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All the Heads of Schools
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Subject: The Second CBSE-TERI 'GREEN Olympiad' and TERRAQUIZ - 2012

I am afraid to go out in the sun now because of the holes in the ozone. I am afraid to breathe the air because I don't know what chemicals are in it.

I used to go fishing in Vancouver with my dad until just a few years ago we found the fish full of cancers. And now we hear about animals and plants going extinct every day -- vanishing forever.

In my life, I have dreamt of seeing the great herds of wild animals, jungles and rainforests full of birds and butterflies, but now I wonder if they will even exist for my children to see.

- Severn Suzuki (12 yrs) speaking for E.C.O. (The Environmental Children's Organisation)
at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio Centro, Brazil.

Dear Principal,

'The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)' has been conducting 'GREEN Olympiad' project in India and abroad for students of classes VIII to X since 1999. The exam is conducted by 'Educating Youth for Sustainable Development Division' of TERI and attracts participation from lakhs of school students across India and abroad.

Environment education forms an integral part of school, society and life and the written test assesses the Environment related sensitivity of the students. This effort (of TERI) aligns well with the existing school curriculum on one side and the spirit of CCE re-initiated by the Board on the other. In view of collective responsibility towards social awareness, the Board considers the Olympiad as relevant to address the challenges of 21st century through school education.

The 'GREEN Olympiad' is designed in an innovative manner to test the knowledge of students in the field of environment and in turn create awareness about issues touching their daily lives. This annual initiative reaches out to regions across India having limited access to such educational programmes. The purpose is to improve and expand environment education both at the national and international level. It aspires to develop human resources, institutional infrastructure and a diverse mixture of locale-specific, regional and national action plans to sensitize schools on the need for environmental protection.

Participation in this Olympiad is an excellent opportunity for students to put to test their Environmental Quotient. Questions in this Olympiad are woven around environmental issues, with direct linkages to the school curriculum. This project has also been endorsed by UNESCO and DESD (*Decade of Education for Sustainable Development*).

Project objectives:

- To raise awareness amongst school students on environmental issues.
- To instil a sense of responsibility amongst students, teachers, and the larger school community towards the planet.
- To educate students regarding interdependence between man and the environment.
- To encourage students to actively participate in efforts to conserve the environment and help mitigate climate change.
- To help 'students' realise their own potential for national and international leadership as knowledge-based agents of change in the field of energy, environment and other natural resources for sustainable development.

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- To inspire and reach out to diverse stakeholders for realizing a shared vision of global sustainable development.
- To enhance networking for sustainable interventions.

The '**GREEN Olympiad**' addresses the need for networking amongst the schools to establish a 'Platform' and helps the students to connect and understand what is happening in the world around them. Schools in the semi-urban and rural areas often have limited access to information on environment. To address this problem, TERI partners with regional education boards and trusts which have schools in remote areas.

The salient points about the 'GREEN Olympiad' are:

- The examination is open to students of classes VIII-X.
- The examination can be taken either in English or in Hindi.
- A minimum of 20 students are required to register the school for the examination.
- Each school will be the centre for its registered students.
- **The paper will be of 2 hours duration comprising of 100 multiple choice questions, with no negative marking.**
- The CBSE course for classes VIII to X is the syllabus for the Examination, with a focus on environmental issues, concerns, awareness and information.
- This year the examination will be held on two different dates - **25th August 2012 and 29th September 2012 on the theme 'Me and my Environment'**.
- Each school can select only one date as per their convenience.
- Examination material will be sent to the school as per the date opted by the school.
- **Last date for receiving the duly filled registration forms is 23rd July 2012.**
- **Registration Fee: Rs. 35/- per student.**
- Total fee collected by the school has to be sent through a bank draft drawn in favour of TERI, payable at New Delhi.
- All participants will receive participation certificates. Selected schools will also participate in TERRAQUIZ, a televised quiz programme.
- **The Registration Form for the 'GREEN Olympiad'-2012 is being enclosed and the same may also be downloaded from the project website: www.teriin.org/olympiad.**
- **Completed Registration Forms alongwith the Bank draft should be sent to TERI at the following address (Registration Forms and Bank Drafts should NOT be sent to CBSE):**

Environmental Education and Awareness Area
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
Darbari Seth Block, India Habitat Centre
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003

Contact details: Ph.: 011-24682100 or 41504900
Fax : 011-246882144 or 24682145
Email : go@teri.res.in
Website: <http://www.teriin.org/olympiad>

You are requested to motivate your students to participate in the '**GREEN Olympiad**'.

I'm reminded of the words of Richard Bach –

"We generate our own environment. We get exactly what we deserve. How can we resent a life we've created ourselves? Who's to blame, who's to credit but us? Who can change it, anytime we wish, but us?"

Looking forward to your whole hearted cooperation

With best wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely



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DIRECTOR (TRAINING)

Encl: Registration Form for the '**GREEN Olympiad**' and TERRAQUIZ - 2012

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh- 160 017.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737 101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar- 791 111.
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair-744 101.
8. Director of Education, SIE, CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, PO 744103, A&N Island.
9. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi – 110 085.
10. All the Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the schools affiliated with the Board in their respective regions.
11. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
12. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to publish this circular on the CBSE website.
13. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
14. EO to Chairman, CBSE
15. PA to CE, CBSE
16. PA to Secretary, CBSE
17. PA to Director (ACAD.)
18. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
19. PA to HOD (EDUSAT)
20. PRO, CBSE

Director (Training)