

The activities of The Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs in the celebration of the World Environment Day 2007

- Holding a celebration under the auspices of *H.E. Mrs. Suzan Mubarak the first lady of Egypt*.
- This celebration was honored by the participation of *H.E. the prime minister*, some ministers, governors, the highest positions of the country, professors, scientists, specialists and senior journalists.
- *A documentary film* has been shown which shed light on the climate change (A hot topic) and included the causes, the impact, the confrontation and the efforts of Egypt in this regard.
- *A documentary film* has been shown that highlighted the Egyptian environmental action, the impact of the environment culture on the environmental projects and climatic changes that was prepared in particular for this occasion.
- *The first session of the International cinematic Nile festival for environment films* has been held for the first time in Egypt and Middle East with the participation of 16 countries including 5 Arab countries in which 60 novelistic documentary films was shown. Moreover, holding many symposiums at the side of the festival including a symposium on ethnographic cinema that describes the relation between the human and environment and another symposiums on the role of media and developing the environmental awareness. Besides Organizing a fair for plastic art with the participation of the senior plastic artists in Egypt.
- Announcing a major environmental competition for young and old people for the year 2007 , which aim to raise the environmental awareness for all categories of societies, included more than 100.000 participants in this competition.

- Organizing competitions for selecting the best 10 schools in Egypt that keep the environmental standards.
- Issuing the ***Egypt State of the Environment Report for 2006*** and has been sent out to all Egyptian and foreign concerned stakeholders and authorities.
- Holding a symposium on climatic changes included 3 working sessions discussed all axes of climatic changes.
- Participation of some Egyptian artists for promoting the World Environment Day and its aims.
- Distributing 100,000 trees on the different governorates in order to cultivate it for mitigating the burden of pollutants resulted from factories.
- The green corner unit has organized a fair included 30 artistic boards that was drawn by the children in needs about climate change and issuing a brochure for children entitled “**Akhdareino**” (an innovative and funny character that represents everything green “**Greeno**”) about the climatic phenomenon. In addition to that, distributing educational games for children that aims at spreading the sound environmental practices towards the climate change issue.
- Opening all the natural protectorates for visitors “free of charge” in order to gain knowledge about our natural wealth and to enroot the culture of protecting the environment into the youth and children. Organizing lectures and holding symposiums about climatic changes and its impact on protected areas.
- Asking the ministries to reduce the usage of energy and light in this day, and many ministries responded to this request.
- Announcing the major project to replace the old taxis with another new ones that work with natural gas in the governorates of Giza and south Sinai.

- Honoring some distinguished persons who made works enriched the environment.

The activities of some authorities in the celebration of World Environment Day

- **The ministry of finance:**

Issuing golden and silver memorial coins on the occasions of world environment day and silver jubilee of EEAA.

- **Postal organization (Egypt post):**

Issuing memorial post stamp that carry the slogan of world environment day (Ice melting...a hot topic). In addition, Sinai baton blue stamp. It is a very small baton lives in Sant Katrine protectorate and is in danger of extinction because of the climatic changes..

- **The ministry of transportation:**

Reducing the price of underground tickets in the world environment day.

- **The ministry of defense and military production:**

Opening the military museums and Panorama of six October war and military force gardens “free” for public and launching the fireworks in the sky of Cairo.

- **The ministry of oil:**

Announcing stations for providing cars with natural gases.

- **The ministry of interior affairs:**

Organizing campaigns for two weeks to measure the cars emissions and catching the cars that causes emissions in the great Cairo.

- **The ministry of information:**

1. The participation of children program **Aalam Semsem** “**Semsem world**” in the festival to urge the children to protect the environment and not polluting it.
2. Organizing many environmental competitions and broadcasting it daily through radio and TV channels.

• **The ministry of tourism:**

1. Promoting the natural environmental projects with the participation of tourist champers.
2. Distributing posters that carry the slogan of world environment day in the different hotels.

