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Celebrating Global Unity, Diversity, and Connection

This edition reflects the inclusive and global theme while emphasizing the ideas of unity, diversity, and connection that are central to the concept of being "citizens of the world."



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To Write is Human and to Edit
is Divine - Stephen King

Preface

Citizens of the World

Welcome to "Citizens of the World", a celebration of the global spirit, shared values, and remarkable journeys that define the Exeed community.

In this special edition, we shine a spotlight on the ever-expanding global presence of Exeed, highlighting new partnerships, impactful tie-ups, and the incredible achievements of our students around the world. From inspiring life and travel experiences to extraordinary student feats, this issue is a tribute to the drive and dreams of those who make Exeed a vibrant, international family.

We take you inside our Winter Graduation Ceremony and the proud moments shared during the convocations held for Plymouth Marjon University, UK, and Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia, Spain. You'll also get a glimpse of the joy and connection fostered through events like the Exeed Food Fest, the colorful Ethnic Day celebration, the dynamic Treasure Hunt, and the heartwarming Mystery Gifter celebration.

At its heart, Citizens of the World reflects our belief that learning knows no borders—and that the strength of our community lies in its diversity, unity, and shared purpose.

Here's to a journey that connects us all, wherever we are in the world.

Editorial Board



Global Presence

Uniting Beyond Borders for a Connected Future



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Gone are the days when education was boxed into lecture halls—it now stretches across borders, bringing together minds from every corner of the globe. Exeed College is a microcosm of the world, where diversity and dynamism converge to create a unique learning environment. Our virtual classrooms are a melting pot of ideas, where learners from over 138 nations come together, sparking collaboration and enriching the learning experience.

Every learner who walks through our digital doors brings a fresh perspective shaped by their cultural roots, professional journey, and personal story. For busy executives juggling careers, families, and studies, this mix of backgrounds is a goldmine for growth. They push each other to think outside the box, sharpen their leadership skills, and cultivate the global mindset needed for today's interconnected world.

But Exeed College isn't just about dishing out degrees; we are about rolling up our sleeves and making a difference. Our online programs are tailor-made for professionals who want to step up and lead the charge in business, education, healthcare, and technology. We don't just equip learners with academic know-how—we arm them with the cultural fluency to make waves in their fields.

One of our proudest traditions, the Beyond Borders Wall, takes centre stage during graduation. It's more than just a wall—it's a celebration of unity. Graduates pin their nations, marking their incredible journey and their place in a global network. This powerful act weaves a vibrant pattern of diversity and strength, reminding us that we are stronger together.

Exeed College isn't just an institution—it's a global family on a mission to shape a brighter, more inclusive future. We are here to help tomorrow's leaders break through barriers, think big, and redefine what's possible. Because when education becomes a bridge to global citizenship, the sky's the limit.



Partnership Focus

Welcoming IPAG Business School and ISTECH Business School to our Network



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We are delighted to welcome IPAG Business School and ISTECH Business School, two prestigious institutions from France, into our growing global network of academic partners.

About IPAG Business School, France

IPAG Business School is renowned for its innovative approach to business education. Located in Europe, it offers a range of programs designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge required to thrive in an ever-evolving global market. With a strong focus on entrepreneurship, leadership, and digital transformation, Ipag prepares students to excel in both traditional and emerging industries.

About ISTECH Business School, France

ISTECH Business School brings a rich legacy of excellence in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship, fostering a dynamic learning environment that aligns perfectly with our values.

These partnerships represent an exciting step in our continued commitment to expanding international educational opportunities and enriching our academic community with diverse global perspectives.

We look forward to the collaborative opportunities ahead.



New Tie Ups

Introducing New Programs: Expanding Educational Horizons with IPAG Business School

We are excited to announce the launch of new and innovative academic programs through our latest partnership with IPAG Business School. These new tie-ups will offer cutting-edge opportunities for students and professionals to enhance their education and career prospects in today's fast-evolving world.

Doctor of Management (DM) Program from IPAG Business School

Master of Business Management (MBA) Program from IPAG Business School

Stay tuned for more details on program enrollment, course structure, and upcoming webinars to help you make an informed decision about your next academic step. We're excited to embark on this new chapter and bring you these outstanding programs!



Exeed College Winter Graduation Day EL EXITO Class of 2024



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The EL Exito Winter Graduation 2024, held on 18 January 2025 at the prestigious Al Habtoor Grand Resort, Autograph Collection, was a landmark event as the graduating class embraced their roles as value-driven "Citizens of the World." With over 500 attendees, the ceremony honored the remarkable achievements of 1,024 students, who are now prepared to lead and thrive in an interconnected global landscape. The event showcased the institution's commitment to fostering global citizenship through accessible education, with graduates representing more than 138 countries, underscoring its dedication to diversity and inclusivity.

Dr. Vivek Mohan, Dean of Exeed College, delivered an inspiring keynote address, emphasizing the significance of cross-cultural collaboration and innovation in tackling global challenges. The academic excellence award winners shared heartfelt reflections on their transformative journeys at Exeed, highlighting how the college's focus on global citizenship has profoundly shaped their perspectives and ambitions. A standout moment was the conferral of degrees, where graduates were celebrated for their academic prowess and leadership qualities.

Additionally, Exeed College, in partnership with Plymouth Marjon University, unveiled three new programs tailored for educators worldwide: a Master of Arts in Education, a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, and an International Postgraduate Certificate in Education. These initiatives underscore the institution's dedication to expanding professional opportunities in the field of education.

Special awards were presented to students who demonstrated exceptional commitment to learning and research innovation. The ceremony also reflected on the Leadership Summit held on January 17, which featured workshops on risk-taking in the knowledge economy, inclusive leadership, and sustainable practices. A Global Thought Leaders' Panel discussion provided invaluable insights into contemporary leadership challenges.



Our distinguished delegates for the graduation ceremony from our partner universities included representatives from the following institutions: **Plymouth Marjon University, UK (PMU), Prof. Michelle Jones (Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost), Dr Laura Wallis (Marjon Business Lead and Senior Lecturer, PMU), Alison Milner (Senior Lecturer), Professor Gary Kinchin (Dean of School - School of Education); from Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia, UCAM, Spain - Dr. Gonzalo Wandosell Fernandez de Bobadilla (Dean of Economy Business Faculty, UCAM), Jose Luis Mendoza Garcia (General Director of Institutional Relations, Enrique Javier Plitt Stevens (Deputy Director of the Strategic Alliances Unit), Juan Manuel Escobar García (Director - Corporate Partnership Unit); Dr. Robert. P. Machera (Dean Faculty of Business & Accounting Botho University; SQA - Brian Stokes (International Regional Manager – Middle East & Europe - Scottish Qualifications Authority); NCFE - Nicole Christie (International Affiliate), Jorge GUTIÉRREZ (CEO/Director- Hidewise International Business Development), Dr. Alison George (International Education Consultant, David Orford (Former Associate Dean - University of Wales).**

Their presence greatly enhanced the significance of the occasion.



