



QUOTE OF THE EDITION:

"As we look to the future, we are committed to drawing inspiration from Sheikh Zayed's legacy and to achieving the vision of the Abu Dhabi Government."

– H.H Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan

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Ensuring Sustainable Footprint!

Opening note:

UAE's Reading Month

What's the best way to welcome the arrival of Spring? Some spring reading! Every year, March is celebrated as Reading Month in the UAE, packed with events and activities to encourage creative knowledge development through reading. This year's theme is My Family Reads, highlighting the importance of spreading the reading culture among young generations and enabling passionate readers.

Reading is a crucial part of human development and knowledge acquisition; it broadens our horizons and supports personal and emotional growth. Through Reading Month, the Ministry of Culture and Youth aims to encourage organizations,

universities, teachers, and students to read and the Sustainable Campus Initiative (SCI) looks forward to assisting you in your journey with environment related books for you and your family. SCI can't wait to support you by sharing the latest

For some of our favorite publications, check the Green Space section below! For more information about Reading month, check the link below:

<https://www.mckd.gov.ae/en/reading/>
Read on and be well!

Stay safe and be green!
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

Virtual session: Green Recovery with SCI Outreach Team and Humaid Kanji

On National Environment Day, The SCI Outreach Team and Humaid Kanji, Environmental Economist at Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, hosted an online session, with 97 participants, to discuss the impacts of climate change and the ongoing pandemic on local and international economies. During the session, Humaid shared a collection of findings that indicate a drastic slowdown in economies and reiterated that the deceleration of climate change during the pandemic is only temporary. With these findings in place, further efforts need to be done quickly to progress the Green recovery for our environment and economy.

Additionally, guest speakers, Ahmed Al Rumaithi, Sustainability Specialist, and Harish

Somayajula, Senior Engineer at Borouge explained the company's efforts to reduce environmental impacts, while exceeding the levels in production. 2 years ago, Borouge released Ruwais Environmental Sustainability Programme to mitigate environmental impacts in Ruwais operation facilities. Last year, Borouge facility recorded the lowest energy consumption, reducing GHG emissions, flaring, hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Ahmed said, "In 2020, we recorded the lowest energy consumption and had the highest production, therefore mitigating the overall environmental risk".

Youth lead Green Recovery in Sustainability Action Projects (SAP)

The SCI Outreach Team held their annual workshop for Sustainability Action Projects (SAP) from February 14 to February 18, which featured 60 participants, who engaged in interactive discussions regarding outreach projects. The workshop provides the necessary tools that inspire and enable students to instill change and address local community environmental issues, such as step by step guidance, post-workshop assignments, KAP Surveys, and student experiences. This year's theme was "Youth as Advocates of Green Recovery", focusing on local, regional, and global environmental issues, and motivating participants to design their own outreach activities to address them.

After the workshop, participants are expected to identify sustainability issues around them and perform a community outreach project. Key topics presented this year is leveraging technology for community projects, and sustainability amid the pandemic.

Good luck to all SAP participants, we look forward to receiving your projects!

Eco Pedestal



NYU Abu Dhabi launches Go Green Week!

This month, our Eco Pedestal accentuates New York University's Go Green Week, which was held across their campuses in Abu Dhabi, Shanghai, and New York from February 7 to 14, aiming to raise awareness around sustainability.

University students aimed to reduce ecological footprints and establish positive mindsets on topics such as animal protection, food production, ecological business, and environmental NGOs.

The Go Green Week featured a wide array of lectures and undergraduate courses such as Global Sustainable Cities, Water for Life, and Climate Change Law and Policy.

For more information about the Go Green Week, visit the link below:

<https://nyuad.nyu.edu/en/news/latest-news/world-and-societies/2021/february/lets-talk-sustainability.html>



Eco Watch



Live with SCI – Waste and Minimalist lifestyle

March 18, 2021, at 4:00-4:45pm on [Zoom](#)

An interactive live session where participants can share their concerns relating to the accumulation of household items and waste management with the Green Youth Majlis team. What is minimalism and how does it directly affect our environment?



Promoting Circular Economy for Sustainable Development

March 31, 2021, at 2:30-4:00 pm on [Zoom](#)

An Environmental Youth Talk introducing circular economy, its challenges, and possible solutions! Youth who are interested in research, start up companies, or entrepreneurship, can join the SCI team to discover circular economy and its affects! Don't miss it!

Green Space:

Green Space provides youth with a space to innovate, express themselves, and creatively wonder!

As March highlights reading, here are some of our favorite productions for youth to discover environmental topics, check the various reads below:

Mangroves in Abu Dhabi

<https://www.ead.gov.ae/storage/Mangrove%20In%20Abu%20Dhabi%20Emirate%20.pdf>

Greater Flamingos:

<https://www.ead.gov.ae/storage/Post/files/001faf0536830841845db4d504ecc2fa.pdf>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable-Campus-Initiative-100339758483754/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sustainablecampusae/>
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