

On May 29, 2010, (1530-1730 Hrs) Lincoln Corner Karachi celebrated International Day for Biodiversity through a speaker program " BIODIVERSITY IS OUR LIFE" by Pak-US Alumna & environmentalist Ms. Rahat Najam. Total 30 children of LCK-Kids Summer Club participated in this program.

The Coordinator briefed the participants about the importance of Biodiversity day which has been celebrated on May 22 each year, designation of Year 2010 as the Year for Biodiversity & Convention on Biodiversity CBD.

Ms. Rahat Najam an alumna of IVLP and core member of PUAN (Pak US Alumni Network) delivered her presentation on the concepts of Biodiversity and its component, flora and fauna, the importance of biodiversity in our daily life. She discussed the importance of biodiversity as, food requirements, aesthetic values, for maintaining the ecological balance etc. she also briefed that the threats to biodiversity from global point of view including global warming, habitat fragmentation, several natural disasters which are frequently happening day by day. She highlighted the threats from local perspective including natural disasters, climate change, illegal hunting, poor management, pollution, species loss and lack of awareness about the values of biodiversity etc. She highlighted important biodiversity of Pakistan like Snow leopard, Blind Indus Dolphin, Black Bear, Brown Bear, Markopolo sheep, Blue sheep, Green sea Turtle, White Headed Duck, Peregrine Falcon, Urial species, etc. Various Habitats and ecosystems supporting biodiversity were also discussed.

An interested segment of the program presented was the orientation of conservation efforts and protection of this American National Bird Bald Eagle by American Eagle Foundation and the theme song Save the Eagle (<http://www.eagles.org/programs/songs-and-videos.php>) inspired the audience. The coordinator also shared UNEP ACTION NOW FOR LIFE ON EARTH, AND ANTWORT (<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/multimedia/>) which briefed the children how they can become true protectors of the planet with energy conservation and solutions to save the biodiversity and environment. In the end Ms. Rahat Showed the slides show about Pakistan's Beautiful biodiversity and answered to various questions from the audience.

This program highlighted the Biodiversity, its significance, its convention & plan of action by the nations of the world. The American Eagle foundation example inspired the audience, how they can campaign for their endangoured species through their available skills.

Further details: <http://picasaweb.google.com/lckarachi1>







