

**Towards Better Water Quality And Safety Through Improved Sanitation  
A Social Contract  
8 for 2008**

We, the participants gathered here at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Sanitation Summit held on July 9 and 10, 2008 at the Asian Development Bank, do hereby agree to **initiate, support, implement and facilitate in the immediate term** one or more of the following action plans in our areas of influence:

1. **Sustainable sanitation** and the availability of **safe water for all**;
2. The development of **local sanitation plans** towards the achievement of zero open defecation and 90% access to basic sanitation, septage management plans, **water safety plans** and others, at either the barangay, municipal, district or provincial levels where targets and performance indicators, and investment needs shall be identified, periodically monitored and included as an integral component of the local development planning process;
3. **Capacity and institutional development initiatives** to enhance the capacities of different stakeholders, especially among sanitation and public health practitioners to develop and implement plans for improved sanitation and hygiene promotion;
4. **Social marketing and local advocacy campaigns** to raise awareness on the importance of investing in improved sanitation, zero open defecation and wastewater management and effect behavioral changes at all levels, including the households and promote alternative low cost and sustainable sanitation solutions;
5. **Partnership building** with local governments, civic organizations, water supply providers, water districts, academe, community based organizations, international development agencies and private sector to meet universal access coverage for safe water and basic sanitation by 2010;
6. The promulgation and enforcement of **water safety and sanitation related laws and ordinances** such as the establishment of the multi-sectoral Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee as provided for in the Sanitation Code of the Philippines and the Toilet in Every Home Ordinance;
7. The harmonization of water quality/supply and sanitation in **Emergency Response for disasters and other calamities** under the country's existing national disaster management framework;
8. **Innovative and sustainable financing** for improved sanitation at local and national levels to include the development of micro financing schemes for increased access of the poor and marginalized sectors.

We call on all LGUs at provincial and municipal/city levels to provide committed leadership and drive a local partnership for improved sanitation.

We call on all water districts and other water providers to work with the LGUs to develop and implement improved sanitation including water safety and septage management plans.

We call on national government agencies such as DOH, LWUA, DPWH, DILG, DENR, NEDA, DBM, DOF, DepEd, NAPC, NWRB, PCUP, DSWD, donor and other international development agencies, academe, NGOs and other stakeholders to provide institutional, political, technical and financial support to LGUs and Water Providers who are working for better water quality and safety through improved sanitation.

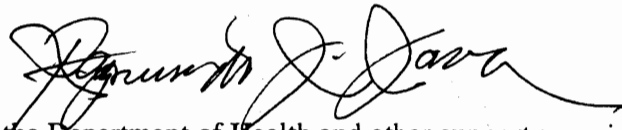
Finally, we call on the President of the Republic of the Philippines to put to task the Department of Health to strengthen its focus on sanitation through the Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health (IACEH) and lead the formulation of a National Sanitation and Water Safety Strategic Plan and coordinate with LGUs for safe water supply delivery and sanitation service provision.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

Representing the Local Governments hereby present:



Representing the Water Districts hereby present:



Representing the Department of Health and other support agencies hereby present:

