

Petrotrin Celebrates World Environment Day

Petrotrin's continued success in implementing environmental initiatives is a clear indication that the development of the energy sector can go hand in hand with protecting the environment.

Environmental Management Authority (EMA) Communications Assistant Mr Kirk Jean-Baptiste made this observation at a Petrotrin function to commemorate World Environment Day 2005. This function was held at the Pointe-a-Pierre Club on June 2.



Executive Chairman Malcolm Jones presenting School Vice-Principal of Marabella Senior Comprehensive School Mrs. Sharide Mohamed/Rahaman with an ecology map

"I must commend Petrotrin on its efforts thus far," he said. "The extra greenery around and the efforts at the Wild Fowl Trust are truly commendable. We live in an oil rich or mineral wealthy nation. Many believe the development of minerals and the protection of the environment can't go hand in hand. I am here to say that it can. It is quite commendable to see an energy company doing something fruitful towards proving this."

In his address Executive Chairman Mr Malcolm Jones focused on the United Nation's theme for World Environment Day-"Green Cities: Plan For the Planet"- and the environmental impact of the world's rapidly developing population.

"As we consider the development of our own cities, boroughs and towns, we must remain conscious that our first and foremost obligation, and responsibility, is to preserve our national treasures of flora and fauna and land-forms," he said.

He said Petrotrin, cognizant of its impact on urban development and the environment, has implemented a number of projects aimed at preserving the 'greenness' of its fence line towns and communities.

"Our initiatives are geared towards improving the environmental and social standards of all communities that surround our operations," he said. "Our collective HSE activities represent the planning process of our future 'green cities,' which development we will leave in the hands of our younger leaders."

Vice President Human Resource and Corporate Services Mr. Rawlinson Agard also spoke of Petrotrin's environmental initiatives.

"We at Petrotrin recognize, as part of our corporate responsibility, the importance of managing our operations to ensure minimal environmental degradation," he said. "To achieve this goal, a number of HSE projects have been implemented throughout Petrotrin's areas of operation." Included among these projects were the implementation of the ISO 14,001 Environmental Management System at the Land, North and East Coast and at Trinmar Operations and the remediation of chronically polluted sites in all areas of operations.

Mr Agard also mentioned Petrotrin's involvement in the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) program and the company's sponsorship of the first Caribbean Conference on Vulnerability and Risk Assessment.

“It is hoped that with the successes of these HSE projects, others may follow, thus allowing Petrotrin to maintain its position as a leader in the energy sector while presenting the greatest opportunity for a greener future through dynamic and creative solutions to our environmental challenges,” he said.

The United Nations’ World Environment Day is commemorated globally on June 5.