

EPDA celebrated “Earth Day 2015” on April 22, 2015 in collaboration with the Star Cement

Dr. Al Ghais said that “2015 - Earth Day’s 45th anniversary” - could be the most exciting year in environmental history, it is the year in which economic growth and sustainability join hands, the year in which world leaders finally pass a binding climate change treaty, the year in which citizens and organizations divest from fossil fuels and put their money into renewable energy solutions. These are tough issues but we know what’s at stake is the future of our planet and the survival of life on earth. On Earth Day 2015, we need you to take a stand so that together, we can show the world a new direction. It’s our turn to lead. So our world leaders can follow by example.



EPDA in collaboration with the Star Cement RAK celebrated the “Earth Day 2015”, Dr. Saif Al Ghais expressed his views that the industry should join hands with the EPDA to implement its “One Million and One Trees” initiative to make the RAK Green and Clean. The senior management from Star Cement, welcomed Dr Saif and promised to extend their cooperation for the initiative as it is their Social Corporate Responsibility and thanked Dr Saif for EPDA’s guidance and advices for the “Environmental Protection”. Dr Saif planted a sapling to mark the occasion.



EPDA Vision:

Protection of the environment and the sustainability of its resources.

EPDA Message:

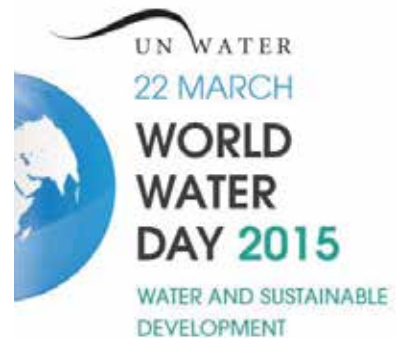
Excellence in providing, monitoring and environmental awareness services and promote the concept of environmental citizenship, through the application of environmental laws and regulations and investment in relationship with our partners and conduct studies and research that contribute to the protection of our natural resources.

Environmental Event

World Water Day .. 22 MARCH 2015

Water is health: "Clean hands can save your life".

Earth Day's Global 2015 Theme: It's Our Turn to Lead. Let this be the year in which economic growth and sustainability join hands. The year in which citizens and organizations divest from fossil fuels and put their money into clean energy solutions: Political progress has been slow-moving to cut carbon emissions. But with the help from the community, world leaders will step up and finally pass a binding climate change treaty in Paris at the end of the year. EPDA has celebrated the Earth Day on April 22, 2015 with outdoor performances. EPDA's activity included planting trees with inaugural ceremony at Star Cement Ras Al Khaimah and cleanup campaign in collaboration with local Govt. organizations and schools. mitigation is estimated to cost US\$ 107 billion a year over a five-year period.



Taman Negara is the oldest rainforest on earth

Taman Negara Forest located in the center of Peninsular Malaysia, age 130 million years ago and estimated that even scientists expect they encountered ice age on Earth that has passed since centuries. It also features a 14,000 different plant species and 400 species of animals and 240 species of rare trees



Pledge to Plant for Earth Day 2015 (April 22)



Visit web site to see EPDA Initiative
<http://forestnation.com/you-plant-trees/green-ras-al-khaimah-by-planting-million-and-one-trees-2/>

How to Go Green at Work

If you are already taking environmentally friendly steps at home, it's a natural extension to take similar measures at WORK, both to SAVE energy and to create a healthier workspace ENVIRONMENT. Making the ENVIRONMENT more pleasant for yourself, energy efficient and eco-friendly will increase your enjoyment of the workplace and lessen its impact on the environment as a whole. Being energy and resource efficient and conscious of improving the HEALTH and well-being of the work environment will also reduce the costs of running a business. It's time to "go green" at work, and here is how.

More Work, Less Energy

For many people, a computer is the central tool at work. Optimizing the energy settings for computers and other devices can be more than a modest energy saver. Set computers to energy-saving settings and make sure to shut them down when you leave for the day ("standby" settings will continue to draw power even when not in use). By plugging hardware into a power strip with an on/off switch (or a smart power strip), the whole desktop setup can be turned off at once (make sure to power down inkjet printers before killing the power--they need to seal their cartridges). Printers, scanners, and other peripherals that are only used occasionally can be unplugged until they're needed. And of course, turn off lights in spaces that are unoccupied.

International Day for Biological Diversity May 22, 2015

Theme: “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”



**Biodiversity:
The foundation
for sustainable
development**



22 MAY 2015
INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
BIODIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

In December 2000, the UN General Assembly adopted 22 May as IDB, to commemorate the adoption of the text of the Convention on 22 May 1992 by the Nairobi Final Act of the Conference for the Adoption of the Agreed-Text of the Convention on Biological Diver-

sity. This year’s theme: “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”, reflects the importance of efforts made at all levels to establish a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda for the period of 2015-2030 and the relevance of biodiversity for the achievement of sustainable development. EPDA will celebrate the May 22 “The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) ” with Tree Plantation Campaign, Lectures for Local and Federal Governmental organizations, industry, community and students.

Better health through a healthy environment

Taking steps to create an ENVIRONMENT friendly atmosphere at home as well as OFFICE is a great way to make a contribution to the growing need for physical HEALTH, saving energy and the reduction of our negative environmental impacts. Let’s learn about environmental issues that impact our household & workplace, and about ways and tools to help us get involved and make a difference. For a healthy environment around us, let’s begin at home/OFFICE to be part of the solution and tackle environmental issues responsibly.

ZERO WASTE SYSTEM



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Environmental Legislation

UAE Law #24 (1999) for
PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Section 2: The Environment and Sustainable Development

Article 9: All Concerned Parties specially parties responsible for planning, economic and construction development shall consider aspects of protection of the environment, control of pollution and rational use of natural resources when developing economic and social plans and when establishing and executing of projects.

Article 10: The Agency shall, in consultation and coordination with the Competent Authorities and Concerned Parties, undertake the preparation, issuance, revision, development and updating measurements and standards of environment protection. The balance between technological capabilities available economic cost shall be considered when determining such measurements and standards without undermining the requirements for the protection of environment and control of pollution.

Regulation No (2) of 2007 For the EPDA - RAK

Regulation Issued on March 08, 2007 Article (5):
The Authority objectives are:

- Protect and develop the environment of Ras Al Khaimah, and setting the required plans and strategies for protecting it from the negative impacts of the activities that may cause damages to human health, agricultural crops, wildlife, marine life, other natural resources and climate. The Authority shall implement these plans and policies, and taking the necessary actions and applicable procedures to prevent environmental deterioration, combating different environmental pollution through forbidding, and limitation. For the benefit of the present and future generation.
- Sustainable Development of the Emirate, propose the necessary basics to link environmental concerns to the planning and development policy of the entire Emirate, through including the environmental regulations and vital part of the proposed policy for planning, executing, and monitoring of developmental projects that implemented by the government and private institutions through projects environmental impact assessment, coordinating between companies, industries, and other corporate working in industrial, economical fields and other parties concerned with environmental affairs, and civil society organizations in the Emirate.