

Environment Minister opens Greenomics Conference

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DUBAI - Minister of Environment and Water, Dr. Rashid Bin Ahmad Al Fahad, today opened here at the Dubai Culture and Science forum a 'Greenomics Conference', organised by his ministry in collaboration with the UN University and LG Electronics Company.

The conference is part of the ministry's efforts to promote environment-friendly economy through the use of modern technology to minimise gas emissions, promote the development of sustainable economy, protect natural resources and create a balance in the health and social areas of life.

The conference is being attended by representatives of a number of government institutions and specialised local and international firms and environmentalists to discussed issues related to the region, to review factors causing the continuous rise in energy consumption and to propose measures that may help in solving the various environmental problems in the region.

In an opening address, the Minister said the global economy sector had witnessed during the last decades a tremendous development that had contributed to the achievement of high standards of welfare and created remarkable job opportunities. However, he noted, it had also led to many serious degradation on the environment and public health due to the excessive exploitation of various resources.

He cited some of the negative environment degradation impacts as including pollution, depletion of the Ozone layer, climate change and decline in biological diversity. He also cited studies conducted by the United Nation Environment Program (UNEP) which show that although production had multiplied from 1981 to 2005, it did so at the expense of about 60% degradation of the global environment.

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