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Minister of Environment Honors Participants in First Edition

of 2024 Summer Environmental Club Program

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Doha, July 21 (QNA) – HE Minister of Environment and Climate Change Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Subaie, on Sunday, honored the participants in the first edition of the 2024 Summer Environmental Club program, organized by the ministry during the period June 30 to July 18. The honoring ceremony was held in the presence of a host of the ministry's officials and representatives of bodies participating in the program. The event included a panel discussion during which students reviewed skills and knowledge they had internalized during a wide range of activities, with affiliates of the club explaining their vision of the program and the environmental skills they had gained.

HE Dr. Al Subaie hailed the superb level of awareness among students and girls participating in the program, pointing out that the program achieved its objectives in familiarizing students with the components of the Qatari environment and its biodiversity, environment conservation methods, the challenges facing the environment, in addition to elevating the level of environmental sustainability for youth and girls.

His Excellency stated that the entire activities of the Environmental Club program were designed within the framework of achieving the ministry's vision that primarily focuses on raising the community's awareness of the environment, in addition to nurturing a new generation of young men and women who play their role in protecting their local environment, noting that the program has succeeded in instilling environmental values and sustainable practices in the students' hearts and connecting them to national values, based on the ministry's mantra our local environment is our national heritage. HE Dr. Al Subaie affirmed that he aspires for further milestones to see those young people undertake their duties and responsibilities toward their local environment through imparting their knowledge to their peers in schools and families, something that would squarely spread environmental awareness among the community members.

He highlighted that through this program the ministry intends to create a new generation of young people who are aware of the significance of conserving the environment and its components, entrenching their belief in the fact that environmental sustainability with its marine and land aspects is closely connected with the national progress and achieving the sustainable development in multiple fields.

The ministry is making unwavering efforts to raise all community members awareness through launching numerous programs and initiatives that target new segments of the country's people, HE Dr. Al Subaie underlined, affirming that the success of the first edition of this program encourages the launch of another upcoming edition to achieve the ministry's vision in protecting the environment and nurturing its components, in pursuit of achieving the fourth pillar of the Qatar National Vision 2030, that aims to transform Qatar into advanced country capable of achieving the sustainable development, conserving the environment and striking a balance between requirements of the socioeconomic development and conservation's conditions. HE the Minister commended the unwavering efforts of supporters from the public and private sectors, alongside the volunteers, organizers, students, and parents in accomplishing this event as a first-of-its-kind program, which culminated in having this honored image, along with their positive participation in enriching and upgrading the program in the upcoming edition, in addition to imparting knowledge simply to their young people.

He underlined that building human and reinforcing his knowledge is the most consequential type of investment, particularly in youth who represent the leaders of the future and hope of the nation. On behalf of the participating students, student Badr Abdulrahman Al Dafa affirmed that he and his colleagues are grateful for this event. He mentioned that the activities had a significant impact on understanding the components of the Qatari environment, providing a real opportunity to contribute to the conservation of natural resources and manage them diligently and sustainably. At the conclusion of the ceremony, HE Dr. Al Subaie distributed certificates and commemorative shields to students from both genders, lecturers, participating bodies, and supervisors in the first edition of this program.

Launched at the end of June, the program abounded with numerous events that featured lectures, workshops, and field trips that focused on familiarizing male and female students with the local flora and fauna species, in addition to helping the program's affiliates understand the challenges of climate change and its repercussions on earth and how to combat climate change through

expanding the green belts in the country.