As the Class of 2024 steps into their future, they carry forward the values of empathy, resilience, and global responsibility instilled by Exeed. Their journey exemplifies the college's mission to cultivate leaders who are not only professionally adept but also dedicated to creating a positive global impact. The EL Exito Winter Graduation 2024 was more than a celebration of academic success; it was a reaffirmation of Exeed College's vision to nurture ethical entrepreneurs and thought leaders, shaping a sustainable and inclusive future for all.

Graduation Recognition

Outstanding Performance
School of Business Management

UCAM MBA Program



Magna Cum Laude: Eiman Saeed Abdulla Saeed Alhmoudi



Research Enterprise Award: Ammad Bin Saeed

UCAM MPhil Program



Research Excellence Award: Murtaza Siamwala

PMU MBA Program



Magna Cum Laude: Rajesh Kumaravelu



Best Dissertation: Manal Alshaikh

City University Program



Magna Cum Laude: Razan Mohammad Nasar Ahmad

WOOLF Program



Magna Cum Laude: Everlynne Mainnah



Best Dissertation: Pityus Mutawu

CACHE Level 2 Programs



Level 2 Magna Cum Laude: Wasana Dilhani Kaludra Thabrew Wijerathna

CACHE Level 3 Programs



Level 3 Magna Cum Laude: Dena Smith

Graduation Recognition

Outstanding Performance
School of Computing & Technology

CACHE Level 5 Programs



Level 5 Magna Cum Laude: Lauren Patricia Kenney

UCAM Master of Data Science Program



Magna Cum Laude: Aalaa Shbair

Graduation Ceremony

Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia, Spain (UCAM)



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In September 2024, UCAM-Spain hosted a remarkable two-day event to celebrate the success of the global community of students enrolled in different master's and doctorate programs at Exeed College. Day one was dedicated to a thought leadership summit, which included sessions at the campus. Students engaged in thought-provoking discussions, learning valuable skills for navigating the challenges of the modern world.

Following the thought leadership, the day two was all about the much anticipated graduation ceremony at the cathedral within the UCAM campus. The beautifully set cathedral added to the emotions of the event. Graduates, their proud families, and the other team members gathered to honor the work and dedication of learners from more than 30 countries. The speech was delivered by delegates and the words of encouragement from the dean made everyone envision the bright future in front of them. Following the speeches, a felicitation for both the master's and the doctorate holders was conducted and the event ended with an encouraging speech from one of the Master's learners.

The visit to the campus was truly unforgettable, marking promising future endeavors and motivation for the learners.



Research Enterprise Award: Madonna Ghanem

Woolf MSc in Data Science Program



Magna Cum Laude: Arkadiusz Glinka

Graduation Ceremony

Plymouth Marjon University, UK (PMU)



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A Celebration of Achievement

On October 29, 2024, Plymouth Marjon University, in partnership with Exeed College, hosted a grand graduation ceremony in England for its MBA students, marking a significant milestone in the lives of its graduating students.

Held in an atmosphere of pride, joy, and camaraderie, this event was a testament to the university's commitment to academic excellence and global citizenship. Families, friends, and faculties came together to celebrate the perseverance and dedication of students who had navigated months of rigorous academic pursuit to arrive at this pivotal milestone.

A Global Celebration

The graduation ceremony was more than just an academic event—it was a celebration of diversity and international unity. With students from GCC, Tanzania, Egypt, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and Europe among the graduates, the event truly embodied the spirit of a global community. These students had come from different corners of the world, each carrying their unique backgrounds, cultures, and aspirations. Their presence at Plymouth Marjon University was a testament to the institution's commitment to fostering a multicultural learning environment, where students not only gain academic knowledge but also develop into global citizens prepared to navigate an interconnected world.

The Spirit of Diversity and Inclusion

The diversity within the graduating class aligned perfectly with Exeed College's mission of shaping individuals who contribute meaningfully to the world. Exeed takes immense pride in nurturing a student body that reflects a rich tapestry of cultural experiences and perspectives. By embracing inclusivity, the institution ensures that students graduate with a broadened worldview, equipped with the skills to thrive in an increasingly globalized society.

From South African students showcasing resilience and leadership, to Indian graduates bringing in their deep-rooted academic discipline, to Mauritian and Sri Lankan students adding their unique perspectives to the academic discourse, each student's journey was a remarkable one. The presence of European & GCC graduates further exemplified the university's global reach, reinforcing the idea that education transcends borders.

A Momentous Occasion with Esteemed Guests

Enhancing the significance of the occasion, Mayor Tina Tuohy honored the ceremony with her presence as the Guest of Honor, alongside distinguished members of the Plymouth Marjon University.

Their presence underscored the significance of the occasion, as they applauded the accomplishments of the graduates and encouraged them to move forward with confidence and purpose.

In her address, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive Claire Taylor praised the university's dedication to fostering a vibrant and inclusive academic environment. She emphasized the vital role of education in shaping responsible, ethical, and visionary leaders poised to make meaningful contributions to society. Echoing this sentiment, the graduates as well commended the institution's commitment to academic excellence and inclusivity. The university's leadership reaffirmed their unwavering dedication to student success and lifelong learning, inspiring graduates to embrace future challenges and opportunities with confidence.

Looking Ahead: A Future Full of Promise

As the graduates walked across the stage to receive their degree, there was a collective sense of pride and accomplishment. The ceremony symbolized the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and personal growth. More than just an academic milestone, it was a launchpad for a future filled with promise.

For many, this graduation was not just about individual achievement—it was about the power of education to transform lives and communities. These graduates now join a global network of Plymouth Marjon University, in partnership with Exeed College alumni, carrying forward the values of integrity, resilience, and excellence.

The 2024 graduation ceremony at Plymouth Marjon University was a powerful reminder of the university's commitment to fostering a diverse and globally engaged student body. With students from various nations coming together to celebrate their academic triumphs, the event encapsulated the true essence of a global educational experience. As these graduates step into the next phase of their lives, they carry with them not just degrees, but the knowledge, skills, and global perspective necessary to make a lasting impact in the world.



Thought Leadership Summit 2025

Empowering Future-Ready Leaders



Dr. Raavee Kadam

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On 17th January 2025, leaders and delegates from various sectors gathered at the **Al Habtoor Grand Resort, Autograph Collection** for the much-anticipated **Thought Leadership Summit 2025**, a full-day event dedicated to exploring innovation, inclusivity, and sustainability in leadership. With an engaging mix of workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, the summit provided participants with valuable insights to navigate today's rapidly changing global landscape. Designed to help leaders thrive in an era marked by volatility and rapid digital transformation, the summit focused on equipping attendees with the tools and strategies they need to lead with confidence and resilience in the digital age.