• **The ministry of agriculture and land reclamation:**

The youth participated in cultivating the trees in the arborous forests – holding symposiums for giving youth information about trees cultivation – visiting the Orman garden.

• **The ministry of trade and industry:**

1. Providing environmental information on internet websites.
2. Preparing environmental symposiums about organic agricultures.
3. Providing electrical lamps that reduce the exhausted energy and has less emissions.

• **The ministry of culture:**

- 1- Presenting performances of pop arts teams in the green areas that witness public presence.
- 2- Bani Sweif team presented pharaonic dance on the River Nile.
- 3- Organizing cinematic soirees about environment and showing documentary films in some culture palaces.
- 4- Organizing competitions for children in the drawing field in the culture palaces and branches.
- 5- Organizing 7 plastic arts fairs in culture palaces.

- 6- Holding scientific forums on environment in culture palaces.
- 7- Organizing poetic soirees about environment.
- 8- Contributing in the international cinematic Nile festival for the environment films.

• **The ministry of water resources and irrigation:**

1. Symposiums on environmental issues in particular world environment day.
2. Activating share environmental knowledge on network.

• **The ministry of religious endowments (Al awkaf ministry):**

Urging the young and old people in the mosques to have good environmental manners.

• **El Suez channel authority:**

Issuing a booklet in Arabic and English language on the climatic changes and distributing it to the individuals and different authorities.

• **Cairo governorate:**

1. Announcing the competition of the best environmental suburb in the works of cleaning and afforestation
2. Holding environmental fair in every region.

• **Monoufia Governorate:**

1. Inaugurating two factories for recycling the solid waste and factory for agricultural waste.
2. Inaugurating the child garden of the developing societies association and changing the areas of tile drainages into nurseries

• **Port Said governorate:**

1. Holding a celebration under the slogan of climate change with the participation of NGOs in the governorate.

2. Organizing run competition (Marathon) under the slogan “the clean environment”.
3. Holding symposiums to raise the environmental awareness in children libraries and NGOs and youth centers.

• **South Sinai governorate:**

1. Youth centers, culture palaces and education directorate has organized artistic competition and symposiums for providing information about the climatic changes.
2. Local units of cities in the governorate organized programs for afforestation and cleaning.

• **Aswan governorate:**

1. Popular teams presented artistic performances in the governorate.
2. Announcing environmental competition for students of faculties, schools and pioneers of culture palaces.

• **Al Fayoum governorate:**

1. Organizing travels to the Wadi El Hetan and Wadi al rayan protectorates for awareness.
2. Organizing a visit to the project that produce compost.

• **Suez governorate:**

1. Preparing a procession of cars that carry flowers in the day of inauguration and inaugurating annual flowers fair.
2. Organizing two competitions for kites and drawing on asphalt.
3. Organizing a competition for bicycles under the slogan “use the bicycle in place of the car”.

• **El Qalyoubia governorate:**

1. Organizing a campaign for general cleanliness in the cities of the governorate.

2. Foresting many regions to increase the green areas.

• **El Giza governorate:**

1. Developing 50 brick factories in Arab Abu Saed.
2. Organizing environmental competitions for selecting the ideal and distinguished administration environmentally.

• **North Sinai governorate:**

1. Organizing fairs include the products of governorate from the agricultural crops, ornamental and medical plants.
2. Organizing two travels for youth to the natural protectorates and land reclamation areas.

• **The major sportive clubs:**

1. Organizing symposiums about the impact of climatic changes and positive manner for citizens to mitigating its impact.
2. Putting posters of world environment day that was prepared as away for awareness and providing the members with information about this day.
3. Offering environmental drinks.

• **Press, Radio and TV:**

- It played a great role in the celebration of this day by broadcasting the talks of great writers and others to explain the concepts of global warming and climate change and focusing on the importance of changing the negative behaviors for improving the environment.

- ***Issuing a law that prohibits smoking absolutely in the different hygienic and educational establishments, governmental authorities, sportive and social clubs and youth centers.***