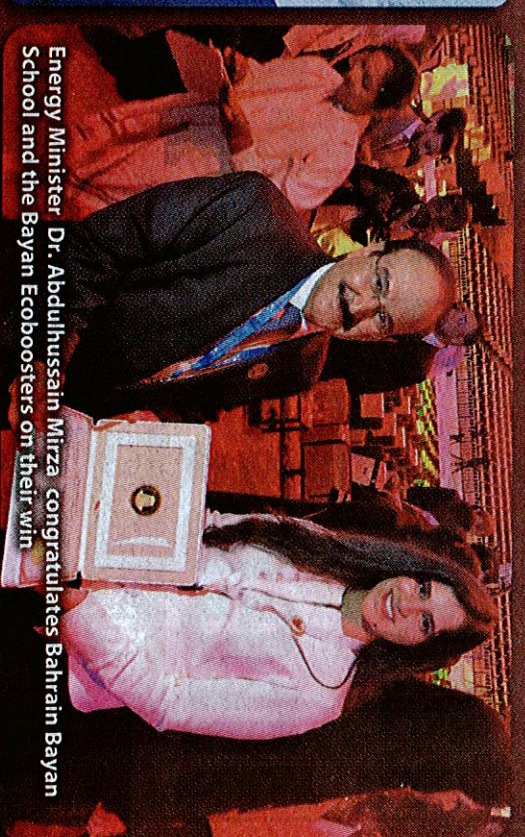


Bahrain Bayan School Wins



Aya bint Hisham Al Khalifa representing the Bahrain Bayan School and the Bayan Ecoboosters receives the Zayed Future Energy Prize.



Energy Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza congratulates Bahrain Bayan School and the Bayan Ecoboosters on their win.

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Bahrain School of Bahrain has won the Zayed Future Energy Prize in the Global High School-Asia category. The prestigious Zayed Future Energy Award comes part of the Abu Dhabi

Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Crown Prince Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

“This victory represents the Kingdom’s vision in maintaining a sustainable future built on the motivations and aspirations of the youth of tomorrow,” said School Chairperson Shaikha Dr

May bint Sulaiman Al Orabi highlighting the importance of this prestigious award to the Kingdom of Bahrain. “This accomplishment is a true accolade of the vision of the Kingdom’s Leadership and

Sustainability week, marking the 100th year since the birth of the UAE’s founding father and his vision on sustainable energy, as well as the 10th anniversary of the distinguished award.

Bahrain represented by its Board of Directors and its executive and educational bodies, dedicated the prestigious award to the Kingdom of Bahrain, the leadership under His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,



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My Opinion Al Bayan School.... investing in creative minds

Bahrain Bayan School yesterday won The Zayed Future Energy Prize Global High School Award and if this reflects anything, it reflects the effort the school exerts in broadening the imagination of its students and creating a generation that is creative and capable of contributing towards the solving of many current problems not just Bahrain faces but the world does.

When you instill in young students a sense of responsibility towards the problems every society may have, you are assured that you are creating a generation that will not stand still and wait for solutions to be found for certain problems but a generation that will become part of the solution team is being created. Winning this prize now enables the school to develop a learning platform called EcoLab 360 to educate students and the surrounding community on sustainable practices and technologies by focusing on the five R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Raise awareness, and Renewable energy.

Thumbs up to the school and to the organizers of the Zayed Future Energy Prize High School Award for encouraging creativity among school students and believing that our children are capable of solving problems and not viewed as a generation that has completely depended on technology and in the process lost their creative minds.

They would obviously have more passion towards one subject more than the other and we should analyze what they are inclined towards at an early age and help them be creative in areas they feel a sense of belonging to.

When we as parents send our children to schools, we do not want their brains to just be filled with information they learn from their books and completely forgotten after the exams are over. We send our children to learn skills for survival. Schools should send back home children with the ability to think and create. They should instill in our children the will to make a difference in their societies and country. And this is why in advanced educational systems in Scandinavian countries, children spend less time learning by heart and more time understanding what they are being taught. You can ace your grades but that does not necessarily mean acting your thoughts. The world is changing and our children should ace in life and I personally believe that creating a balance is significant. We should not kill creative minds and insist that our children should be grade A students in all the subjects they learn.

Just imagine that this project will be executed by the students themselves and you can imagine what these creative minds will contribute towards, when they specialize in areas they have passion for and how school student can become citizens that become contributors toward solving our problems because one day their schools invested in their creative minds.

The project at Al Bayan School will include a 50kW solar PV system, 1kW wind turbine, a 25kW/192kWh battery storage system, a gray water recycling system (25-30k liters/month) and food waste recycling (6 tons/year). The total cost projection is \$123,000, of which the school will cover \$24,600. The school's students have conducted detailed feasibility studies and expect that the school will save approximately \$6,500/year on electricity bills after implementing the project.

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Zayed Future Energy Prize



The team members

the values that Bayan School embodies in nurturing leaders rooted in heritage and value."

