

NEWS ON INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATION

22nd May 2013: The International Day for Biological Diversity with the theme ‘Biodiversity and water’ was celebrated at Babesa Middle Secondary School. The half-day event included a quiz, speech and art competitions between the different house groups and different classes. The participatory event saw many students express themselves through an impressive array of art on ‘water and biodiversity’. The event concluded with cash prizes awarded to the winners. A series of other activities carried out to celebrate the day included, essay writing and art competitions on the current theme by students from across the country and the composition of song on agrobiodiversity. The winners of the essay and art competitions were also declared on the day.

This was the first time that the International Day of Biological Diversity was celebrated with a school in order to nurture the seed of conservation in the hearts and minds of our young children so that they will love, respect and conserve nature for the benefit of the country and the future generations. The positive and pro-active response from the school and the students in the celebration of International Biodiversity Day signaled the importance of working with young minds and fostering more interactive programs on biodiversity as part of the initiative to raise awareness on biodiversity in the country.

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