Announcement of Walailak University

Subject: Policy on Marine Pollution Reduction, B.E. 2569 (2026)

Marine pollution is largely driven by human activities on land, including improper waste management, wastewater discharge, and unsustainable resource use. Walailak University acknowledges its role in addressing these challenges by promoting responsible resource management, reducing pollutant discharge, and supporting actions that prevent contamination of marine and coastal environments. This commitment supports the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water) and aligns with the Waste (WR) indicator of the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings.

By virtue of Section 24 of the Walailak University Act, B.E. 2535 (1992), Walailak University issues the Policy on Marine Pollution Reduction, B.E. 2569 (2026) as follows:

1. This Announcement shall be called "Walailak University Announcement on Policy on Marine Pollution Reduction, B.E. 2569 (2026)."

2. This Announcement shall take effect on the day following the date of its publication.

3. The University shall strictly comply with the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act, B.E. 2535 (1992), the Water Resources Act, B.E. 2561 (2018), and all applicable statutory regulations governing environmental protection, wastewater standards, and pollution control.

4. The University shall recognize marine pollution as a significant challenge affecting environmental sustainability, public health, and coastal economies, and shall implement comprehensive and preventive measures to reduce pollution from land-based and institutional activities while safeguarding marine and coastal ecosystems for long-term resilience.

5. The University shall address the primary causes of marine pollution arising from human activities, including improper waste management, wastewater discharge, and unsustainable resource use, by promoting responsible resource management and preventing pollutants from entering marine and coastal environments.

6. The University shall undertake structured and continuous actions to prevent and reduce marine pollution through the integration of environmental management, education, research, and community engagement, with the aim of minimizing pollution sources and protecting ecological integrity.

7. The University shall advance proactive and evidence-based approaches to marine pollution reduction by promoting sustainable practices, interdisciplinary collaboration, and stakeholder engagement to protect marine resources and support long-term environmental and societal well-being.

8. The University shall adopt systematic, preventive, and collaborative approaches to strengthen environmental management practices, reduce pollution impacts, and contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

9. The University shall reduce the use of single-use plastics across all campus operations and promote sustainable alternatives, including reusable and environmentally friendly materials, to prevent plastic leakage into marine and coastal environments.

10. The University shall strengthen solid waste management systems by ensuring proper waste segregation, collection, recycling, and disposal, and by preventing waste leakage into drainage systems, waterways, and the marine environment.

11. The University shall implement and maintain effective wastewater treatment systems, including regular monitoring of water quality, to ensure that discharged water meets environmental standards and does not contaminate marine and coastal ecosystems.

12. The University shall control, minimize, and safely manage hazardous substances, chemicals, and laboratory waste through proper handling, storage, treatment, and disposal in accordance with applicable laws and standards.

13. The University shall promote campus-wide participation in waste reduction, recycling, and environmental protection initiatives, including campaigns, training, and engagement activities involving students, staff, and surrounding communities.

14. The University shall support and participate in coastal and marine conservation activities, including clean-up programs, restoration initiatives, and collaboration with external stakeholders to reduce marine pollution beyond the campus.

15. The University shall manage stormwater through the use of on-campus reservoirs and related infrastructure to collect, store, and control runoff, thereby reducing the discharge of pollutants into natural waterways and marine environments.

16. The President shall oversee the execution and enforcement of this Announcement. In the event of any dispute, operational challenge, or ambiguity regarding interpretation or implementation, the ruling of the President shall be final.

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President of Walailak University

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