The school emerged victorious in the Global High School - Asia Category beating strong competition from China, India and the Philippines.

-Great achievement by our future leaders!

Bayan school has the honour to represent Bahrain to a global audience of industry leaders and global policy makers in the field of sustainable energy and green technology.

The prize money is worth US\$100,000 to cover at least 80% of the value of the project as a whole.

This colossal win follows the school's participation as part of 1,800 projects from across the globe.

-Project Ecolab360-

The Bayan School Ecolab360 project was announced as the finalist last October and since then have worked relentlessly in ensuring that their message of sustainability reaches the community.

The Ecoboosters team comprised of students who dedicated their summer to make this win a reality. The team: Aya bint Hisham Al Khalifa, Marriam Nasir, Abdullah Al Majid, Zainab Al Darsi, Jood Al Shirawi, Zain Ali, Haya Mahmoud, Ali Al Mandil, Noura Bani Hamad, Zainab Khalaf and Zain Al Balushi.

The Ecoboosters also extend their gratitude to the leaders of the UAE for being at the forefront of sustainable development among the region and for instituting this prize as it gives youth around the globe the impetus to make dreams of a long-term sustainable future a reality, while putting words into action with the various initiatives that the youth can adopt.

The Zayed Future Energy Prize was formulated as a result

A significant achievement: HRH CP

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister extended his congratulations to Bahrain Bayan School, for winning the Zayed Future Energy Prize (ZEEP).

The success, Prince Salman said, represents a significant achievement for the school and "a reflection of the Kingdom's commitment, under the leadership of HM King Hamad, to develop and encourage excellence in Bahrain's education sector".

HRH the Crown Prince went on to commend the school's staff, students and parents for developing such a successful initiative, noting that the school's work "reflects the principles of sustainability and competitiveness driving the nation's development".

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince extended his best wishes to Dr Shaikha May bint Sulaiman Al Orabi, the Chairperson of the Bahrain Bayan School Board of Directors, noting that the award represents a significant achievement for the school.



Dr. Shaikha May Bint Sulaiman Al Orabi, Chairperson, Bahrain Bayan School



Jassim Al Shirawi, Board Member, Bahrain Bayan School.

of the vision of the late Ruler of Abu Dhabi and Pounding Father of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. With a mind towards ensuring that the Prize reaches out to the different key players in the industry, The Prize is awarded annually to A Large Corporation, A Small and Medium Enterprise, A Non-Profit Organization, a Lifetime Achievement recipient and up to 5 High Schools from 5 different world regions.

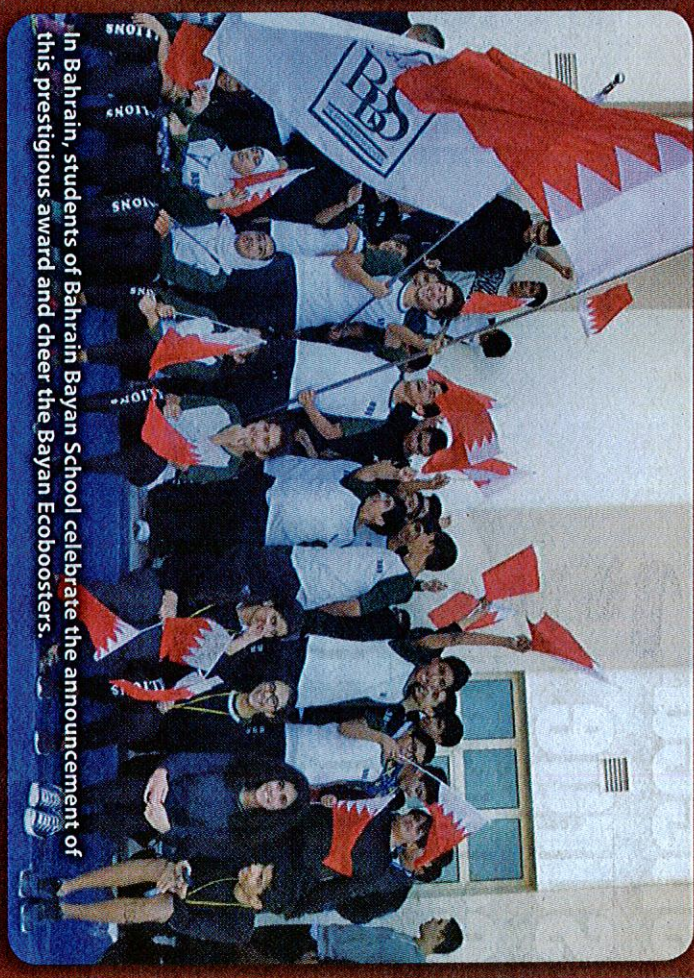
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In Bahrain, students of Bahrain Bayan School celebrate the announcement of this prestigious award and cheer the Bayan Ecoboosters.



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