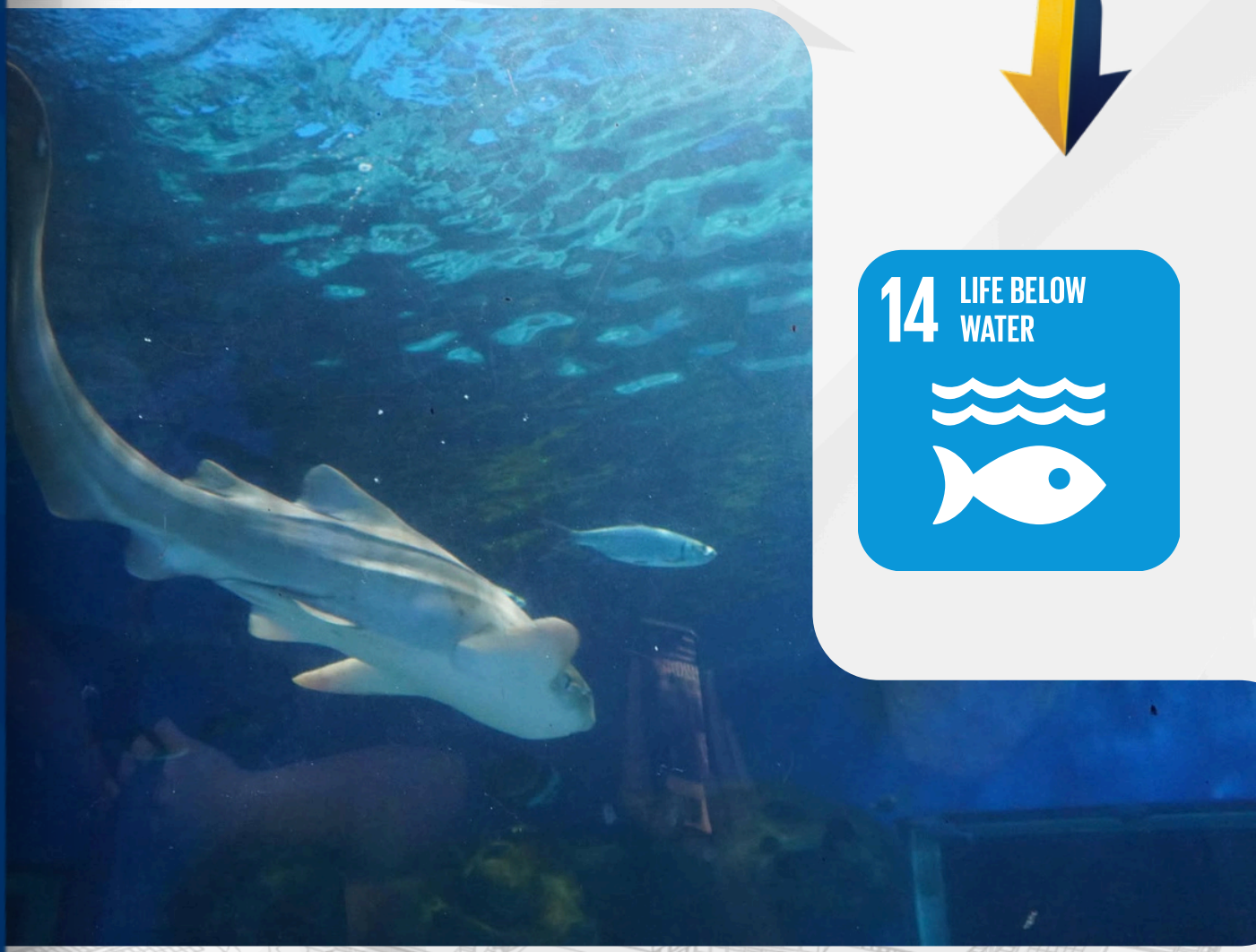
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From Highland Campuses to Coastal Waters:

Driving water-sensitive waste management and plastic reduction

Pollution must be tackled at its source to protect aquatic ecosystems. Highland institutions have a deep ecological responsibility: to manage solid waste, single-use plastics, and runoff before river systems transport land-based pollution down to coastal waters.

One such example of this stewardship is the Saint Louis University (SLU) and SLU - Sacred Heart Medical Center (SLU-SHMC) in Baguio City which has a full institutional action plan to reduce and eradicate plastic wastes in its entire campus grounds and healthcare facilities.



SLU and SLU-SHMC's institutional commitment to plastic reduction and water-sensitive waste governance earned international acclaim at the 48th World Hospital Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, where the medical center received the Gold Award for Social and Environmental Responsibility.

The recognition honored SLU-SHMC's flagship sustainability initiative, "Water is Life: Nurturing and Flowing Sustainability Beyond Hospital Walls." The program highlights an integrated model uniting healthcare service with environmental stewardship, specifically targeting source-level plastic reduction, clean water access, and responsible waste management.





