

The sharing of Green Initiatives under taken at NEC, US Embassy, Islamabad, with students and faculty

The United States of America shares cordial relation with Pakistan. To commemorate Earth day falling on April 22, 2011, the US embassy officials volunteered to give a talk on the greening initiatives that they are undertaking under the construction of the New Embassy Compound (NEC). Their talk was part of the US initiative to start a dialogue with the Pakistani audience. It is more precisely known as the Mission Speakers program.

The US team was led by Mr. Ardeshir, Kanga, Project Director, Ms. Leslie Taggart, Construction Engineer, Brian Runzel, Structural Engineer. Five other US embassy officials accompanied the visit. The talk about eco-friendly construction and a green lifestyle that the US embassy officials were promoting was highly appreciated by the audience composing of students and faculty members of the department of Architecture and Design. Some of the eco-friendly initiatives were so simple and effective that they took the audience by surprise. The remarks were: Wow! Can it be really done that easily and innovatively!

After the lecture session, a question and answer session was conducted. It was wholeheartedly participated by the audience. In fact, there were more questions that the time available to answer them.

This initiative of the International Liaison Office is the first step towards engaging the US embassy officials. In due course we expect to cultivate good professional relations with the US embassy officials despite the poor security situation.