



Inside SSI

*A Forum for Educators
of Sustainability*

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Editor's Column

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Celebrating Year of the 50th

On March 16, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, declared 2021 as the "Year of the 50th", announcing annual initiatives, activities, and celebrations which will commence on April 6 until March 31, 2022. The initiative aims to encourage youth to continually progress and learn, while also embracing collective responsibility as global citizens to protect our environment.

His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed said 'Year of the 50th' is an opportunity to contemplate the achievements made over 50 years at a time when we are gearing up for the next 50 years and beyond. What are you doing to contribute to bettering our planet's health? Let us know at @SSI_UAE on Instagram!

For more information about the announcement, visit <https://www.uaeyearof.ae/>

SSI Team

Sponsor's Welcome

Bp is an integrated energy company, providing innovative solutions to improve people's lives. Headquartered in London and established in the Middle East for over a century, it aims to help the world reach net zero. Bp aims to reach Net Zero by 2050, reaching for ambitious aims to reduce emissions, scale up renewables and invest more in low carbon. We will report back here with progress on our #bpNetZero journey!

As a proud partner of SSI for over 10 years, bp supports nurturing the knowledge and means to address global environmental issues through educating younger generations.

And shares the concerns of our community's stakeholders and believes that actions today can solve long term environmental challenges.

Bp's purpose is reimagining energy for people and our planet, and the company encourages action today, that will lead to a healthier and safer tomorrow.



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Sustainability in ACTION

ABU DHABI'S SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE



SSI Launches Sustainability in Action Book

The Sustainable Schools Outreach team is delighted to announce the launch of a book entitled "Sustainability in Action", which portrays the many achievements by the SSI network of schools during 2018-2019. The book combines 30 local projects from private and public schools, which were executed in alignment with UAE's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as

good health and wellbeing, climate change, life on land and below water, as stated by United Nations. Sustainability in Action showcases experiences and stories behind the many activities, audits, field trips, and Eco-clubs in the UAE. To access the English or Arabic book, visit <https://uaesdgs.ae/en!> and to learn more information about UAE's SDGs.

Al Yasmina Academy joins SSI Network



We are delighted to welcome Al Yasmina Academy to the SSI Network of schools and look forward to supporting their environmental journey!

The students at Al Yasmina Academy, also known as AYA Green Ambassadors, expressed their joy

joining the initiative and look forward to learning about sustainability. AYA Green Ambassadors said, "we, at Al Yasmina Academy, are now beginning our journey to becoming the leaders in paving the way for environmental sustainability.

We hope to support our schooling community with our new initiative, collaborating to ensuring that climate justice is a primary importance in our livelihoods. Ultimately, we hope to inspire our community into taking action and work towards a brighter, greener future." We look forward to seeing the efforts of the 13 students that make up AYA Green Ambassadors and the larger school community at Al Yasmina.

Green Achiever

Private International English School hosts virtual session about renewable energy sources

Private International English School hosted an hour-long virtual discussion where students reviewed renewable resources of energy in India and UAE with Samata International School, an English school based in India and two other UAE based schools. Over 50 participants engaged in the online discussion and learned all about renewables such as wind energy, hydro energy, and solar energy. Collectively, these are often referred to as clean energy as they do not pollute our water or air.

They also discussed the importance of sustainability, as wind and sunshine cannot be stored for electricity, unlike natural gas or coal. The online discussion was a wonderful experience for students to learn and gain insights into making our planet cleaner, greener, and a better place to live in.



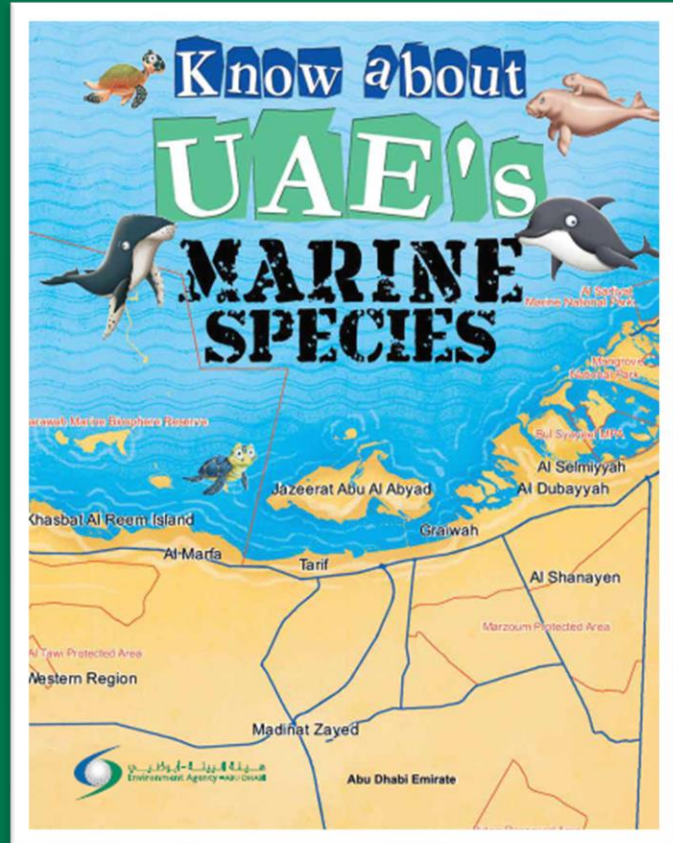
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All Things Sustainable

This month's collection of All Things Sustainable features the latest environmentally themed books to keep everyone entertained as they begin the new semester.



Know all about UAE's marine species

Delve into this book to go underwater and learn about the many species including vibrant corals, colorful fishes, turtles, snakes, dugongs, and much more. Additionally, you will surely develop a greater appreciation for the importance of these species, the threats they face, their magnificent characteristics, and where we can find them in UAE.

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