

Climate Change awareness through SHINE Program

**“Climate Change is already happening.
It is up on us to mitigate its deadly affects.”**

-Al Gore

Climate change is now a major threat to us since it could trigger the extinction of the human race and with this it is past due time for us to do something about it. And as the youth of today, we've found a very powerful weapon to combat the havoc brought by climate change, and that is the SHINE or the School Hydrological Information Network.

Since the Shine program's primary aim is to educate the people about the life threatening effects of climate change such as increase in the number of typhoons and other related natural hazards; it propagates environmental awareness as well as risk or disaster reduction management. With the help of the youth which are the shine officers, massive information campaigns , rainfall monitoring and typhoon tracking are being conducted to help communities and as well as the local and national risk reduction management councils to be prepared during times of inclement weather conditions. Local farmers and traders are also beneficiaries of the program through information and data generated by the program.

The Shine Program is indeed the “Catalyst of Change” which the youth of today could use as a weapon against this pandemonium which is the effects of climate change. For every warrior is inept without a proficient weapon. Through SHINE, the nation and its the future generation, will have environment advocates. The Shine program is the instrument for them to make all of these possible. A catalyst for change – Shine Program.

Stella M. Salarda
San Jose del Monte, High, School