

## Qatar's schools to go green

GreenGulf announces "solar schools" project at Earth Day Qatar event.

Doha, 24<sup>th</sup> April – Carnegie Mellon University Qatar held witness, on Thursday, to the unveiling of a major new initiative by GreenGulf, the renewable energy advisory and investment management company, to power Qatari schools using solar energy.

The announcement was made during an Earth Day Qatar event organised by Qatar Foundation International (QFI) in collaboration with the Earth Day Network (EDN) and in commemoration of World Earth Day's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

With a number of high-level speakers, including Qatar Foundation's Vice Chairman Dr Saif Al Hajari, US Ambassador Joseph LeBaron, and Beth Larson, International Education Manager of the Earth Day Network in attendance, Omran Al Kuwari, CEO of GreenGulf, unveiled the project to rapturous applause before participating students broke out into workshop sessions focusing on renewable energy; preparing them for the solar panel installation due to take place in their schools.

Following the announcement, Al-Kuwari, commenting on Qatar's place in the renewable energy revolution, stated:

"Qatar has the highest emissions per capita in the world and, if you think long term, you have to think about how we can reduce this impact. Therefore it is important to build a strong body of renewable energy resources here so that Qatar can become a knowledge centre for solar technology and renewable energies"

GreenGulf's 'Solar Schools' project, in association with SolarWorld and Qatar School Technologies seeks to install solar panels in four schools here in Qatar, working closely throughout the process with the students and teachers of the participating schools, tying the installation process with classroom education and merging the practical with the academic.

"We hope that this new teaching model will get students excited about science while at the same time encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour that they will carry with them into adulthood" Mr Al-Kuwari commented.

The first phase of the initiative, which will take place over the next year, will see solar technology and education materials provided to the four Qatari schools participating, to teach students the benefits of clean, renewable energy. These schools are: Doha Independent Secondary School, Al Bayan Education Complex for Girls, The Yarmouk Independent Preparatory School for Boys and Al Raba'a Adiyiyya School for Girls.

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