Inspiring Workshops Led by Industry Experts

The summit featured three thought-provoking workshops facilitated by global experts, each offering unique perspectives on the future of leadership:

Risk and Innovation in the Knowledge Economy - led by Dr. Vivek Mohan, this workshop delved into how leaders can embrace risk and foster innovation in knowledge-driven environments. Dr. Mohan provided practical strategies to help leaders remain agile and adaptive while managing the complexities of the modern economy.

Inclusive Leadership - Dr. Raavee Kadam hosted an impactful session on promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in leadership. Participants explored how EDI principles can enhance organizational performance and create more inclusive environments where everyone can thrive.

Sustainable Leadership - The final workshop by Dr. Robert Machera emphasized the importance of sustainable leadership practices in the context of environmental and social challenges. Dr. Machera inspired leaders to adopt long-term, responsible practices that balance profitability with a positive impact on society and the planet.

Interactive Team Activity: Desert Survival Challenge

The day took a fun turn with the Desert Survival Activity facilitated by Anesh Soni. It was a team-based exercise designed to test participants' collaboration, decision-making, and problem-solving skills in a simulated survival scenario. This engaging activity encouraged creative thinking and teamwork in a light-hearted yet competitive environment.

Global Thought Leaders Panel: Digital Leadership in the Modern Era

A highlight of the summit was the Global Thought Leaders Panel, featuring prominent experts, including Brian Stokes, Dr. Alison Milner, Dr. Laura Wallis, Dr. Alison George, Jorge Gutierrez, David Orford and moderated by Dr. Rekha Shewakramani. The panelists discussed the evolving demands of digital leadership, focusing on how leaders must adapt to technological advancements while maintaining a people-centric approach. They emphasized the importance of continuous learning, innovation, and ethical leadership in the digital age.

Networking Lunch by the Poolside

Participants also enjoyed a relaxed networking lunch by the poolside restaurant Luciano's, where they had the chance to connect with peers and industry leaders in an informal setting. The lunch featured a wide spread of delicious Mediterranean and regional cuisine, allowing everyone to unwind, share experiences, and forge valuable professional connections.

A Day of Learning, Networking, and Inspiration

The **Thought Leadership Summit 2025** was a resounding success, leaving participants feeling inspired, informed, and ready to tackle the challenges of modern leadership. By blending hands-on workshops, insightful discussions, and meaningful networking opportunities, the summit reinforced the importance of staying adaptable, inclusive, and forward-thinking in an ever-changing world. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to next year's summit!



Success Unveiled

We are thrilled to bring you a collection of captivating student stories that showcase the remarkable journeys of our diverse and talented students. From overcoming challenges to achieving academic excellence, these narratives embody the spirit of resilience, growth, and success. Join us as we delve into the inspiring world of our students and celebrate their achievements and contributions.



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In such an interconnected sphere, the notion of global citizenship can be comparable to the complex network of nerves within the human body; where each nerve is responsible for transmitting key information to our brains. Similarly, as global citizens, our diverse experiences, values and steps can create a web of connections that are beyond any borders, it can strengthen our collective understanding of the world and the people around us.

Having lived in Iraq, England, Jordan and now the UAE, I've come to realise that each place offers its own unique perspective on the world. In Iraq, the aromas of tradition speak to me in a familiar language, reminding me of home. In England, I experienced a blend of tradition and modernity; multiculturalism and coexistence. In Jordan, I learned the importance of hospitality and community, allowing me insight into how culture intertwines to shape our lives. More recently, living in the UAE, I've come to appreciate the progress & innovation of a country where cultures from all over the world connect in such a beautiful melody. And just like the nerve cells transmit signals to our brains, my experiences in each country,

which I consider all parts of me, have shaped my view of the world. Consequently, this has driven my love for travel and connections. My recent travels to Italy, Switzerland and Uzbekistan - all deepened my understanding of global communities. In Italy, I was allured by the rich history and art. I appreciated Switzerland's stunning and peaceful environment, while Uzbekistan offered picturesque ancient cities and a blend of cultures, reminding me of the significance of protecting heritage.

Being a global citizen, I recognise that our shared humanity binds us together; each culture painting its own vibrancy and colour to the world; embracing these differences can contribute to a more compassionate future. Just as the nervous system relies on interconnectedness to function, so can we as citizens of the world - we can create a harmonious and prosperous future when unified.



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In an increasingly interconnected world, the concept of global citizenship has gained prominence as people navigate complex social, economic, and environmental challenges that transcend national borders. Global citizenship is not just about geographical mobility; it is a

mindset that emphasizes shared responsibility, cultural appreciation, and ethical engagement with global issues. However, perspectives on what it means to be a global citizen vary across regions, cultures, and individual experiences. This article explores these diverse viewpoints and how they shape the understanding of global citizenship.

For many, global citizenship represents a commitment to universal human rights, social justice, and environmental sustainability. Idealists believe that every individual has a role in addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequality.

Cultural perspectives on global citizenship highlight the importance of embracing diversity, learning from different traditions, and fostering intercultural understanding. Many argue that globalization has facilitated the exchange of ideas, languages, and traditions, allowing people to build meaningful connections beyond their own societies.

From an economic standpoint, global citizenship presents both opportunities and challenges. On one hand, globalization has enabled increased mobility, international trade, and collaboration, benefiting individuals and businesses. On the other hand, critics argue that economic globalization has widened inequalities, as wealth and resources remain concentrated in certain regions.

Politically, global citizenship is often viewed through the lens of governance, sovereignty, and identity. Some nations encourage global engagement through diplomatic efforts, international treaties, and humanitarian aid. However, others resist the idea, emphasizing nationalism and the protection of national interests.

Beyond theoretical discussions, global citizenship is deeply personal and shaped

by lived experiences. A refugee rebuilding their life in a new country may view global citizenship as access to safety and human dignity. An entrepreneur collaborating across continents may see it as an opportunity for economic growth and cultural exchange. These diverse experiences illustrate that global citizenship is not a one-size-fits-all concept but rather a dynamic and evolving identity.



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As an educator who has been working in the educational field and who has been pursuing my doctorate degree at UCAM University through Exeed College- as a proud Exeedian -I am thrilled to announce that I have presented my research paper, "Project Based Learning Unveiled: Enhancing Motivation, Engagement, and Sustainability in the U.A.E. Classrooms" at the 4th Sharjah Educational Summit on Improvement in Education, which was organized in collaboration between Sharjah Education Academy and Sharjah Private Education Authority under the slogan of unlocking the potential.

This conference is considered one of the most significant conferences in the UAE, as it hosted a myriad of professionals and educators whose expertise has enriched the learning experiences of both the presenters and the attendees.

Throughout my presentation, I presented the PBL as an experiential, active learning pedagogy that has been proven to consolidate the students' learning experiences and

enhance their motivation and engagement in their subjects. Moreover, I presented my research questions, the aims of the research, and the used methodology that enabled the attendees to have a better understanding of the research. Additionally, I delved into the practices that teachers can adopt to make the PBL classes more engaging and motivating for the learners by proposing giving the learners the agency of voice and choice in choosing the topic that they want to work on, using flipped classroom and gamification to foster the learners' engagement, and implementing the green education and the sustainability principles utilizing the PBL.