In celebration of this milestone, the City Government of Baguio formally commended SLU-SHMC through Resolution No. 826, Series of 2025. Presented during the November 24, 2025 Flag-Raising Ceremony at Baguio City Hall, the resolution commended the medical center's contribution to social responsibility, sustainable urban health, and environmental leadership.



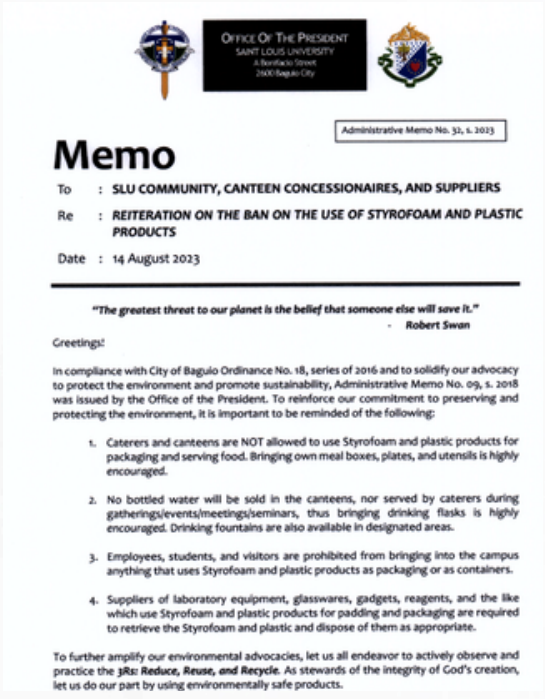
SLU Environmental Policy on Plastic Reduction

Driving water-sensitive waste management and plastic reduction

Pursuant to the City of Baguio Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2016, otherwise known as the Environment Code of the City of Baguio, SLU has implemented a policy to reduce plastic use. Saint Louis University (SLU) reinforces its commitment to environmental protection through the reissuance of Administrative Memo No. 32, s. 2023, reiterating the University-wide ban on Styrofoam and single-use plastic products. This directive—addressed to the SLU community, canteen concessionaires, and suppliers—aligns with the City of Baguio's Ordinance No. 18, series of 2016 and directly supports SLU's institutional Environmental Policy, which mandates responsible consumption, waste minimization, and the reduction of pollutants that harm ecosystems and human health.

Rooted in the principle that environmental protection is a shared responsibility, the memo strengthens SLU's drive to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, echoing the Environmental Policy's call to "protect natural resources, prevent pollution, and promote environmentally sound practices." By explicitly prohibiting the use of Styrofoam and plastic packaging and encouraging reusable items such as flasks, meal boxes, and personal utensils, the University addresses a critical source of pollution that can enter waterways, clog drainage systems, and degrade aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

These guidelines advance SLU's Environmental Policy commitment to minimizing pollutants that could contaminate soil and water, and limiting materials that endanger wildlife or contribute to microplastic accumulation. Styrofoam and single-use plastics are known to persist in the environment, fragment into microplastics, and pose severe threats to rivers, marine ecosystems, and human health. By prohibiting these materials on campus, SLU helps prevent plastic leakage into Balili River, Bued River, and surrounding watersheds, where plastic waste can cause long-term ecological harm.



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Administrative Memo No. 32, s. 2023

Memo

To : **SLU COMMUNITY, CANTEEN CONCESSIONAIRES, AND SUPPLIERS**

Re : ***REITERATION ON THE BAN ON THE USE OF STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS***

Date : 14 August 2023

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."
- Robert Swan

Greetings!

In compliance with City of Baguio Ordinance No. 18, series of 2016 and to solidify our advocacy to protect the environment and promote sustainability, Administrative Memo No. 09, s. 2018 was issued by the Office of the President. To reinforce our commitment to preserving and protecting the environment, it is important to be reminded of the following:

1. Caterers and canteens are NOT allowed to use Styrofoam and plastic products for packaging and serving food. Bringing own meal boxes, plates, and utensils is highly encouraged.
2. No bottled water will be sold in the canteens, nor served by caterers during gatherings/events/meetings/seminars, thus bringing drinking flasks is highly encouraged. Drinking fountains are also available in designated areas.
3. Employees, students, and visitors are prohibited from bringing into the campus anything that uses Styrofoam and plastic products as packaging or as containers.
4. Suppliers of laboratory equipment, glasswares, gadgets, reagents, and the like which use Styrofoam and plastic products for padding and packaging are required to retrieve the Styrofoam and plastic and dispose of them as appropriate.

To further amplify our environmental advocacies, let us all endeavor to actively observe and practice the ***3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle***. As stewards of the integrity of God's creation, let us do our part by using environmentally safe products.





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