

## MESSAGE

Your electronic gadgets become waste when their usefulness ends, causing an environmental problem locally and globally. The heap of electronic wastes has been growing worldwide — 53.6 million metric tonnes in 2019, up by 21% since 2014. They release toxic chemicals that are harmful to humans, wildlife and the climate.

Thus, on this International E-Waste Day, the Climate Change Commission calls for the development of a national policy and regulatory framework on e-waste management, as well as a national strategy and action plan for institutionalizing ewaste recycling and collection, undertaking relevant research and technology development, and stopping the illegal entry of hazardous e-wastes into the country.

Moreover, the CCC lauds efforts of various stakeholders to raise awareness on the critical role of consumer electronic purchasing and recycling decisions in dealing with the growing problem of e-wastes.

The cooperation among the government and private business, and the manufacturers and consumers, in driving innovations and the transition of sectors into a circular economy is key to the climate resilience and the sustainable future of the Filipino nation.

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