

Fundación Cepsa recognizes talent of school children in Huelva

- **For more than 15 years, the educational programs of Fundación Cepsa in Huelva have been bringing 3000 students per year closer to the world of energy**
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- **Fundación Cepsa has partnered with the regional delegations of Education and Environment and Land Use Planning to carry out these programs**

Fundación Cepsa handed out awards as part of its Energy Workbooks and World Wetlands Day education programs to pupils from the following schools: Clara Campoamor, San Vicente de Paúl, Moliere, Montessori, Cardenal Spínola and Virgen del Rocío from Huelva; and Tierrallana de Aljaraque and Hermanos Pinzón from Palos de la Frontera.

The ceremony was held at San Vicente de Paul School in Huelva, which regularly participates in the programs and took away the most awards. The school was represented by its principal, Sor Sabina de Vera, who expressed her satisfaction at hosting this year's edition and applauded Fundación Cepsa for its efforts to teach pupils in Huelva about the environment.

Jose Antonio Agüera from Fundación Cepsa; the government representative for education, Vicente Zarza Delegado; Jose Antonio Candela, head of the Andalusia regional government's Environmental Protection Service; and Sor Sabina gave out this year's awards in what is their 16th year.

This year, the Energy Workbooks and World Wetlands Day programs linked to the world of energy, oil, chemicals and their applications, as well as the environment, attracted entries from almost 3000 pupils of all ages (elementary to Baccalaureate) from schools in 19 towns across Huelva province. Fundación Cepsa invited the winning school children in the different categories to the ceremony, accompanied by their families and teachers, turning the ceremony into a social event for the different schools.

Jose Antonio Agüera and Jose Antonio Candela congratulated all the winning pupils for their work, which they said was creative and of a high standard, and praised the commitment and efforts of the teachers involved in this innovative approach to teaching, sparking an interest in and bringing the pupils closer to the world of energy and environmental protection. Agüera also thanked the Andalusia regional government for its ongoing support and collaboration, without which it would be practically impossible to run the two educational programs.

Government representative for education, Vicente Zarza, also congratulated Fundación Cepsa for these initiatives, which have become a well-established part of the province's education system. They gave special praise for continuing them year after year in an ongoing effort to encourage school children and their teachers to care for and protect the environment, and nurture dialog with the education sector.

Fundación Cepsa and the educational programs

The World Wetlands Day education program, organized by Fundación Cepsa in partnership with the regional delegations of Education, Environment and Land Use Planning, is aimed at elementary school children and takes place at the time of World Wetlands Day. Throughout the month of February, pupils visit the Laguna Primera de Palos lagoon –a protected wetland– to find out more about the value and importance of this kind of natural space.

Energy Workbooks is an educational program aimed at pupils from grade 10 to 12 and on vocational courses. It focuses on teaching subjects related to the world of energy, oil and petrochemicals through a web platform. This program is supplemented with a day at Cepsa's facilities in Huelva, where students reinforce what has been covered in class with a guided visit around the production area and the Laguna Primera de Palos nature reserve.

Fundación Cepsa is a general interest, non-profit entity with the goal of undertaking initiatives to serve the needs and priorities of the local communities where its founder, COMPAÑÍA ESPAÑOLA DE PETRÓLEOS S.A.U. (Cepsa), conducts its activities. The areas of action for Fundación Cepsa are social, cultural, environmental, scientific-educational, and support for amateur sports.

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