

RTA to Apply 'Green Buildings' to All Projects

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Facilities & Installations Dep't at Corporate Support Services Sector of **Road & Transport Authority (RTA)** continued with the drive to implement a methodology of applying the principle of Green Buildings on all buildings and installations of the **RTA**.

In this regard Facilities & Installations Dep't held several internal & external meetings to benefit from the expertise of companies specialized in rationing power consumption, and adopting Green Buildings in **RTA** projects, according to Baha Uddin Al Qudrah, Director of Facilities & Installations Dep't. "Following the endorsement of its Operational Plan, which focuses on conservation & optimal utilization of resources besides adopting Green Buildings systems, the Dep't will spare no efforts to bring in the best global expertise & initiatives in reducing power consumption" he said.

"Work teams of the Dep't held numerous meetings with the executives & engineers of leading companies in the field of reducing power consumption. These included meetings with local branches of global companies that adopt a system of controlling illumination by means of infra-red sensors to identify the products capable of conserving energy; particularly redundant lighting in unoccupied rooms.

"Besides the meetings held at the premises of the Dep't with delegates of various companies, the Dep't paid visits to a host of companies specialized in facilities & toilets fittings to review the latest technology trends and explore the possibility of applying them. Every meeting held with a specialized company adds more to the accumulated knowledge of the Dep't; which translates such skills & know-how into performance across **RTA** facilities & installations every where. It also assists the concerned bodies to select the most appropriate technologies & initiatives to be used in realizing the objective of adopting Green Buildings in the **RTA** " he added.

Al Qudrah concluded that this series of meetings also helped the work team review the latest technologies used in the sanitary & lavatory facility projects in the private sector, reduction of water consumption in Green Buildings, and how to benefit from such technology in **RTA** installations and facilities.

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