Besides, the research proposed the importance of utilising technology, especially the ethical use of AI, which would enhance the PBL experiences.

Being part of this global event has been an inspiring experience, reflecting my commitment to contributing to educational excellence in the U.A.E. This milestone would not have been achieved without the support of my colleagues and professors at Exeed.



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In the contemporary landscape of unprecedented globalisation, global citizenship emerges as a transformative paradigm that transcends geographical, political, and cultural boundaries. It embodies a holistic perspective that promotes inclusivity, ethical responsibility, and a shared commitment to collective well-being. To position oneself as a

citizen of the world is to champion diversity and cultivate empathy while recognising the intricate interdependence that unites humanity. Thus, success is reconceptualised, shifting from individual accolades to the meaningful contributions one makes to society.

At the core of global citizenship lie three essential principles: awareness, adaptability, and action. Awareness demands a comprehensive understanding of critical global issues—climate change, social inequality, or technological advancement—encouraging individuals to cultivate a critical consciousness transcending narrow perspectives. This consciousness is vital for discerning the broader implications of one's actions. Adaptability entails the capacity to thrive in diverse, multicultural contexts, showcasing cultural intelligence and an openness to alternative views. Yet, these elements are insufficient without action: a proactive commitment to promoting inclusivity, advocating for equity, and engaging in sustainable practices that resonate within the global community.

The narratives of influential global citizens underscore this vision. Figures such as Malala Yousafzai, who tirelessly advocates for education; Greta Thunberg, who raises awareness about climate issues; and Elon Musk, who spearheads sustainable energy initiatives, illustrate that success is closely tied to collective action for the benefit of society.

The demand for ethical and informed global citizens is paramount as our world becomes increasingly interconnected. The future depends on those who aspire to personal excellence and uphold the principles of justice, cooperation, and collective prosperity. True success is highlighted when individuals recognise their vital role in shaping an inclusive, equitable, and sustainable global landscape.



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Embracing Global Citizenship: A Personal Journey of Cultural Immersion and Connection

Reflecting on my experiences living in eight different countries, I see the profound impact of cultural immersion on my life. Navigating unfamiliar customs and forging lifelong friendships have shaped my journey as a global citizen.

One significant benefit has been the growth of my cultural intelligence. Living in diverse countries has accelerated my cultural exposure, allowing me to absorb and appreciate the nuances of different cultures. In West Africa, I learned the importance of community and hospitality, while in South Africa, I discovered resilience and determination. The United States impressed me with its diversity. In Latin America, I deepened my understanding of its rich heritage, and in Abu Dhabi, I marveled at the futuristic architecture and warmth of its people.

These global experiences have made me culturally rich, enabling me to navigate complex cultural situations with ease. My multicultural connections have catalyzed many job and business opportunities, both for me and my network, fostering growth and innovation.

Living in multicultural environments has taught me adaptability, resilience, and open-mindedness—skills essential for success today. My experiences have given me a unique perspective on global issues, enabling a nuanced understanding.

Global citizenship is about empathy, compassion, and connection. It is recognizing our differences as strengths that enrich our lives and broaden our perspectives. This lifelong journey requires courage, curiosity, and embracing the unknown, offering incredible rewards: a global family, a deeper understanding of ourselves and others, and a sense of belonging to a larger community.



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Global citizenship is more than a terminology — it's a mindset. In the emerging digital world, the international community is getting closer. Being a global citizen implies having a willingness to interact with people from different nations and cultural backgrounds. One way to become more globally aware is by reading about different cultures and experiences. By reading blogs, articles, and books from people who live in other parts of the world, you can gain a deeper understanding of their lives and perspectives. Another way to improve your global citizenship is by connecting with people from different countries and cultures online. You can seek social media accounts of people from different countries and start conversations with them. You could also become an online tutor to young international students, helping them to learn your language and culture while learning from theirs. These avenues help one become more informed and compassionate global citizen.

Traveling provides you with invaluable experiences and education through real interactions with other cultures. Transformative life lessons are often borne from travel

experiences, allowing you to learn about topics like global health and diversity. Global citizenship has numerous benefits that extend beyond personal growth and development. Here are some of the key advantages:

- Increased cultural understanding: fosters empathy and awareness.
- Improved communication skills: with people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
- Enhanced problem-solving skills: promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Greater career opportunities as employers increasingly value employees with global perspectives and intercultural competencies.
- Personal growth and development: engaging with diverse perspectives and cultures broaden one's view of the world.



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Global Citizenship: A World Without Borders?

In today's interconnected world, the idea of global citizenship is more relevant than ever. But what does it really mean? For some, it's about embracing diversity, traveling the world, and working together to solve global challenges like climate change and poverty. For others, it's a distant concept that feels out of reach or even threatens national identity.

The Idealists see global citizenship as an opportunity to create a more just and sustainable world. They believe that borders

should not define human responsibility. From environmental activists to humanitarian workers, many argue that collaboration across countries is the key to a better future.

The Realists, however, are more skeptical. They worry that global citizenship can dilute cultural identities and weaken national sovereignty. Some believe that taking care of one's own country should be the priority before tackling global issues. In some parts of the world, economic struggles make it difficult for people to even consider a broader, global perspective.

Then there are the Global Nomads—students, remote workers, and professionals who study and work across borders. They experience global citizenship firsthand by adapting to different cultures, learning new languages, and embracing international collaboration. For them, being a global citizen is not just an idea but a way of life.

However, for marginalized communities, global citizenship can seem like a privilege reserved for the wealthy. Economic barriers and lack of opportunities make it hard to engage in international movements or access global education.

In the end, global citizenship is not a one-size-fits-all idea. It means different things to different people. But one thing is clear: in a world where our challenges and opportunities are increasingly shared, understanding diverse perspectives on global citizenship is more important than ever.



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Global Citizenship & Technology: Transforming Education Through Diverse Perspectives

Having worked extensively as a teacher and administrator in Shanghai, China and a lecturer at Sunway University in Malaysia, I have had the privilege of experiencing diverse educational systems. My journey began with my education and upbringing in Pakistan, which provided me with a strong foundation in academia and a deep appreciation for different cultural perspectives on learning. These experiences, combined with my travels, have reinforced my belief that education is a universal bridge, connecting people and ideas across borders, and that technology plays a pivotal role in this process.

A key challenge in global education today is fostering inclusivity while reducing student anxiety and stress. I strongly advocate for the integration of technology based on Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD), which emphasizes guided learning tailored to students' evolving capabilities. Interactive AI-driven platforms, adaptive learning systems, and virtual simulations can provide equitable access to knowledge, ensuring that diverse learners progress at their own pace while receiving timely support. In Shanghai, where I worked with the BC Canadian curriculum, I witnessed how digital platforms fostered collaboration among students from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, reinforcing the power of globalized education.

