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Center for Environmental Diplomacy (CED), in cooperation with Town's Association for Environmental Quality (TAEQ), held its first diploma awarding ceremony marking the completion of training in **“Environmental Planning as a tool to promoting Sustainable Development”**. This training program is financed by the European Commission, and is being implemented jointly by CED and TAEQ.

Diplomas were awarded to participants of three of the six working groups (WG) involved in the program, including, WG1: Wastewater Treatment and Effluent Reuse, WG2: Solid Waste (Municipal / Agricultural) Treatment and Recycling, and WG4: Organic and Ecological Agriculture and Tourism.

The ceremony took place on the premises of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Al Bireh. Representatives from the Center for Environmental Diplomacy, Towns Association for Environmental Quality, and the Ministry of Local Government, as well as officials from local authorities and municipalities throughout the region attended the ceremony.

In addition to the above civic leaders and graduates from the three working groups, members of the general public also attended the ceremony in show of their support for the importance of such activities. It is worth mentioning that the participants and the audience expressed their appreciation and support of this project, not only for its usefulness as a means to disseminate environmental awareness and advance sustainable development, but also as a viable and sustainable networking tool for Arab and Palestinian institutions throughout the West Bank and the 1948 areas.

This Environmental Planning and Sustainable Development program began in January 2007 and will continue to completion during December 2009. During the remaining period of 2009, three other working groups will continue to attend different training courses in the Treatment and Recycling of Industrial Wastewater & Hazardous Waste - WG3, Education and Development of Young Environmental Leadership - WG5, and Renewable Energy – WG6, newly added in 2008.

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