

earth Day

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The first Earth Day was held in the US on 22 April 1970. Nearly forty years on, it is now a global activity involving thousands of people around the world who have joined the battle for a cleaner, greener future.

Here we honour this 24-hour eco-drive by highlighting a few businesses in Singapore that are doing their bit for the environment.

Lenovo Thinkpad X301

www.lenovo.com.sg

Every time you switch on your computer, it uses energy and emits a small amount of carbon into the environment.

This Thinkpad X301 has been designed specifically to use less energy and produce fewer carbon emissions. \$3,984



B-DIFF Totes

www.bdiff.com.sg

9188 1753

B-DIFF is an online store selling eco-friendly designer tote bags. These are made from natural material and are a great way to carry your supermarket shopping without using plastic carriers. You can even customise your tote with your own design.



By the Sea

www.bythesea-organic.com

9827 2447

By the Sea offers 100-percent organic wear, accessories and toys for babies and children. Conventional cotton uses large amounts of pesticides and herbicides, but organic cotton is grown without the use of harmful chemicals – all the better for the environment. The company also supports Fair Trade principles, which ensure farmers are given a safe working environment and are paid a fair price for their product.

St Michael Gifts Shop

www.stmichaelgifts.com.sg

6449 4373

St Michael Gifts Shop sells palm-wax candles that are friendly to the environment. The wax is made from residues from the berries of the palm plant, which give the candles a longer burn-time and brighter flame without soot emission. St Michael's new massage candles, made from natural vegetable wax and plant oils, will soon be available.



Green Cleaners

14 Robinson Road #13-00,
Far East Building
6322 1479

Green Cleaners is an eco-friendly maid service that uses non-toxic and biodegradable products to clean your home without harming the environment. These products can also help reduce the risk of health problems such as asthma and allergies.

Earth Day 2009 will be held on 22 April. Thousands of events will take place around the world, centering on three main themes:

- Creating a carbon-free future based on renewable energy that will end our common dependency on fossil fuels such as oil and coal.
- The individual's commitment to responsible, sustainable consumption.
- The creation of a new green economy that lifts people out of poverty by creating millions of quality green jobs and transforms the global education system into a green one.

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