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SUBJECT:
**POLICY ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE PREVENTION OF AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM ALTERATION**

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**1. OBJECTIVE**

This Policy on Waste Management and the Prevention of Aquatic Ecosystem Alteration is established to guide HCCCI in managing wastes generated by campus operations and reducing the risk that these wastes will cause physical, chemical, or biological changes to aquatic ecosystems. It aims to strengthen waste segregation and disposal, promote pollution prevention, and establish monitoring and documentation practices for responsible environmental management.

The policy provides an institutional framework for waste-related activities that may affect drainage systems, waterways, and aquatic environments. Its implementation shall be subject to formal approval, available resources, and applicable laws and regulations.

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Holy Child Central Colleges, Inc. (HCCCI) has established a Policy on Plastic Waste Reduction and Management to minimize plastic waste generated by campus operations and prevent plastic pollution from reaching drainage systems, waterways, and aquatic ecosystems. The policy promotes the reduction of unnecessary single-use plastics, the use of reusable alternatives, proper waste segregation, and the recovery and recycling of recyclable plastic materials. It also covers plastic waste management in procurement, cafeteria operations, meetings, seminars, and institution-sponsored events. Furthermore, the policy provides for baseline waste assessments, measurable reduction targets, stakeholder awareness, regular monitoring, and documentation of implementation progress. Through this institutional commitment, HCCCI strengthens responsible plastic consumption and waste management practices while contributing to the prevention of land-based pollution and the protection of marine and aquatic environments, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000) and Republic Act No. 11898 (Extended Producer Responsibility Act of 2022), where applicable.