

A Letter for Mother Earth

Watching the video link sent by our instructor for this task is heartbreaking, seeing the environment polluted, the air, the land and even the water was way too much, we've been so abusive to our environment without thinking what the effect may result.

If only the Earth could read this, I would like to say, I'm deeply sorry for all the things we did, we caused you so much. You suffered while we, people didn't care. I want to change, change our habits, minimize the wrongdoings, and create a better future.

As Miss Shania Sanchez Altamera of Bislig City the Miss Philippines Earth Mindanao Air 2024 said, ""The environment is changing, why aren't we?". I have so many realizations upon hearing this quote, because she's right, why can't we change? Nothing is constant. And today, I would like to change first my ways. I want to change my habits, minimize my wrongdoings, and create a better future.

Fifteen years from now, I envision a united world creating a healthy, harmonious, and better world. Our forests will flourish once more. Aggressive reforestation and afforestation efforts will have restored vast tracts of land, providing habitats for wildlife and acting as vital carbon sinks. These forests will be protected and managed sustainably, recognizing their essential role in regulating the climate and maintaining ecological balance. Community-led tree planting initiatives will be common, fostering a sense of stewardship and connection to nature.

Our water bodies, too, will be safeguarded. Rivers, lakes, and oceans will be cleaner, thanks to stringent regulations on pollution and widespread adoption of sustainable practices. Industries will be held accountable for their waste, and innovative technologies will be employed to treat and reuse wastewater. Wetland restoration projects will thrive, enhancing natural water filtration and flood control, and communities will have access to clean, safe drinking water through advanced conservation and desalination technologies. Waste management will undergo a revolution, shifting from a linear to a circular economy. Products will be designed for durability, repairability, and recyclability, drastically reducing waste. Single-use plastics will be a relic of the past, replaced by biodegradable materials and comprehensive recycling programs. Composting will be a routine part of life, minimizing organic waste in landfills and enriching our soils. This circular approach will ensure that resources are used efficiently and responsibly, reducing our overall environmental impact.

Ultimately, my hope for 15 years from now is a world where we live in harmony with you, Mother Earth, for I personally compare you to my mother who is always there when I'm in need. I recognize that we are but one part of a vast and interconnected web of life, and we must act accordingly. Our relationship with you will be one of gratitude and respect, where we give back more than we take. By nurturing and protecting you, we ensure a future where both people and the planet can thrive.

I am filled with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. The path to this future is not without its challenges, but I believe that through collective effort and unwavering commitment, we can achieve it. I pledge to do my part, to advocate for change, and to inspire others to join in this vital endeavor. Together, we can create a world that honors and cherishes you, ensuring that generations to come can experience the beauty and wonder of a healthy, thriving planet.

Sincerely hoping,

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