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# Lagos govt plans tree planting to beautify environment

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File photo: Tree seedlings

The Lagos State Government, through the State Parks and Gardens Agency, has unveiled its plan to plant trees across the state to ensure environmental sustainability.

The General Manager of LASPARK, Mrs Adetoun Popoola, according to a statement on Tuesday, disclosed this at her office in Ikeja, adding that July 14 has been institutionalised and is observed annually as the Lagos State Tree Planting Day.

She said, "We will continue to emphasise to the public that trees are vital parts of our natural environment and immense contributors to human life. In addition to providing shade, trees produce oxygen and purify the air we breathe by removing harmful particles from the atmosphere. We must therefore learn to co-exist in harmony with nature.

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“The event will be commemorated with planting of trees simultaneously across the 57 local governments and local council development areas of the state and the exercise will be flagged-off by the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Tunji Bello, at the newly-refurbished Dr Oluyomi Abayomi Finnih Recreational Park, Oregun.

“We are well aware of the importance of environmental education to children and young adults. They must understand how their decisions and daily activities affect the environment. We must also help them build the knowledge and skills necessary to address complex environmental issues, identify simple, day-to-day actions to improve the environment for a sustainable future.”

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