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Fijians Mark Earth Day

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Fiji joined the rest of the world yesterday to mark Earth Day.

In Suva, the Embassy of the United States hosted a clean-up campaign with Bank South Pacific (BSP) at the My Suva Picnic Park. The Embassy also donated recycle bins worth \$6000 to the Suva City Council.

Permanent Secretary of Local Government, Housing and Environment Joshua Wycliffe said the recycling bins allowed them to spread the word about recycling not just in Suva, but other parts of the country as well.

Mr Wycliffe said Fijians must be committed in keeping their environment clean as a way to protect the Earth and being responsible to keep the city clean.

US Ambassador to Fiji Judith Cefkin said the event was to raise awareness of responsible waste management and to demonstrate the US government's commitment to preserving Fiji's pristine environment.

Suva City Council chief executive officer Bijay Chand thanked the US Embassy for donating the bins. Two of the recycle bins will be installed at My Suva Park, one at Ratu Sukuna Park and one at Albert Park.

About 100 staff members and families members of the US Embassy and BSP turned up for the event.

Dudley top Clean School Programme

Meanwhile, Dudley Intermediate School has been named the Clean School Programme winners for Suva; a programme organised by the Suva City Council.

In Lautoka, villagers of Naviyago yesterday planted trees along the riverside to mark Earth Day.

Earth Day in Naviyago Village was organised by the Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development (FRIEND).

FRIEND also launched their Climate Change action initiative titled 'Be Cool – Cool the Earth'.

The launching was done by the European Union Ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific, Andrew Jacobs.

FRIEND chief executive officer Sashi Kiran was also present for the event.

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