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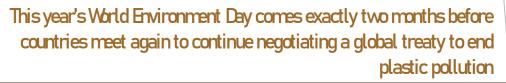
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"World Environment Day" on 5th June, 2025, Thursday

Theme: End Plastic Pollution





Plastic Pollution is making the triple planetary crisis—climate change, biodiversity and land degradation, and pollution—far more dangerous. Every year, around 11 million tones of plastic waste end up in rivers, lakes, and oceans, harming aquatic life and disrupting ecosystems. On land, microplastics from sewage, landfills, and plastic-based farming products are contaminating soils and entering the food chain.

The **true cost** of this pollution is enormous—between **US\$300 billion and US\$600 billion each year**—in environmental damage, economic loss, and health impacts.

As countries move closer to reaching a **global agreement** to end plastic pollution, including in our oceans, this **World Environment Day** is a timely reminder that we must act urgently. Ending plastic pollution is not just about waste management—it's about protecting life on Earth.

This year, the **Republic of Korea** is the proud **host of World Environment Day**, marking the first time in **28 years** that South Korea has taken on this role. The **main celebrations will be held on Jeju Island**, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its natural beauty and its ambitious "**Plastic Zero**" vision.

On **June 5**, Jeju will welcome **international delegates**, **environmentalists**, **policymakers**, **and dignitaries** from around the world to engage in high-level discussions and community-driven environmental action.

The 2025 observance is especially significant, occurring just **two months before the next round of negotiations** in **Geneva, Switzerland**, where global leaders will meet to draft a **legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution**.

This timing adds urgency and momentum to this year's theme and global efforts. With countries intensifying cooperation and public awareness growing, **World Environment**Day 2025 stands as a pivotal milestone in the journey toward a plastic-free future.

