



23 February 2023

Subject: Request for the participation of your academic institution in the National Earth Olympiad (NEO) 2023

Dear Respected Head of the Institution,

Greetings from the [Bangladesh Youth Environmental Initiative \(BYEI\)](https://www.byei.org). BYEI is a nonprofit institution that strives to educate, empower and inspire the Bangladeshi youth to take action for a more just, prosperous, equitable and sustainable Bangladesh. We are pleased to inform you of the launch of the [National Earth Olympiad \(NEO\)](https://www.byei.org) 2023 in partnership with the **U.S. Embassy Dhaka, Bangladesh**.

NEO is an education and knowledge movement to mainstream earth and environmental science education in Bangladesh; it has been taking place since 2012, now having its 11th edition this year. ***The theme for the NEO 2023 is – “Saving the Bengal Delta: Restoring Our Water Commons”***. Our water commons are threatened by increasing encroachment and pollution from unplanned urbanization, industrialization, excessive use of agrochemicals, and unabated disposal of plastic wastes. The future of the Bengal Delta and the people whose lives and livelihoods depend on the deltaic ecosystem is under tremendous threat. **NEO 2023 is a call for action to exercise knowledge and intellect to protect our Water Commons and save the Bengal Delta.**

The Divisional Round of the NEO 2023 will take place online on **March 5th, 2023**. Students from Grade 8 to 12 from across Bangladesh can participate in this competition by registering through this link: <https://www.byei.org/neo2023-en>. The top participants from the Divisional Round will get the opportunity to attend the **Green Day Training (GDT)**. GDT is a holistic knowledge-based capacity building program delivering interactive learning on leadership and thematic areas cross-cutting climate, ecosystem and the environment. The top performers from the National Round will represent Bangladesh at the **International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO)** in August 2023.

We request your cooperation in disseminating this information and encouraging your students from classes 8 to 12 to participate in the NEO 2023. It is an opportunity for students to learn and educate themselves about the environment, develop leadership skills and take actions in their communities, plus get international exposure, networking, & cutting-edge knowledge on earth and environmental sciences.

If you have any questions or queries, please visit <https://www.byei.org/neo2023-en> or write to us at neo@byei.org or call us at +88 01913 281 247

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