



QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:

"A country's greatest investment lies in building generations of educated and knowledgeable youth."

– The Late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan

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Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

Opening note:

Welcoming Greener Practices in 2021!

As we start 2021, let's commit to protecting the environment and finding innovative solutions to save our planet! A new year brings a new beginning and a fresh start to refocus and align on the things that matter. Whether you are starting with small daily habits, or mastering eco-friendly activities, now is the time to lead the environmental movement.

2021 is all about Green Recovery and implementing better changes to combat the pandemic's effects.

Together, we can apply healthier shifts in our homes, universities, and communities!

We wish you a great and very green year ahead!

SCI Team



Sponsors Welcome:

Borouge, a joint venture between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Austria-based Borealis, is a leading contributor to innovative plastic solutions for various industries. Borouge endorses the protection of human wellbeing, resource optimisation, and knowledge building to support new opportunities among community members.

As a provider of plastic and chemical products, Borouge commits to sustainability principles and proactively addresses environmental issues, such as water sanitation and the safe management of chemicals. In alignment with the vision of Borouge to positively impact society today and tomorrow, we have partnered with SCI for over five years to build leadership capacity among the youth.

“At Borouge we are proud of our commitment to sustainability in everything we do. Through our long-standing engagement with Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) we inspire today’s youth to understand and adopt sustainability principles to protect our precious environment and empower our community,” said Maitha Al Marashi, VP Sustainability, Borouge.



SCI in Action:

Meet the Entrepreneur Webinar

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SCI attended Meet the Entrepreneur, a webinar held by Khawarizmi International College (KIC) on December 6th, 2020, which taught students the importance of including sustainability measures in their business models. Over 113 students presented their business ideas, and the SCI team guided them through ecological tips to consider for their proposals.

The students presented numerous concepts involving sustainable food production, environmental recovery through technology, the reuse of waste and the shift towards a circular economy. As a result, students took their new ideas forward with a new environmental perspective and KIC joined the SCI network, to further develop their journey towards ecofriendly choices.

LIVE with SCI launches first session

Live with SCI launched its first Zoom session on December 17th, 2020 with over 20 participants, who discussed the effects of climate change on biodiversity. The virtual session featured a youth discussion on various local environmental issues and a brainstorming session for mitigation ideas. The session was hosted by 4 Green Youth Majlis Members: Sheikha Al Kaabi, Nithila Adlin Thangaraj, Muneera Al Shaibah, and Sundara Vadhana Gurushev.

The ideas highlighted the connection between climate change and nature, and the role individuals and entities can play in initiating positive changes. Join our movement via #LiveWithSCI on Instagram!



Eco Pedestal:

This month our Eco Pedestal features Al Ain University (AAU), for their exemplary efforts in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2020. AAU was awarded 2nd Best Sustainable University in the United Arab Emirates, 18th place in the Arab Region, and ranked 250th place among 912 universities worldwide.

The UI GreenMetric World University Ranking is an initiative by the University of Indonesia, which evaluates universities based on their contribution towards environmental conservation on campuses. The criteria used to rank universities includes basic information about the campus, degree of green space, resource consumption (electricity, transportation, water, and waste management), among other factors.

Ghaleb El Refae, President at AAU, expressed his delight at this exceptional accomplishment, which was set as an objective for the university in 2020. He stated that AAU has also considered local environmental issues and the university has ongoing efforts to implement a safer and more sustainable environment.

Eco Watch



SCI Instagram visits Al Wathba Wetland Reserve

On January 21, 2021, at 10:00am on on Green Youth Majilis Instagram page!

Green Youth Majilis members explore Al Wathba Wetland Reserve, the first protected area in Abu Dhabi. Stay tuned to see the live tour on our Instagram channel @Greenyouthmajilis!



Virtual Sustainability Action Project Workshops

14-18 February 2021, on Microsoft teams.

SCI holds its first virtual trainings for 2021 Sustainability Action Projects (SAP) with Gayatri Raghwa, Environmental Education Consultant at UNEP India. SAP is a vital component in SCI, providing support for universities who establish environmental clubs, and a networking platform for students who aspire to learn about environmental solutions and ecofriendly approaches.

For registration: send an email to sustainablecampus@ead.gov.ae

Green Space:

SCI is committed to the exploration and collaboration among different talents in UAE! Join our youth led movement by sharing your daily practices to protect our planet and connect with likeminded individuals on our Instagram @GreenYouthMajlis and don't forget to follow our #GreenYouthMajlis #LivewithSCI for more information.

Connect with SCI

Join our network and stay updated with all things sustainable at:

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/greenyouthmajlis/about/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable-Campus-Initiative-100339758483754/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sustainablecampusae/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/greenyouthmajlis/?hl=en>

And follow our movement through our hashtags #SustainableCampus #UAEYouth!



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