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Director's Report

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SSI STATS

2012-2013

- **120** Schools Registered.
- **401** Field Trips conducted with over **21,268** students.
- **4200** registered members of Eco Clubs with **259** Community Outreach Projects.
- **8** workshops with **195** teachers.
- **120** Ghaf Saplings sent to schools.
- SSI Schools Present at **IWS**, International Water Summit 2012-2013.
- **BBC WEB exclusive** on SSI Field Trips. [Click to watch](#)

Dear Sustainable Schools

On behalf of our Secretary General and the agency, I would like to thank each of you for your dedication to this initiative and your commitment towards reducing Abu Dhabi Emirate's ecological footprint.

Through SSI, we hope to empower our children to take up the environment as a critical cause which deserves attention and action. After seeing some of the projects that the children have led to make a difference in their communities, we are amazed and reminded of the power they possess to spearhead a change.

As per the school reports received by the Agency this year, SSI saw 120 schools participating with over 3,200 students involved in the Green School Audits. Despite the challenges, the reports reveal that together they have reduced their waste by 23 percent, water consumption by 54 per cent and have also worked towards increasing the number of students travelling by shared transport thereby reducing their carbon emissions.

This is an achievement that we celebrate and together we can make the Abu Dhabi's Vision 2030 more of a reality and less of a vision. Wish you all the best and hope to see you again for the next academic session.

Sustainable Schools Awards 2012-2013

The Sustainable Schools Awards Ceremony was conducted on the 5th of June 2013, on the occasion of the World Environment Day under the theme "Think. Eat. Save" to honor and award the best actions by schools participating in this initiative for the 2012-13 academic session. We are happy to announce our winners and we hope you find their stories inspirational. [Click here to meet the winners](#)



World Environment Day 2013

Congratulations!



To Our **Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Bangladesh Islamia School** for being the 2013 winner in the Award for the Global High Schools Asia Category in the Zayed Future Energy Prize.

They recently installed their solar panel in their school from the ZFEP Prize Money with which the school hopes to reduce their energy consumption by another 35 -40%.

The last date for this year's award submission is **August 5th, 2013**



Schools display their work at the Pre Function Exhibition Area



Training Of Trainer Workshops 2012-2013

We are happy to share some photos from the training conducted this year and for the first time we have also developed short film clips for some of our TOT's. To view them please click on the links mentioned below.....

Coastal Habitats & Climate Change



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A 'Hands On' Approach to Energy Education



Ambient Air Quality



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Marine Resources with a focus on Fisheries



Effective Environment Educators



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Advanced Field Methods Used in Bird Watching

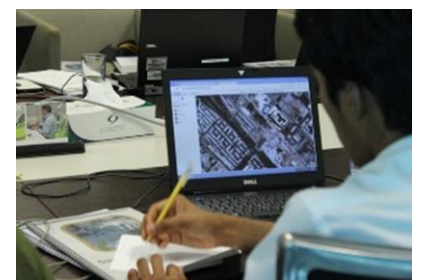
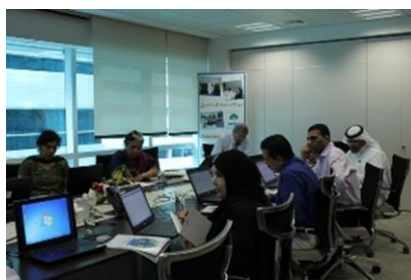


Climate Change Education Using Advanced Puppetry



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Introduction to GIS and Mapping - ESRI



Your Feedback.....

A couple of months back, we met with some of the core SSI coordinators from Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and the Western Region.

These eco warriors have been working with SSI for more than three years and they came to share with us their experience, their concerns and their hopes for Sustainable Schools.

The meeting was extremely helpful for us as we got to understand our teachers and their concerns a lot better.

We channeled this feedback into the presentation that we delivered to our Sponsors in our next meeting. To see your feedback, please watch the video presentation.



[Click here to WATCH THE VISIONING VIDEO](#)

GOOD NEWS! SAVE THE DATE!

Although SSI was planned to be implemented in schools for just four years, seeing its immense impact, our Sponsor Bp would like to join hands with us again for a second phase!

They as much as us, don't want to see a halt in the momentum gained by all our dear schools from Abu Dhabi.

The Next Phase however will be quite different and we have a lot of exciting new elements added it.

JOIN us on the 16th of SEPTEMBER, 2013
(tentative, to be confirmed) to know more about **this new phase.**

More details to come soon....

THANK You Bp!



H.E Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak – Secretary General of EAD awards Mr. Oliver Broad, Vice President – Communications & External Affairs Bp Middle East.

Our Tribute to Our Schools

Everything that SSI has achieved is due to the sincere efforts by thousands of students, teachers and school communities that believed in this project. Together we have succeeded in bringing about a transformation in so many schools... We Dedicate this film to all of you; we hope to have the pleasure to continue working and moving towards sustainability.

Sustainable Schools Initiative The Journey 2009-2013



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