ICA has contributed 3.7 million trees and plants to Istanbul’s nature

Carrying out the biggest private sector afforestation of the Republic history on the route of Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge and Northern Ring Motorway, ICA continues to plant under viaducts. When the planting operations of the Viaduct 23 near the Northern Ring Motorway’s Riva destination concludes, 6,000 more saplings will be brought to the nature.

ICA, the consortium of Ictas and Astaldi, continues the biggest afforestation project of the Republic history by private sector as part of the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge and Northern Ring Motorway project. After contributing with 3 million 710 thousand trees and plants in 3.5 years, ICA has carried out a planting ceremony with students below the Viaduct 23 near the Northern Ring Motorway’s Riva destination in accordance planting under the viaducts project.

Istanbul Regional Director of Forestry Recep Ates, students of Beykoz Mahmut Sevket Pasa Secondary School and ICA employees attended the planting ceremony hosted by the ICA General Manager Atilla Gokce at Thursday, 4th of May.

ICA aims to have contributed 5 million 100 thousand trees and plants to the nature when the afforestation investments of Istanbul and surrounding areas and on the Northern Ring Motorway route concludes.

Istanbul Regional Director of Forestry Recep Ates has made the following remarks at the planting ceremony: “When the Northern Ring Motorway project has started, we have signed a protocol with ICA which guaranteed afforestation of Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge and Northern Ring Motorway route. ICA has contributed 3 million 710 thousand trees and plants in afforestation works they have carried out in this regard. When this project concludes, ICA will have contributed 5 million 100 thousand trees and plants to the soil. Therefore Northern Ring Motorway will be greener and viaducts will have a colorful view that includes every shade of green.”

“Viaduct areas are getting greener with saplings planted by the students themselves”

ICA General Manager Atilla Gokce has made the following speech at the event: “Last year at the month of November, in addition to our afforestation works, we have took the first step in our project regarding planting under the viaducts and we have performed a planting ceremony with our students. Today, again with our students, we will be planting saplings below the Viaduct 23 near the Northern Ring Motorway’s Riva destination. Viaduct areas of Northern Ring Motorway route will be greener thanks to the saplings planted by our students themselves. Our plating works will continue after the ceremony and in the end, 6,000 saplings will spring to life here.”

Gokce, who has explained that they have been carrying out afforestation works with great care and in a systematic way since 2013, added that: “We have planted 604,000 trees together with Regional Directorate of Forestry since November. With 6,000 saplings that will be planted by the end of today’s event, we will have contributed 3 million 710 thousand trees and plants since the year 2013. When our afforestation investments that include various tree kinds ranging from acacia to lime tree, from pine to cedar conclude, we aim to have contributed 5 million 100 thousand trees and plants to our Istanbul’s beautiful nature.”
Maintenance activities continue without stopping

Atilla Gokce has made the closing remarks with: “We are continuing maintenance activities to protect sustainability of the landscaping and afforestation works which we have carried out systematically in the construction and operating periods and are funded by our company. As ICA, we will continue our afforestation works for a sustainable and livable future without stopping.”

During plantation works carried out together with students of Beykoz Mahmut Sekvet Pasa Koyu Secondary School, ICA executives informed students about plantation and green environment.