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More than 7,900 volunteers pick up 1,850 tonnes of waste

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[Students](#) from government schools across the city take part in a clean-up drive at Al Mamzar area

- 4,750 volunteers from 197 [companies](#) and 3,150 Students from 48 schools participate in clean up [operations](#)

More than 7,900 volunteers, including students from 48 government schools in Dubai as well as employees of 197 private establishments collected a total of 1,850 tonnes of waste during the first two days of the Clean Up the World campaign 2009, which saw a variety of voluntary activities at different locations across the city.

More than 1,600 tonnes of waste was collected by 4,750 volunteers from 197 private companies in two days from different areas of the city as part of the Clean Up The World Campaign 2009.

As many as 3,150 Students from 48 schools in the city gathered at Al Mamzar area to pick up litter and help save environment. They collected a total of 250 tonnes of waste during the clean up operation.

Hassan Makki, Director of Waste Management Department at Dubai Municipality and Head of the 4-day campaign task force said the municipality's initiative was aimed at raising awareness among all segments of the society about the significance of environment protection.

He noted that in a symbolic gesture to drive home the message of a clean and green city, 35 companies had

lent machinery for towing away vehicles abandoned by owners in different parts of the city. A total of 40 abandoned vehicles were removed from different parts of the city during the first two days of the campaign.

In addition, a total of 60 pieces of bulk waste including washing machines and refrigerators were collected during the clean up operation.

Today (Thursday, 29 October), volunteers from private schools, colleges, and universities will participate in the clean up programme at Al Sufouh. A competition will be held on can collection for private schools, in addition to undertaking pest control activities, workshops on pest at all waste bins in coordination with the operations unit and honouring participants and distribution of certificates and souvenirs.

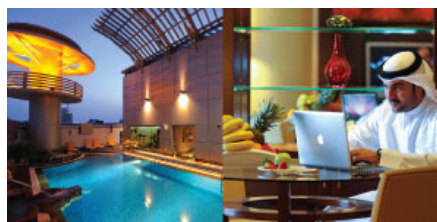
The last day of the campaign (Friday, 30 October) will see thousands of volunteers from the general public including private company staff, non-governmental organizations, community groups and private entities joining hands in cleaning up Nadd Al Shiba Area. Also on Friday, a clean up programme will be organized by the Filipino community and

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