

## MECC Wraps up 1st Summer Environmental Club Local

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Doha, July 20 (QNA) – The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC) concluded the 1st three-week Summer Environmental Club.

The Summer Environmental Club had a diverse activity program, which included lectures and workshops delivered by environmental experts, along with field visits.

Through these activities, participants got the chance to better understand the need to conserve natural resources, in light of global environmental challenges, in addition to learning about sustainability and protecting life forms on land, in sea, and air, and the impact of human activities on them.

Students also learned about native plants in Qatar and their medicinal benefits, as well as Qatar's local birds and their role in maintaining environmental balance.

The Ministry organized field trips to the Qur'anic Botanic Garden, the National Museum of Qatar, and the Rawdat Al Faras center for Houbara Breeding.

The second week of activities witnessed student Nora Al Dosari giving a workshop on utilizing food waste for organic composting and another on recycling old fabrics. Students also visited the Seashore Group facilities to learn about the Group's environmental protection, sustainability, and recycling efforts. Moreover, it wrapped up with a visit to the Central Radiation Laboratory at MECC to understand its important role regarding environmental radiation measurements, radiation control, and radiation pollutant measurements.

In the third week, participants visited the JANAN Research Vessel and Msheireb Downtown Doha, where they learned about the types of reptiles living in Qatar's environment and their role in maintaining the food chain and biodiversity. Furthermore, a trip to the Domestic Solid Waste Management Center to learn about recycling stages and technologies, highlighting their environmental and economic importance.

The summer club concluded with a lecture on the importance of afforestation in confronting Climate Change, which showcased the MECC's efforts in supporting Qatar's initiative to plant 10 million trees by 2030, and the role of plants in preserving environmental balance and air purity.