Each of my travels has expanded my understanding of global citizenship and education. In Cambridge, I explored historic institutions that emphasize critical inquiry and knowledge exchange.

Shanghai introduced me to the rapid digitalization of education, where AI and online platforms transcend language barriers. In Malaysia, I embraced a multicultural academic environment, fostering inclusive learning experiences at Sunway University. Currently, I am working with the Canadian Ontario curriculum, further refining my approach to globally-minded education.

Beyond academia, my travels to Canada in 2011, Japan in 2014, and Australia in 2022, as well as my experiences in the UAE, Singapore and Saudi Arabia, have exposed me to different ways of thinking, learning, and engaging with the world. These experiences have deepened my commitment to fostering global citizenship in education, encouraging students to embrace diversity, think critically, and collaborate beyond borders.

Cultural interactions, from traditional English tea in Cambridge, authentic dumpling in Shanghai, and vibrant street food in Kuala Lumpur, to engaging with diverse communities worldwide, have reinforced my belief that education must reflect the interconnected world we live in. By integrating global perspectives and technology into learning, we can create a more inclusive, student-centric, and globally conscious educational experience.

As we move forward, the fusion of education, technology, and global awareness will be instrumental in shaping future generations of global citizens. My experiences have shown me that learning is a lifelong journey, enriched by travel, culture, and the diverse perspectives that define our shared world.



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Lessons from Globalization: A 30-Year Aviation Industry Perspective and the Value of International Education

As someone who spent 30 years in the aviation industry, traveling to numerous countries and engaging in multiple forums across the world, I experienced globalization firsthand. Through my career, I have witnessed the profound ways in which the world has interconnected, bringing both opportunities and challenges. The lessons I have learned from globalization are invaluable for understanding our globalized world today.

One of the most significant realizations has been the interconnectedness of global economies. Aviation is a perfect example of this interdependence. A flight from one country to another does not simply represent a local transaction but is part of a much larger global economic network. Trade agreements, shifts in consumer behaviour, and geopolitical events all influence the industry, and I have seen firsthand how events like financial crises or trade wars can ripple across countries, affecting airline operations and profitability.

Cultural exchange is another powerful lesson from globalization. Through my travels, I've had the privilege of experiencing a variety of cultures, customs, and languages. Aviation, as a global service, facilitates this exchange, bringing people together and fostering a more cosmopolitan worldview. However, I also witnessed the delicate balance between

embracing global influences and preserving local traditions. The aviation industry itself embodies this challenge—while it creates a global space for interaction, it also faces the need to respect local cultures and regulatory environments.

The rapid advancement of technology is another key learning. Digital innovations such as online booking platforms and in-flight entertainment systems have transformed the aviation experience. However, the growing reliance on technology has also highlighted the digital divide, especially in developing regions, where access to such innovations is limited.

Globalization has also magnified economic inequality. While emerging economies in Asia and Africa have seen significant growth, the benefits of globalization have not been evenly distributed. I have observed firsthand how this disparity affects air travel, with wealthier countries enjoying more advanced infrastructure, while others struggle to keep up.

In light of these global changes, choosing to pursue an international education, such as doing the UCAM Doctorate in Management at Exeed College outside of South Africa, aligns with the value of embracing globalization in a meaningful way. For someone like me, hailing from South Africa, this decision offered the chance to learn within a global context, enriching my academic journey with diverse perspectives. Studying abroad enables access to world-class resources, and the international setting fosters critical thinking on global business strategies—essential in an era of interconnected markets. The flexibility of programs like the UCAM Doctorate also allows for professional and personal growth while navigating the complexities of globalization.

Finally, my experiences have underscored the need for global cooperation in tackling

shared challenges. Environmental sustainability in aviation, for example, is a complex issue that requires the collective effort of governments, airlines, and passengers alike.



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Success Unveiled: A Global Citizen's Perspective

In today's interconnected world, success is no longer confined to individual achievements but is deeply tied to our ability to embrace diversity and contribute to global progress. Global citizenship is about fostering inclusivity, sustainability, and shared responsibility (Dower, 2003). It requires recognizing that our actions have far-reaching consequences and that collaboration across cultures is essential for collective success.

People experience global citizenship in unique ways. For some, it means advocating for human rights and social justice; for others, it involves using technology to bridge cultural divides. Education, travel, and digital connectivity have reshaped how we perceive belonging, encouraging individuals to embrace different perspectives while maintaining their cultural identities (Torres, 2017). As a global citizen, I have learned that success is not just about personal milestones but about uplifting others and contributing to a world where equality and opportunity are accessible to all.

One crucial aspect of global citizenship is empathy. Understanding the struggles and aspirations of people from diverse backgrounds fosters meaningful connections and social

progress. Whether through volunteering, business initiatives, or academic collaborations, true success lies in fostering inclusivity and building a sustainable future (Nussbaum, 2010). By promoting cross-cultural understanding and embracing global challenges, we shape a more just and equitable society.

Ultimately, success is unveiled not by material accumulation but by our ability to integrate, inspire, and impact the world around us. As global citizens, our greatest achievement is navigating cultural complexities with an open mind and a compassionate heart. The future belongs to those who see beyond borders, recognizing that unity in diversity is the key to a thriving global community.



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Citizens of the World: A Journey of Learning and Giving Back

My journey as a global citizen spans diverse experiences across the UK, UAE, India, Sri Lanka, and beyond. Having lived and worked in these countries, I've embraced different cultures, collaborated with organizations, and mentored students worldwide, which has shaped my global perspective. My travels have not only deepened my understanding of different cultures but also allowed me to impart my philosophy of learning and sustainability, leaving a lasting impact on communities.

As an educator and director in K-12, higher education, and vocational training, I've had the privilege of guiding learners at various

stages of their lives. In addition, my work in social impact spans over a decade, with a focus on educating underserved children. These experiences have deepened my commitment to global citizenship, where education and mentorship play vital roles in creating positive change.

Through my involvement in over 31 different professional roles, I've contributed to sectors like engineering, AI, sustainability, and entrepreneurship, collaborating with prestigious companies such as Rolls Royce and Airbus. As a mentor, I've supported startups and professionals across 20+ countries, striving to promote sustainable development goals and encourage innovation.

I have also had the honor of speaking at prestigious global events such as GITEX, Seamless, AI Everything, Logimotion, and Intersec, sharing insights on technology and education.

In the past year till now, I have been honored with several recognitions, including:

- Global Impact Alumni Award 2024.
- GESS Finalist Award 2024 for Positive Change in Education.
- Study UK British Council Alumni Finalist 2025, UAE for social impact.

These accolades reflect my continuous journey of learning and giving back, whether as a mentor, speaker, or advocate for sustainability. As a citizen of the world, I remain committed to inspiring others to embrace diversity, foster global connections, and contribute to the collective well-being of humanity.



