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Sustainable Campus Initiative Newsletter

Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

QUOTE OF THE EDITION:

"We cherish our environment because it is an integral part of our country, our history and our heritage. On land and in the sea, our forefathers lived and survived in this environment. They were able to do so only because they recognised the need to conserve it, to take from it only what they needed to live and to preserve it for succeeding generations."

— The Late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan
Al Nahyan

Opening note:

New year, new goals!

We get inspired by H.H Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, who took a group of school students during his visit to Expo Dubai 2020 on 5th December 2021, in the Sustainability pavilion, guiding and presenting them around the pavilion and Expo 2020 Dubai. As part of H. H's Initiative for International Volunteering Day which is a yearly occasion celebrated by Individuals, community, and organizations promoting national and international community service.

H.H stated that volunteers represent the true strength of our societies. On International Volunteer Day, we acknowledge the dedication and community spirit of volunteers in the UAE and worldwide. Their work is an invaluable gift bestowed upon all communities.

Last month, we celebrated UAE's 50th National Day, celebrating 50 years of prosperity, growth, strength, passion, and pride for all the achievements that promoted the status of the UAE.

In this new year, and with the academic changes and work schedule we look forward to more growth and progress.

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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.



Higher Colleges of Technology Participated in Global Manufacturing & Industrialisation Summit 2021 in Expo 2020

The Sustainability session of the Global Manufacturing & Industrialisation Summit 2021 (GMIS), was held at the Dubai Exhibition Centre at EXPO 2020. H.E Professor Abdullatif Al Shamsi, HCT President & CEO was part of the discussion panel about “The role of educational institutions in addressing climate & environmental challenges, through awareness & research”.

Discussing Environmental Sustainability Challenges including climate change and reiterating the importance of Environmental Sustainability strategies in the UAE and the continuous efforts done to follow best practices and adopt innovative ideas that support achieving environmental sustainability to prepare for hosting Heads of State and government leaders at COP28 international climate summit in 2023.

Prof. Al Shamsi mentioned that HCT is the largest academic organization in the UAE and sustainability is a crucial element in its strategy which is extended to both its organisational and academic level. HCT also conducted various projects that aim to reduce energy consumption, efficient use of water, reduction of Co2 emissions, and green building Initiative at a training and education level.

HCT ensured a training about sustainability concepts and promoted it within the campus and was open to all staff and admin, 1268 of them completed 3630 hours of training in the field. In addition, Climate change, research and environmental topics including sustainable design and renewable energy systems, introduction to sustainability, and

environmental engineering were included in the curriculum. These have benefited 7,106 students to date.

Prof. Al Shamsi added that HCT is also promoting applied research and innovative student projects related to environmental sustainability.

HCT received many prestigious regional and global sustainability-related awards, including the Green Organization's Green World Award, in the sustainability in education and training category, for applying environmental best practices in sustainable education, innovation and technology in sustainability. It also won three major awards at the Gulf Sustainability and CSR Awards 2021, for its efforts and its commitment to applying best global practices in sustainability and enhancing the welfare and wellbeing of its employees.

He also highlighted the importance of raising young students' awareness of the future challenges to climate and environmental changes, their impact on human lives, and the national and global efforts and strategies to address those

challenges. Prof. Al Shamsi highlighted students' prospective role as future leaders in bringing about positive change and creating initiatives to support environmental sustainability for a better planet, to be enjoyed by generations to come.

Learn more : [here](#)



SCI in Action

Green Recovery Challenge and Business Cases for Sustainability

On Sunday 5th of December 2021, Khwarizmi International College Business Department held a virtual event "Green Recovery Challenge and Business Cases for Sustainability".

Humaid Kanji - Economist and Acting section manager of environmental economics in Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi shared insights about the current economic status and the importance to work on Green Recovery.

Alongside Aisha Al Mazroui - Project Manager at the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi who presented about Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) encouraging students to take part at the Environmental Youth extracurricular activity and emphasizing on the importance of gaining required skills for their presents and futures

After that, KIC students from Business Collage macroeconomics operations management course, presented their projects on topics including Biomedical waste management, food waste operation management, international businesses sustainable practices touching upon important global issues and topics such as green recovery, the current pandemic, stating few policies, and all government initiatives and projects supporting the topics.

SCI Team is proud to witness such supportive faculty members in KIC!

Eco Watch



Baadr App Launch

Date: 24th of January 2022 - **Time:** 11:00 – 12:00pm
Platform: ZOOM

BAADR is a unique mobile application that will encourage members of the public in Abu Dhabi to care for the environment and change their behaviour by completing a range of environmental actions and be rewarded for their efforts.



Volunteering opportunity in Al Wathba Wetland Reserve!

The Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi offers the youth the opportunity to volunteer at Al Wathba Wetland Reserve. You can volunteer on the following days from December 2021 – April 2022.

Friday: 12:00 pm – 5:00pm
Saturday and Sunday: 8:00am -12:00pm or 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/VhzwU6BJ9ccpu2obA>
Register by sending an email at sustainablecampus@ead.gov.ae

Green Space

Environmental Days:

- Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week – 15 – 19 January

What have you done in 2021? Tell us more about your environmental and sustainability journey by sending us an email at sustainablecampus@ead.gov.ae

On behalf of the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, Borouge, we are very proud of All Green Youth Majlis Members who took part in 2021's Initiatives:

Aisha Adnan Al Zaabi

Megna Rajagopal

Saba Mohammed

Amal Khaled Abdulla

Mohamed Abuhaliqa

Salama Al Ameri

Aslaha Rasheed

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Sara Al Meharbi

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