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International award for Bahraini environmental partnership

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The British School of Bahrain and Evolve Concrete partnership wins an International Award for the environmental initiative.

This week an innovative project between the two organisations was awarded a highly acclaimed international GESS Award at a gala dinner hosted in Dubai.

On the first Saturday of every month, staff, students, parents, and friends of the British School of Bahrain gather to remove rubbish from a chosen Bahrain beach under the flag of the BSB Big Beach Clean. On a typical day, the team of volunteers, many of whom are children, collect over 1000kg of rubbish from Bahrain's beaches.

On hearing about this project Evolve Concrete, one of the country's leading suppliers of concrete fabrications, approached the British School of Bahrain with an innovative and exciting idea to develop the initiative further. The result was that all hard plastics removed from beaches are sorted and turned into plastic pellets by Evolve Concrete and mixed with concrete. This mixture, made lighter by the addition of plastic, is then shaped into outdoor furniture by Evolve



BSB volunteers collect rubbish from a beach

Concrete and donated back to the local community. Through this innovation, plastic waste is removed from a local beach and returned, recycled into furniture to be used by local residents. Something that was detracting from the local habitat is transformed into something that is valued by the community.

The panel of judges at the international GESS Awards had never witnessed such an innovative CPR project which combines education, local partnerships, and community benefits. A host of organisations from across the Middle East and the world were shortlisted for the Environmental Award. From this, the partnership between the British School of Bahrain and Evolve Concrete emerged victorious.

Executive Headmaster, John Maguire, stated, "The entire community are delighted by the news that our partnership with Evolve Concrete has won an international award. Both companies embarked on this endeavour for the greater good of the environment and the local community, so to win this award is an unexpected pleasure. We look forward to continuing to educate Bahraini residents to protect the coastal environment and ensure we can all enjoy our wonderful coastline".



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BSB Executive Headmaster, John Maguire, with the award

RCSI Bahrain Research Centre hosts its first Fulbright scholar



Professor Ghufan Jassim (L), Maria Morcos (C) and Professor Stephen Atkin (Stanford Top 2% Researcher) pose for a photo

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) announced the joining of the first Fulbright Scholar, from the prestigious Fulbright US Student Program, at the university's Clinical and Biomolecular Research Centre.

As part of RCSI Bahrain's strategic aim to become a hub for clinical and patient-centred research, the University earlier this academic year welcomed its first Fulbright Scholar, Maria Morcos, from the state of New York, USA. Morcos, graduate of the MSc Physician Assistant programme from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), has a keen interest in the understanding of pulmonary health.

During her year at RCSI Bahrain, Morcos will be participating in a research project led by Professor Stephen Atkin, Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research for the development of an educational programme to enable women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) to make lifestyle changes and reduce the risk of future PCOS-related complications. She will also be supporting in a research project led by Professor Ghufan Jassim, Head and Associate Professor of Family Medicine, to develop recommendations and update guidelines in re-

With the notable recognition of Professor Stephen Atkin and Dr Alexandra Butler and welcoming our first Fulbright Scholar, Maria Morcos, we at RCSI Bahrain continuously strive to develop a dynamic research-intensive environment to carry out world-class biomedical research and to integrate basic and clinical research that are directly translated into patient treatments

PRESIDENT OF RCSI BAHRAIN, PROFESSOR SAMEER OTOOM

lation to the management of mild asthma in adults in the Middle East.

The United States Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain commented, "The Embassy is enormously proud of its partnership with RCSI Bahrain and is delighted that RCSI Bahrain is hosting an American Fulbrighter this year. This program will serve to strengthen the already profound people-to-people ties between the United States and Bahrain, and will advance our shared priorities: health, education and friendship."



Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority signed an agreement with Abdul Rahman Kanoo International School to host the school's Model United Nations on the 24th and 25th of February 2023. The signing ceremony took place on the side lines of the three concurrent events which took place in Exhibition World Bahrain during opening week

Seef Properties team up with Ibn Khuldoon National School to clean Nurana Islands' coasts



As part of its strategy to promote social responsibility, Seef Properties, in cooperation with Ibn Khuldoon National School (IKNS), has recently organised a campaign to clean the coastline of Nurana Islands, with the participation of a number of students from the school, where the campaign focused on removing waste, plastics and other materials from the shore. This is the third initiative that is implemented in cooperation with Seef Properties and IKNS. The campaign aims to instil the concept of charitable work and the culture of volunteering in the minds of the youth, as it would certainly have a positive impact on the local community, and the protection of the Kingdom's environment and coastlines