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Embracing Global Citizenship

In today's interconnected world, being a global citizen goes beyond geography, it is about embracing diversity, fostering mutual respect, and contributing positively to the world around us. My journey as an early childhood educator in the United Arab Emirates has given me a profound appreciation for cultural exchange and inclusivity.

At our recent International Day 2025 celebration, I had the opportunity to immerse myself in a vibrant display of global cultures. Surrounded by flags from different nations and a symbolic signpost pointing to various countries, I was reminded of how rich and diverse our world truly is. Wearing a traditional African outfit, I felt a deep sense of pride in my heritage while also celebrating the unique identities of others.

One of the event's most exciting aspects was experiencing the world's flavours through cuisine. We had the privilege of tasting dishes from various nationalities, each representing a different flag. From the aromatic spices of South Asia to the comforting flavours of European delicacies, every bite was a reflection of culture, tradition, and history.

As an educator, I strive to instil the values of global citizenship in young learners, encouraging them to appreciate different traditions, languages, and perspectives. Through storytelling, cultural activities, and meaningful discussions, I help children

understand that despite our differences, we are all part of one global family.

Global citizenship goes beyond travel, it's about empathy, lifelong learning, and taking action for a better world. By fostering understanding and respect, we empower future generations to build a more united and inclusive society.

My experiences have taught me that true success lies in our ability to connect with others, celebrate diversity, and contribute to a more inclusive society. I am proud to be a citizen of the world, and I look forward to continuing this journey of cultural exchange and learning.



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Global citizenship embodies the understanding that individuals are part of a larger global community, transcending local and national boundaries. This concept encourages awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures, fostering empathy and solidarity among people. Perspectives on global citizenship differ widely based on cultural, social, and political contexts.

From a cultural standpoint, global citizenship promotes the idea of interconnectedness, urging individuals to embrace multiculturalism. People from varying backgrounds advocate for inclusivity, emphasizing the need to respect and celebrate differences. This perspective teaches that diverse voices enrich our global community, creating a more vibrant and harmonious world.

Socially, global citizenship is often linked to activism and advocacy. Many view it as a responsibility to address global issues like poverty, climate change, and human rights. Activists argue that being a global citizen means taking action, whether through volunteering, supporting fair trade, or participating in campaigns that challenge injustices. This view highlights the importance of collective effort in making a difference.

Politically, global citizenship can be contentious. In some regions, strict nationalism conflicts with the ideals of openness and collaboration. Critics of global citizenship fear the erosion of national identity and sovereignty, advocating for a more protectionist stance. Balancing these perspectives involves navigating the tension between global cooperation and local interests.

However, Global citizenship is often confronted with a number of challenges namely, Nationalism and Protectionism, Cultural standpoint, Economic disparities, Political tension, Access to Education Climate change, Technological Divides and Human Rights Violations.

In summary, global citizenship encourages a multifaceted understanding of belonging and responsibility. By embracing diverse perspectives—cultural, social, and political—individuals can better appreciate the complexities of our interconnected world, fostering a sense of unity while respecting differences.



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Reflecting Diverse Perspectives on Global Citizenship and Experiences

Global citizenship is an evolving concept that encourages individuals to see themselves as members of a worldwide community, transcending national boundaries to address global challenges such as climate change, social justice, and human rights. However, perspectives on global citizenship vary widely depending on cultural background, socioeconomic status, and personal experiences.

For some, global citizenship represents a commitment to universal values such as equality, sustainability, and interconnectedness. Individuals in this category often advocate for international cooperation, cultural exchange, and humanitarian efforts. They view global citizenship as an ethical responsibility to contribute to a more just and inclusive world. Educational institutions, international organizations, and social activists often promote this perspective, emphasizing the importance of empathy, global awareness, and collective action.

Conversely, others critique the concept of global citizenship as a privilege primarily accessible to those with financial means, freedom of movement, and educational opportunities. For many people living in conflict zones, under authoritarian regimes, or in economically disadvantaged communities, survival takes precedence over global

concerns. Some critics argue that the idea of global citizenship may overshadow the significance of national and local identities, diluting cultural heritage and traditional ways of life.

Additionally, different nations and cultures interpret global citizenship uniquely. In Western societies, it often aligns with liberal democratic values and advocacy for human rights, while in some Eastern cultures, it may focus more on collective harmony and duty. Indigenous perspectives might emphasize environmental stewardship and ancestral ties to the land rather than a borderless identity.

By embracing diverse perspectives, we can build a more inclusive understanding of global citizenship—one that respects local identities while fostering global solidarity. True global citizenship should empower individuals from all backgrounds to engage in meaningful cross-cultural dialogue and contribute to a more equitable world.



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Reflecting Diverse Perspectives on Global Citizenship and Experiences

In an era defined by globalization, the idea of global citizenship has emerged as an essential topic of discussion. It extends beyond national identities, focusing on collective responsibility and the interconnection of societies. However, this concept is understood in various ways, shaped by diverse cultural, historical, and personal experiences.

For some, global citizenship is about advocacy and active participation in social causes; supporting human rights, environmental sustainability, and social equity. Young activists and organizations believe that being a global citizen means engaging in meaningful change to society.

For others, global citizenship revolves around cultural engagement and mutual understanding. International students, expatriates, and migrants often experience how cultural diversity expands perspectives and fosters adaptability. Exploring different traditions and lifestyles encourages deeper empathy, helps in reducing stereotypes and in strengthening cross-cultural relationships.

The evolution of technology has shaped global citizenship by allowing digital avenues for worldwide interaction. These online platforms have fostered the exchange of ideas, eased collaborative efforts, and promoted discussions among people regardless of their physical distances. This digital connection allowed even those in remote locations to be part of global conversations, which helped to increase diverse voices.

However, global citizenship faces remarkable challenges. Economic inequality, restrictive immigration policies, and political tensions often prevent equal participation in global initiatives. The inconsistency in mobility and resource accessibility highlights the need for more inclusive policies to bridge these gaps.

Finally, global citizenship is about recognising our shared humanity while valuing and respecting diverse perspectives. By embracing different experiences and nurturing inclusivity, we can contribute to a world where cooperation and cultural diversity flourish in harmony.



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The marvel of global citizenship is revealed in the Voyage of Unity

It is the multifaceted aspect of citizenship that transcends borders and integrates the collective duty and actions of citizens all around the globe. Citizenship is becoming more global. In spite of the fact that it undermines the fundamental concept of national unity, it exudes an unavoidable sense of relevance; it is a call that urges us to place ourselves on the other side of the boundaries and see the larger world in such a manner. The notion of global citizenship, however, is interpreted differently by individuals according to their experiences, social backgrounds, and cultural backgrounds.

Others see global citizenship as a call to duty that must be answered. It represents a dedication to addressing global issues such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. These individuals believe that they are a component of a bigger whole, and through their efforts, they are fighting for social justice and sustainability. They believe that little, local actions may have a significant impact on the globe and inspire a feeling of responsibility and empowerment.

