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Sustainable Campus Initiative Newsletter

Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

QUOTE OF THE EDITION:

“The prestigious and advanced communities that we seek to build, and the sustainable development that we wish to achieve can only be realised via the combined efforts of all communities and the nation’s full range of agencies, and public and private institutions- all of which must work in synergy and harmony to establish and promote the status of our country, and its pre-eminent role on both the regional and international stages.”

-His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan – President of United Arab Emirates.

Opening note:

A New Opportunity Alert!

Become influential environmental conservation role models.

Do you know that Green Youth Majlis is going through a revamp?

If you are a member of the Majlis, starting from next year, we are going to take you through a different journey. With the upcoming new partnership, newly introduced strategic, active, and environmental action-oriented programme is going to take place in the Majlis.

Grab this opportunity to help prepare a group of elite youth to become the future co-leaders of the youth movement.

If you are not yet part of the Majlis, register by sending an email to sustainablecampus@ead.gov.ae

Wishing you all a blessed, and happy new year.

SCI Team.



Eco Pedestal

The Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) Appreciation Ceremony 2022 was held on the 17th of November to celebrate accomplishments, dedication, and an unwavering devotion towards building sustainable future and increasing environmental stewardship among young people in the UAE.

A group of students and faculty from Abu Dhabi University, ADNOC Technical Academy, Ajman University, American University of Sharjah, American University of Ras Al Khaimah, Higher Colleges of Technology, Khalifa University, Khwarizmi International College, and Manipal Academy of Higher Education attended the ceremony and were acknowledged for their commitment.

During the event Mr. Ahmed Baharoon, Executive Director of the Environmental Information, Science and Outreach Sector at the Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi expressed his gratitude for the commitment of universities towards environmental action, and the

increased awareness of the pressing sustainability issues among the upcoming generation.

All active members were awarded in the event for their efforts in the past two academic year 2020-2021 and 2021 - 2022 and to celebrate the best performances since 2015, special recognition awards were given to the below:

- Commitment Award: Abu Dhabi University, American University of Sharjah, and Manipal Academy of Higher Education.
- Best GCA Performance: American University of Sharjah
Best SAP Performance: Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- Best New Campus: Ajman University
- Best Coordinator: Dr. Bhakti More, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Congratulations to all active SCI Members, wishing many more successful years to come.



SCI in Action

Participation environmental outreach team in COP27

A dedicated EAD team of climate action experts and negotiators from EAD participated in the Conference of Parties of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), also known as COP27, as part of the UAE delegation, led by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCA) and the UAE Climate Change Envoy Office. The event was held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 6-18 November 2022. The team shared Abu Dhabi's successful story at COP 27 by highlighting a series of projects that showcased the UAE's commitment to pursuing a low carbon economy to create lasting economic and social development opportunities across all nations. These events include the Single-Use Plastic Policy, Blue Carbon and Mangrove Initiatives, a Youth Debate and EAD's Outreach Youth Programmes.

The environmental outreach team conducted a panel discussion hosting environmental programmes experts from

UAE, Morocco, Jordan, and Qatar to shed light on the challenges, and present solutions related to climate focused programmes. Experts shared their opinions, experience and expertise and the panel saw a successful participation of nearly 30 people.



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Youth's contributions in ecosystem restoration

On 7th November 2022, Sustainable Campus Initiative Team organised Environmental Talk titled "Youth's Contributions in Ecosystem Restoration" with the participation of 30 people who presented challenges and solutions to increase youth's contributions and participation in ecosystem restoration projects, a goal aligned with the National Agenda and set by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The team hosted Rajeyah Eidha Omar Binkulaib - Senior Analyst, Terrestrial Biodiversity Regulations Terrestrial & Marine Biodiversity who presented the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi's projects regarding ecosystem restoration like using drones to disseminate plant seeds and presenting different selection of cultured seeds. It was followed by the youth sharing few challenges and solutions to increase youth contributions in Ecosystem restoration projects. Lastly, the talk concluded with an announcement of an opportunity to be part of the Youth for Mangroves Initiative.

Youth for Mangroves Initiative

On Thursday, 24th December 2022, The Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi's Youth Council, that includes the Sustainable Campus Initiative Team, Green Youth Majlis Members, Members from Connect with Nature Programme, Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination, Nautica Environmental Associates LLC, planted 90 Mangrove sapling in Jubail Mangrove Park. A brief presentation about Mangroves, its characteristics, and information of its importance to sequester large amount of CO2 in the atmosphere and its role in providing a habitat for marine biodiversity. After that, Jubail Park team explained the plantation process, followed by planting the saplings.

Green Space

New year is around the corner! If you got new year's special resolution around Environmental Sustainability, share them with us so that we could publish them in the next edition.

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