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“Hãy Nghĩ về Môi trường Trước khi Tiêu hụ Thực Phẩm”

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May 06, 2013 has been selected to be World Environment Day with theme "Think about the environment before food consumption" (Think.Eat.Save) to encourage people to pay more attention to the environmental impacts from the selection and consumption of food in order to avoid food waste; and minimizing adverse impacts on the environment from food production.

In Vietnam, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) has issued Official Letter No. 1383/BTNMT-TCMT to direct the ministries and departments, committees of provinces and cities to hold some national activities in response to world environment day 2013. Also the MNRE in collaboration with the Central Committee of Vietnam Fatherland Front and People's Committee of ThuaThien Hue province have organized the national activities to celebrate world environment day from day 04 to day 05 June 2013 in Hue City.

>> National Meeting in Hue City in response to World Environment Day. www.baomoi.com



The main activities include conference to review the development of the residential model of environmental protection, exchange of experience to build green travel patterns associated with environmental protection; exhibition of environment photos

celebrating program for world environment day and 2013 Vietnam awards of environment in response to the world environment day, afforestation for environmental protection and many other practical activities.

Numerous activities have been focusing on the topic of saving, including avoiding food waste and saving natural resources and energy to encourage Vietnamese people to be conscious of environment, especially in restaurants, hotels, markets, commercial centers and resorts. Also Vietnamese Government hold some meeting with specific topics in response to the world environment day in 2013 as festival of green living, planting trees, organizing the waste recycling day, collecting and treating waste and dredging ponds and canals in 63 provinces and cities through the country.

In recent years, Vietnamese Government encourage not only many activities to protect the environment in a positive manner, but also achieved successes in promoting international cooperation in terms of environment, including climate change, environment protection, water resources, meteorology and land management. According to the MNRE, 58 supported programs and projects with a total commitment capital of nearly US\$430 million have been chaired and participated by this ministry. Also the MNRE has adopted programs and projects in response to climate change and managing water resources in strategic partnership between Vietnam and some countries i.e. Denmark and the Netherlands.

The total capital of about US\$850 million has been employed in response to climate change in 2009. Vietnam also received active support of environment protection from many other countries i.e. such as Japan, New Zealand, France, Finland, Sweden and Australia. According to MNRE, Nguyen Minh Quang, strengthening of international cooperation in the natural resources and environment sector, in particular focusing on environmental protection programs and projects, finalizing the legal framework and implementing national target programs will be continued in the future.

>> Deputy PM Nguyen ThienNhantakes part in planting some trees at the QuangTrung Park in Hue City on Wednesday to welcome the World Environment Day (June 5) www.tuoiitrenews.vn

