

Mission accomplished!

ART Excel children hand over their Ghaf saplings to Dubai Municipality

March 2, 2009 - ART Excel Kids Club (AEKC) Dubai concluded its “Mission Green Earth – Take Action” pledge by handing over the carefully nurtured saplings to Dubai Municipality at Safa Park on February 28th, 2009 in support of the municipality’s Plantation Week running from March 1st to March 5th.

On behalf of AEKC, the Kanage family brought 40 healthy saplings to Safa Park which were received by Mr. Chandran and park nursery caretakers.



Last year, on October 11th 2008, thirty children of all age groups, along with 20 adult volunteers and ART Excel teacher Vanya Vora (all resplendent in Mission Green Earth t-shirts!) first planted their Ghaf seeds in the garden at the Kanage residence at Silicon Oasis, off Al Ain Road.

Three weeks prior to that, Dr. Prabhakar Rao, COO of the International Association for Human Values (IAHV), had educated them on Ghaf trees and guided them through the process of Ghaf pod collection and de-seeding them. Dr. Rao shared with them the samples of various stages of the Ghaf sapling – what the seeds would like when they had just sprouted, when they were 1 week , 2 weeks & 1 month old – and then took them through the whole process of creating a nursery.



The Kids had to prepare pots from a huge pile of soil and every time more soil was added the excitement would go up. With their small hands they would fill the bags, running back and forth for more soil and pots. A total of 90 pots were prepared.



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