**lema? tour completes final trimester of fun-filled STEM workshops**

**Abu Dhabi, 13th May 2019:** Following a hugely successful schedule of itsinteractive workshops throughout winter months, lema? returned in April with more four more weeks of classes filled with fun and facts across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The latest ‘lema?’ tour, a programme run by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), brings an introduction to the fun side of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects to students between Grades 3 to 7 in public and private schools in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions.

The final trimester of the tour ran from April 14 until May 9 and saw 39 schools participating in the edutainment programme, which brought together teams of expert scientists and educators to introduce young people to the strange, quirky and exciting side of STEM subjects.

Having already seen total participation nearing 50 per cent of last year’s, the expert science communicators focused on inspiring more young children in the Capital to develop problem-solving skills, teamwork and resilience based on real-life applications.

The sessions included the use of interactive experiments and equipment with an aim to bring educational content to life that help students engage with the foundations of science and enhance their understanding and knowledge retention.

Ms. Fatima Al Zaabi, Project Manager at ADEK, said: “Inspiring young minds is at the heart of everything we do at ADEK. Through lema?, we are offering children aged 8 to 13 years the chance to design, build and express their creativity through hands on learning.

Our mission is to build a new generation of engineers, and the lema? workshops and shows are designed in a way that feeds the curiosity of young minds and build a solid foundation that every participating child can use in all facets of life.”

The latest batch of ‘lema?’ sessions once again featured the popular ‘Crazy Chemistry’ classes, the newest addition to the programme, to nurture the next generation of the scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs.

‘Radio Studio’ and ‘Energy Future’ classes along with the ‘Prepare for Take-off’ lessons led students on a voyage of discovery as they explored exciting topics that are fully grounded in essential STEM subjects.

The ‘lema?’ tour is a key part of ADEK’s continuing mission to create a solid foundation of STEM subjects in the education system and build an innovative and knowledge-based culture of learning that will benefit the UAE for generations to come.

Operated with the full backing of its Platinum Sponsor, Mubadala Investment Company, lema? (which means ‘why?’ in Arabic), is held over the course of six weeks, three times a year.

Each session is delivered by fully trained science communicators and specially designed versions of the show are run to ensure inclusion of pupils of determination.

Since its launch in 2012, the ‘lema?’ tour has brought interactive and STEM subject-focused sessions and workshops to thousands of youngsters in Grades 3 to 7 in public and private schools across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

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