



## Earth Day 2022

**World-PEC for World Peace**

**‘Clean Our Minds, Clean Our World’**



Earth Day which occurs every year on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, was announced by the United Nations Environmental Program "UNEP" on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1970.

**The Earth Day celebration is to remind us of our environment concerns as well as our own good deeds, of which we can do to save our natures and our world.**



The term "earth" of Earth Day can have 2 meanings.

1. By geography such as mountains, rivers, lands, skies, and oceans.
2. By biology which includes all living beings on earth.

*So, Earth Day is the day to protect our environments and us all.*

## The Idea for the first Earth Day

Senator Gaylord Nelson, the junior senator from Wisconsin, had long been concerned about the deteriorating environment in the United States. Then in January 1969, he and many others witnessed the ravages of a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, Senator Nelson wanted to infuse the energy of student anti-war



protests with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution. Senator Nelson announced the idea for a teach-in on college campuses to the national media, and persuaded Pete McCloskey, a conservation-minded Republican Congressman, to serve as his co-chair.

They recruited Denis Hayes, a young activist, to organize the campus teach-ins and they choose April 22, a weekday falling between Spring Break and Final Exams, to maximize the greatest student participation.



Recognizing its potential to inspire *all Americans*, Hayes built a national staff of 85 to promote events across the land and the effort soon broadened to include a wide range of organizations, faith groups, and others. They changed the name to Earth Day, which immediately sparked national media attention, and caught on across the country. Earth Day inspired 20 million Americans — at the time, 10% of the total population of the United States — to take to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment and there were massive coast-to-coast rallies in cities, towns, and communities.

Groups that had been fighting individually against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways,

the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife united on Earth Day around these shared common values. Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban dwellers and farmers, business and labor leaders. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first of their kind environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Clean Air Act. Two years later Congress passed the Clean Water Act. A year after that, Congress passed the Endangered Species Act and soon after the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. These laws have protected millions of men, women and children from disease and death and have protected hundreds of species from extinction.

**The Special Event for  
Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

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**The World-PEC committee realizes the  
importance of Earth Day as a way for young people to help promote  
peace and save our world, as our slogan  
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**'Clean Our Minds'**

The most valuable resource and environment of humankind is our 'mind'. Therefore, the mind should be purified and cleansed with ethics and moralities. The mind should be



protected and guarded from all greeds, angers, and delusions, at which lead humans' thoughts, words, and actions to endless troubles and sufferings.

We can try to keep our minds clean and clear by meditating, spreading loving kindness, and making good wishes to everyone around the world.

*'Make each day your best day.  
Keep your body, speech, and  
mind pure, bright, and clear  
from the time you wake up  
to the time you go to sleep.'*

## **'Clean Our World'**

Because 'earth' also includes every one of us, when we help protect each other and do no harm to other people, we also help save the world. Therefore, in order to be harmless to others, we can do good deeds as the followings;



## **Example 1: Be the good Son and Daughter at home**



This is any practical activity that the students can do to help making the home a better place: for example, keeping their belongings in place, cleaning, cooking, or doing chores.

## Example 2: Be the good students at school

The good acts in this virtue involve the service to other people outside their family: for example, paying attention in the class, helping teacher and friends.



## Example 3: Self-discipline through Five Basic Moral Principles

For example, not killing, not lying, paying respect to teachers, parents, and elder people.



## Example 4: Find the Positive Qualities in Other People



This is very important because it is not only us that is good, but other people are also good people. It is important that we learn to recognize it and even better, to let them know for example, my friend gave candy to me and I thanked her.

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