

# MoE to implement all projects in 5 years

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THE Ministry of Environment (MoE) is in the process of implementing all the four projects that fall under the environmental theme in Qatar National Development Strategy in the next five years, Dr Rashid al Kuwari, associate vice-minister for environmental affairs, said.

He was speaking on the sidelines of the exhibition of the eighth annual School Environment Season on the ministry's premises in Dafna on Wednesday where a number of independent schools displayed projects to raise awareness about a sustainable environment.

Al Kuwari said: "Because the environment is one of the four pillars of the Qatar National Development Strategy, we are in the process

of implementing all the four projects that come under the subject. We have categorised them according to priority and themes. The projects include bio-diversity, water management, climate change and energy and air pollution. We will be implementing them over a five-year period," he said.

"We are going to launch the projects on priority basis. Already, we are done with the priority listing and have identified the first issue for the country out of the four and very soon we will be implementing it", he added.

The six-day expo is organised jointly with the Supreme Education Council (SEC). It will run till Monday. It showcases primary, preparatory and secondary students' works during the 2010-2011 year.

All the projects are themed on the environment. They



Dr Rashid al Kuwari, associate vice-minister for environmental affairs, inaugurates the exhibition of the School Environment Season, in Doha, on Wednesday. **(MANEESH BAKSHI)**

include green schools, green air conditioners, recycling, paintings, sports for life, Arabic calligraphy on porcelain, pollution, and other creative projects.

The expo is aimed at showcasing the projects that the students have been undertaking for the past one year.

Apart from the projects on exhibition, the students have also been participating in other activities like cleaning of beaches.

"The event is a very important component in our outreach programme, which is to encourage young people for community service. We con-

sider schools as the most important places to raise awareness about how to protect the environment. We are always striving to inculcate in them how to be aware of the environment and be active in that regard. It is an opportunity for us to catch them young," al Kuwari said.