Kingdom marks celebratory day for nature, biodiversity

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Cambodia will mark National Environment Day and the 27th anniversary of World Environment Day on Friday to raise public awareness about the importance of sustainably managing natural resources, fighting climate change and conserving the environment.

The theme of the two commemorative days is *Conserve biodiversity for us all*. The Ministry of Environment launched an online campaign during which it hosted Zoom meetings and debates.

It also disseminated educational documents and environmental banners through radio and television.

Ministry spokesman Neth Pheaktra told The Post on Monday that it will launch an online Environment Day from June 1-5, featuring interviews with environment officials about their efforts to conserve and protect biodiversity in Cambodia.

“Messages that we disseminate will inspire citizens to protect and care for the country’s biodiversity. We also request that citizens continue sharing various education messages to others.”
This helps everyone stay well-informed as we join together to stop the drain of natural resources, especially poaching wild animals and deforestation. We have to join together,” he said.

According to the ministry’s Facebook page, the environmental day is “aimed at promoting public health, environment protection, natural resource management, biodiversity conservation and sustainable living”.

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Cambodia said on its Facebook page that nature has gifted human beings with ample supplies of food, water, and air to ensure our survival.

It said: “Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message: To care for ourselves we must care for nature. It’s time to wake up, to take notice and to raise our voices. This World Environment Day, it’s time for nature.”

Director of the Cambodian Centre for Human Rights Chak Sopheap said on her Facebook page on Monday that water is a vital resource for humans, animals and plants, but it’s a rare one.

“Let’s save the water and prevent the destruction of lakes, rivers, canals, ponds and seas,” the post said.

Forestry activist Heng Sros said in a Facebook post on Monday: “Congratulate World Environment Day on June 5. Please put an immediate stop to forest logging in Cambodia. Don’t promote economic land concessions and cut down the forest in secret. Join to protect the forest together.”

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