Citizenship in the global community is seen as a luxury by some. Not only does this occur in the actual world, but it also occurs in a world where knowledge, technology, and resources are not spread fairly across the people of the globe. As a result, not everyone has the opportunity to participate

in global conversation. Some people who are a part of disadvantaged populations could find the concept to be incomprehensible or even meaningless. In many cases, their worries are urgent and centered on the local area.



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Understanding global citizenship has become crucial on our rapidly changing planet. This idea inspires people to view themselves as part of a worldwide community transcending physical boundaries. Global citizenship requires membership in a worldwide community and comprehending the connections between social, economic, political, and ecological systems. We must understand how local actions influence global systems while focusing on inclusive behavior and sustainable outcomes.

Different cultures and nations interpret the concept of global citizenship in multiple ways. While some believe universal human rights advocacy establishes global citizenship, others prioritize environmental sustainability or economic equity. The various perspectives presented here illustrate that the concept of global citizenship takes on different forms depending on the cultural and individual settings in which it exists.

The educational system is an essential tool for developing global citizenship in students. By integrating global issues such as climate change and human rights into school curricula, students develop into responsible global citizens who recognize their influence on global problems.

Individual experiences play a fundamental role in shaping how people understand global citizenship. Travel experiences and interactions in diverse cultural settings enable people to develop deeper empathy and understanding of cultural differences while cultivating a collective responsibility through international collaborations.

Through global citizenship, we expand worldwide connections and create pathways to a sustainable and fair world. Through education, people understand multiple perspectives and build global awareness, which empowers them to contribute to the world community.



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Global Citizenship: A South African Perspective on Life in Oman

Global citizenship is a concept that transcends nationality, emphasizing interconnectedness, cultural exchange, and shared responsibility. For a South African living in Muscat and working in Oman's interior, this experience highlights the blending of cultures, economic opportunities, and the challenges of adapting to a new environment.

Muscat, the capital, is a city of contrasts—modern yet deeply rooted in tradition. The warmth of Omani hospitality resonates with the ubuntu philosophy of South Africa—*"I am because we are."* Genuine kindness, communal spirit, and respect for others create a welcoming environment, making integration easier. The city's blend of Arab, South Asian, and Western influences adds to its multicultural charm. The efficiency of infrastructure, safety, and deep respect for tradition offer a refreshing perspective compared to South Africa's dynamic yet unpredictable rhythm.

Working in Oman's interior presents a different reality. The vast desert landscapes are both awe-inspiring and unforgiving. Sandstorms rise unexpectedly, reducing visibility to near zero—an experience straight out of a movie. Flash floods carve through dry wadis in mere minutes, transforming the desert into a rushing torrent. However, amidst this rugged terrain, nature offers moments of pure magic—the most breathtaking sunsets painting the sky

in hues of orange and gold, and the largest, brightest full moon illuminating the endless dunes.

Muscat itself has a unique rhythm. An hour before the first call to prayer (Fajr), the city enters a hushed stillness, as if the world is momentarily holding its breath. Then, with the call to prayer, life slowly reawakens—bakeries open, streets fill, and the day begins.

In this context, global citizenship means embracing diversity while respecting local customs. It involves learning Arabic phrases, understanding Omani traditions, and adapting to a different work ethic. For a South African, Oman offers a unique lens on globalization—one where tradition and modernity coexist and where the experience of being an expatriate reinforces the value of cultural humility, open-mindedness, and shared human experiences.



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The Global Lens of Achievement

In an era where boundaries are rapidly blurred, the definition of success has turned into a dynamic, multicultural concept. As global citizens, our understanding of achievement is no longer limited to traditional markers such as wealth and status, but extends to the impact, connection and cross-cultural exchange. The journey of success is as diverse as the people who follow it, inheritance, values and size of social outlooks.

For many people in the West, success is often associated with personal achievements - career milestones, financial freedom and personal ambition. Meanwhile, in collective cultures such as Japan and Nigeria, success is often measured by the contribution of one in family and community. This highlights the versatile nature of opposite achievement and the need to identify various cultural structures.

For example, an Indian entrepreneur Dr. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw's inspirational story, which gave a revolution in biotechnology, giving priority to social responsibility. His success is not only about financial prosperity, but about promoting accessible healthcare solutions. Similarly, the advocacy of Nobel Prize winner Malala Yusufzai for global education suggests how success can be measured by flexibility and social change rather than physical money.

As global citizens, embracing stories of diverse success promotes more cultural praise and cooperation. The ability to navigate many approaches enriches not only our professional efforts but also our personal development. In the world associated with technology and travel, the most intensive achievements arise when we cross the boundaries, celebrate diversity, and contribute to a collective future.

Unveiled success is not a unique story - it is a tapestry of experiences, cultures and aspirations. By adopting a global perspective, we again define what it means, proving that true success lies in the effect that we make beyond ourselves.



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Success Uncovered: One World, One Opportunity

Imagine a world where borders are not barriers but bridges, where success is not measured by titles or wealth but by our impact on others. Today, more than ever, we are global citizens, allowing us to redefine what it truly means to succeed. Real success is not a trophy displayed on a shelf; it is the mark we leave on the lives we touch. It is the young entrepreneur who transforms a community with an innovative idea. The woman fights for education and changes the future of thousands. It is every person who, with empathy and determination, dares to build a better world.

Think of Boyan Slat, a young Dutch innovator who, at just 18 years old, decided to tackle one of the planet's greatest challenges: ocean pollution. Instead of waiting for someone else to act, he founded The Ocean Cleanup, an organization that is now removing tons of plastic from our seas. His success is not measured by personal recognition but by cleaner oceans for everyone.

In this era of infinite possibilities, success is within everyone's reach—but it is not just about going far; it is about going together. The most inspiring stories are not those of people who climbed alone, but of those who extended a hand so others could rise too.

Each of us has the power to make a difference. How? With curiosity, with passion, with the certainty that, no matter where we were born or what language we speak, we all share the same home: the world.

So, dream big, act boldly, and never forget that the greatest success is the one we share.



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Global Citizenship: A Tapestry of Diverse Perspectives and Experiences

Global citizenship is a multifaceted concept that transcends borders, cultures, and identities. It embodies the idea that we are all interconnected, sharing responsibility for the planet and its inhabitants. However, perspectives on global citizenship vary widely, shaped by individual experiences, cultural backgrounds, and socioeconomic contexts.

For some, global citizenship is a privilege. Those with access to education, technology, and mobility often view it as an opportunity to engage with the world, advocate for human rights, and address global challenges like climate change. They see themselves as part of a larger community, empowered to drive positive change. Yet, this perspective can sometimes overlook the realities of those who lack such privileges. For many in developing nations, global citizenship is less about choice and more about survival. Migrants, refugees, and marginalized communities often experience the world through the lens of displacement and inequality, yet their resilience and

adaptability exemplify the essence of global citizenship.

