

“The Bulacan SHINe Program”

SHINe: A lull to the crying world.

“Life is constant change and nothing remains the same”, these are some lines from the famous song of Jose Mari Chan that emphasizes the reality that everything in this world changes. But as we continue believing that change is progress, we also show negligence to more important concerns, like taking care of nature.

But the good thing is, the School Hydrological Information Network (SHINe) was created here at Bulacan. In partnership with the Department of Education and local government, SHINe aims to boost up the full awareness of secondary school students about climate change and have their active participation in gathering pertinent data about the weather conditions in their place.

As of December 2010, there are 9 schools all over Bulacan that are participating in this program. They are all given a set of rain gauge and LCD Monitor to collect information about rainfall. Informations that are collected will be assessed and will be sent to SHINe and in the Division Office of DepEd. Informations are used to give warnings to communities whenever there’s an upcoming typhoon, flood, and other hazards.

SHINe program is a very timely. Now that we are experiencing abnormalities in our weather conditions, it is now high time for us to respond. This program involves everyone in the community.

Big things couldn’t be materialized without strong foundations. SHINe, in its own little way, took a big step towards a great change. Let’s all take a responsible and active participation in this program and let’s all live to a:

B –be part of	W – whatever it takes, our
E –Earth’s recovery because	O – obligation is to be
T –this is not the concern of few, but	R – ready always and
T –the concern of	L – live the
E –everyone. So, be	D – dream of saving our planet.
R –responsible!	

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