



The BankMed Green School and Green Student Competition

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another”

G.K. Chesterton

Purpose

- According to worldwide experts, Climate on Earth is changing caused mainly by Deforestation, CO2 Emissions, Un-Recycled Waste, Consumed Energy and Pollution.
- The United Nations (Copenhagen 2009) are calling World Leaders to work out a new climate deal and World Citizens to respect the environment by reducing CO2 emissions, planting trees, recycling, consuming differently, saving water.
- For this purpose and in line with its environmental campaign BankMed is launching a school/student competition to increase awareness among students and create a new environmental responsibility among the Lebanese Youth.



The greenest school competition

- Under the theme: “**REDUCING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE SCHOOL**”; participants must make concrete efforts towards reducing the environmental impact of their school during the whole period of the competition using these activities as the beginning of a long term commitment.
- **Schools will be selected** based on the schools concrete efforts, and undertaken projects to improve the school’s environment.
 - Submit a report of the school’s actions to save energy, reduce waste, prevent deforestation and on the methods applied to raise awareness among students.
 - The school must make a commitment and act to go green during the competition period and on a long term period in order to deserve to be awarded Lebanon’s Greenest school prize



The greenest school competition

- The main judging categories are:
 - Trees planted.
 - Garbage reduced, recycled and reused.
 - Water saved.
 - Energy saved.
 - Number of people involved/impacted.
 - Innovative quality of actions and ideas.
 - Changes in the school.



The greenest school competition

- Prizes – 5 prizes spread nationally (1 per region)
 - The greenest school in Beyrouth – 10 laptops for the school library
 - The greenest school in the North – 10 laptops for the school library
 - The greenest school in the South – 10 laptops for the school library
 - The greenest school in the Bekaa – 10 laptops for the school library
 - The greenest school in Mount Lebanon – 10 laptops for the school library



The greenest student competition

- Under the theme: “**LEBANON’S ENVIRONMENT IS IN DANGER**”; Waste/ Deforestation/ Water Shortage/ Pollution of Air and Sea/ Cultural Heritage/ Chaotic Constructions on the shores are major problems that Lebanon’s environment is facing.
 - This is an opportunity for students to focus and think about their surrounding environment and to find out what are the most important environmental problems faced by their city/ town/village.
- **Students will be selected** based on the submitted; essays, drawings, and ideas on the “best found solutions and best proposed projects” or the “best achieved projects” (before/ after) in the surrounding environments of their schools.



The greenest student competition

- Prizes – 3 per age bracket
 - 1st prize – Scholarship worth approximately USD2000
 - 2nd prize – Laptop with 1 year free internet connection
 - 3rd prize – School books and appliances worth approximately USD600

OR

- Work group/class assignment – 1 prize per age bracket



Rules and regulations

Who can participate

- Categories:
 - All private and Public Schools
 - Class or group projects
 - An individual school student.
- Ages:
 - 8-10 years' old students (9eme- 8eme or 3rd & 4th Grade)
 - 10-12 years' old students (7eme-6eme or 5th & 6th Grade)
 - 12-14 years' old students (5eme-4eme or 7th & 8th Grade)



Rules and regulations

- **Timeline** - January 30th to May 1st, 2010
- Closing date for registration - **January 30th, 2010**
- Rules and regulations and registration form available on www.happyplanetlebanon.com
- **A jury** will be composed of environment experts and BankMed representatives
- **Winners** will be announced on **World Environment Day** June 5, 2010 and the prizes will be presented at a venue to be announced.
- The decision of the judges will be **final**.



Thank you

