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Sustainable Campus Initiative Newsletter

Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

QUOTE OF THE EDITION:

“Young people represent the region’s wealth, pointing to their capacity to build communities and accelerate the development process.”

— Sheikh Theyab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Opening note:

Let’s work towards the mission to Zero Single use plastic. Mission to zero, is a campaign launched to support single use plastic bags policy.

With the start of the new academic year, we invite you to become part of the implementation, publishing, and supporting single use plastic policy to support “Mission to Zero Campaign”:

1. Learn about the campaign and the policy.
2. Join volunteering opportunities offered by the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi. (Take a look at the green space section for more information).
3. Spread knowledge and information to your community.

4. Implement creative solutions to support the policy:

- Don’t hide your bags you will forget them, put them in a visible place where you can see them when you are out.
- Keep a note or a sticker in your car that reminds you to take bags whenever you are out.
- Don’t purchase reusable bags every time you are out, keep using the same bags until they are no longer usable, by this way you are really contributing for a better environment.

Contribute to make change for the betterment of our community.

Stay safe.
SCI Team.

Eco Pedestal



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University of Sharjah Garden

Congratulations University of Sharjah for expanding their project in integrating environmental agriculture and cultivating organically, grown crops. Now UOS display and sell harvested products in the market.

With the aim of promoting and enhancing the sustainability of the agricultural sector and increasing the portion of organic food products offered in the local market, the University of Sharjah, the first higher education institution in the UAE, succeeded in implementing the sustainable garden project to produce organic fertilizer and organic agricultural products, as well as display them in Sharjah Co-operative Society branches, as it obtained a certificate of conformity for organic crops issued by the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology.

Since November 2019, University of Sharjah has worked to produce organic fertilizer from biodegradable kitchen waste generated by the community living, with the aim of reducing carbon emissions that cause global warming and enrich soil fertility.

Indeed, about 7,000 kg of organic waste was converted into 4,000 kg of organic fertilizer, and it was used in the sustainable garden. Since then, the sustainable garden has produced about 200 kg of organic crops such as: tomatoes, black and red carrots, sweet potatoes, radishes, cabbage, moringa, rice, wheat, quinoa, and other organic crops. Selling more than 70 kg to the UoS campus community, besides distributing some of it to charity.

The establishment of the sustainable garden at the UoS is one of the initiatives of the Sustainability Office, to raise awareness among the university's community on the importance of sustainability in all fields, by encouraging students, faculty members, administrative and technical staff to practice organic farming in the sustainable garden and to contribute in achieving food security, improving local soil quality, increasing greenery areas and reducing carbon emissions.

For [here](#) for more information



SCI in Action

Mission to Zero: Green Youth Majlis

Towards the end of last month, SCI team organized the latest live with SCI with Green Youth Majlis Members Amal Khalid, Aslaha Rasheed, Dana Al Dhaen, and Nithila Thangaraj “Green Youth Majlis – for Mission to Zero” to share stories, challenges, information, and habits applied to support single use plastic policy.

Dana mentioned that “The Single Use Plastic Policy was developed as part of the Abu Dhabi Government’s efforts to organize the handling of single-use plastic products by limiting their consumption and preventing them from causing harm to the environment.”

Amal shared cases from different parts of the world stating: “So far, more than 127 countries have adopted such measures, which include either a ban or a fee for these materials.”

Nithila mentioned: “when people litter single use plastic bags, they break down into smaller particles and enter soil or water bodies causing harm to plants animals and ultimately humans as it ends up in our food cycle. This policy is a brilliant first step to not only curb single use plastic use but bring in a socioeconomic awareness of our wasteful habits.”

Aslaha mentioned her experience regarding the transition saying : “I remember during several of our Green Youth Majlis meetings, the topic of discussion would be “How can we get more people to switch to eco-friendly shopping habits? How can we get them to reduce single use bags? It has been such a beautiful experience for me because this is the kind of lifestyle, I dreamed of living ever since I joined the GYM 8 years ago.”

By the end of the talk, attendees shared tips about making the use of reusable bags easier.

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