

Indian schools involved organized seminars connected with the planting. In two cases the theme of the seminar was climate change.

Thiruvonam School (Government Higher Secondary School) organized a seminar about micro forest promotion, but also essay competition with title “Forest and Man” was held and in addition a cycle rally in support of protecting trees was organized.



Another school in India where saplings and small trees were planted in waste land. Ucha Sikhya Srama Arua Kadaliban High School

In Kenya Nairobi Primary School celebrated the day of becoming an Eco-School and planted 1500 indigenous trees. ” The trees planted are used to teach important knowledge and skills on forest management to learners. The trees are also used to symbolize a new beginning of a new vision for the school.” The idea was also to celebrate peaceful co-existence between different cultures and tribes in the school.



Cyprus 200 trees were planted by group of schools and the event was accompanied with speeches, songs, poems and mini-theatrical plays.

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In 2010 FEE’s Global Forest Fund supported 29 projects in 16 different countries with total amount of 14 477€. All the projects included environmental education activities along with tree planting activities.

Many projects planted local trees, which fit to the climate and conditions in the area. Most of the cases the pupils continue the work after planting by taking care of the trees. The main point is to understand why trees are planted and why it is important for everybody on the Earth, and this understanding is gained through environmental education activities. Many cases the teacher was in charge of that, but some schools had invited experts, like local forest officers, to speak to the children.

In lots of occasions the tree planting was made as an event or ceremony and accompanied with songs, poems and speeches. Most of the projects were carried out by schools but also other kinds of groups were involved.



Scouts from Brunei planted 80 trees on a scout camp

## Highlights

“Without trees, there will be little life, because they replace the oxygen that we need”, proclaimed an eager boy from Norway, where School Forest was planted by Greveløkka School.

In Thailand Saengthong Vitthaya School decided to establish a botanical garden into a vacant area of new school building. So they planted some rare trees and will do it every season. “At the moment this botanical garden is quite a favourite among the students to come and sit between the plants and trees and enjoy the fresh environment.”



In Malaysia at SMK Batu Kawan School also parents had realized the importance of the work. “Some parents have indicated to sponsor trees in future for the school”, so more trees will be planted.



Another school in Malaysia, SMK Sultan Abdul Aziz, planted 1000 mangrove trees with the help of volunteers in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park. The students have been involved with mangrove planting in the park managed by Malaysian Nature Society more than five years and they will be tour guides in the park at weekends. After planting the students were spoken by the Head of Education Department of Malaysian Nature Society, who mentioned the importance of the park to migratory birds. After that some bird watching was done.



Interesting example from Malaysia was a school, SK Star, which became zero carbon school by doing waste offset.

Another non-school was found from Sri Lanka, where Children Art Circle planted 100 local trees. In the beginning ENO Malaysia Advisor among others gave a talk about the importance of tree planting. Afterwards students and parents made a procession across busy street of the Colombo city with a full corporation of Police Department. Some children were carrying trees while some were acting famous folk drama in the accompaniment of drumming.