Cultural diversity also shapes how global citizenship is understood. In collectivist societies, the emphasis may be on community and shared responsibility, while individualist cultures might focus on personal agency and activism. These differing viewpoints enrich the global dialogue, highlighting the need for mutual understanding and collaboration.

Experiences of global citizenship are equally diverse. A student studying abroad may gain a deeper appreciation for cultural exchange, while a farmer in a remote village may contribute to global sustainability through traditional practices. Both experiences are valid and vital.

Ultimately, global citizenship is not a one-size-fits-all concept. It is a dynamic, evolving idea that thrives on diversity, inclusion and empathy. By embracing diverse perspectives and experiences, we can foster a more equitable and interconnected world, where the world will be a better place to live.





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Citizens of the world, simply indicates the integration and blurring of borders across the globe in a way that considers the environment, social, economic, political innovations and cultural diversity. Individuals are more conscious towards their globe and consider the future of their generations. The concept embraces mostly these issues:

- Understanding of cultural differences.
- Engagement in collaboration during pandemics, war and poverty crisis.
- Undertaking global health initiative.
- Education equalities.
- Shared values and goals.

Sustainability and innovations are the heroes in global citizenship. (Rinne, 2017) mentioned that it has an impact on technology, leadership, business and youth education and employment mobility, it is one of the most compelling tools in our 21st-century for creating a more resilient, compassionate, and sustainable world. Everyone can contribute significantly.

Social media, and mobile applications have a profound impact on the social life of individuals and communities, as news goes viral in a few seconds. For example, in many countries citizenship is being given to individuals who have contributed to the wellbeing of the community. In education, many universities are practicing global citizenship through engagement in several civic activities. Youth movements across the globe are fostering justice and equality in health, education and safe living.

The Our Voice citizen science research methodology is a scalable, evidence-based "bottom-up" research-to-action approach that empowers locals to serve as change agents in their communities. In more than 20 countries on six continents, the Our Voice citizen science methodology addresses a growing variety of local health-related challenges, its projects focused mostly on health and safety issues for individuals in underserved, diverse communities (King et al., 2021).



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Success Unveiled: Carmen Renee Samb

As a child, I have always loved traveling and people, and this passion has taken me on numerous journeys in my personal and professional life.

My career as a nurse has brought me from the southern tip of Africa, Cape Town, to Saudi Arabia (KSA). I am now celebrating being in KSA for nine years and have previously worked in the country for six years in the early 2000s. The opportunities that my career has given me from this vantage point have been none other than amazing and blessed. I have engaged, networked and created lasting relationships with colleagues, friends, friends who are now family and fellow countrymen by being in KSA. I see KSA as being the heart of my career, my travels and studies. I have seen many countries from South America to the Philippines and quite a good few have been because of my work. While living here I have learnt about so many cultures from across the world and made it my duty to ensure I

understand people based on their socio-cultural, personal and educational context. I have always encouraged my team to study, whether nationals or foreign nationals, as part of their personal growth and achievements.

While encouraging others, I have been given the opportunity and took the challenge to complete my M.Phil. from Exeed College and UCAM. Thank you to Exeed for providing me with the opportunity to lead by example. While studying, I have engaged again with fellow colleagues and global leaders during class interactions and other academic sessions. Being a global citizen has been a normal way of life for me, and I hope that I have touched people's lives enough for them to be global citizens too.



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Success Unveiled: Kerala's Journey to Global Citizenship

Kerala, often referred to as 'God's Own Country,' has evolved beyond its picturesque landscapes into a global powerhouse of talent, resilience, and cultural exchange. With a literacy rate of 96%—one of the highest in India—and a strong tradition of migration, Kerala's influence extends far beyond its borders, making it a shining example of global citizenship.

Kerala's Healthcare Ambassadors

One of the most inspiring aspects of Kerala's global presence is its healthcare professionals, especially nurses who serve across the world with dedication and compassion. From the UK to the Middle East and the US, Keralite nurses are renowned for their expertise, empathy, and ability to bridge cultural

differences, making a significant impact on global healthcare systems.

Education: The Gateway to Global Success

Kerala's commitment to education and knowledge-based growth has been instrumental in shaping its international influence. With a strong foundation in academics, Keralites have excelled in diverse fields, including technology, business, and academia, contributing to innovation and leadership worldwide.

Migrant Workforce: Strengthening Economies

Kerala's migrant workforce is a vital pillar of the global economy. Their hard work and perseverance not only uplift their families back home but also drive growth in their host countries. The \$20 billion+ remittances sent annually play a crucial role in Kerala's development, while also supporting international economic progress.

Sustainability: Kerala's Global Footprint

Beyond human capital, Kerala's commitment to sustainability and eco-conscious development has gained international recognition. The state's eco-friendly tourism, responsible environmental policies, and social welfare initiatives showcase how local traditions can influence global sustainable development.

A Collective Vision for the Future

As the world grows more interconnected, Kerala's story serves as a blueprint for harmonizing tradition with modernity. Whether in healthcare, education, migration, or sustainability, Keralites continue to shape a more inclusive and progressive world. True success, after all, is measured by the collective well-being of all.



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A Diplomat's Perspective on Global Citizenship

Success is often perceived as a personal achievement—academic excellence, career growth, or financial stability. However, as a Doctorate student in Management and a diplomat in Japan, I have come to appreciate a broader definition: success is the ability to influence, inspire, and contribute to the global community. My journey, bridging academia, diplomacy, and cultural engagement, has shaped my identity as a global citizen.

Serving at the Ghana Embassy in Japan, I am responsible for cultural, education, and diaspora affairs, a role that has allowed me to interact with people from diverse backgrounds. In this capacity, I have witnessed the profound impact of cross-cultural exchange—how education and diplomacy can bridge nations, create opportunities, and strengthen international relationships.

One of the most rewarding experiences has been engaging with the Ghanaian diaspora in Japan. Supporting their integration, preserving cultural identity, and fostering bilateral collaborations between Ghana and Japan have reinforced my belief that success is not just personal but collective.

A Synergy for Global Change

Pursuing a Doctorate in Management has deepened my understanding of leadership, governance, and global business dynamics. My research aligns with my diplomatic role,

as I explore strategies that can enhance international partnerships, promote sustainable development, and empower communities through education and cultural diplomacy.

I firmly believe that global citizenship is about responsibility, adaptability, and inclusivity.

Whether through education, policy-making, or cultural diplomacy, we must collaborate beyond borders to build a more connected and progressive world.

For me, success is not just about earning degrees or titles; it is about the legacy we create and the lives we touch. As I navigate my dual roles as a scholar and a diplomat, I remain committed to fostering mutual understanding, knowledge exchange, and international cooperation. The future belongs to those who embrace diversity, advocate for change, and recognize that true success is unveiled through collective progress.



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Success Unveiled: Saudi Arabia's Journey to Global Citizenship in 2025

Saudi Arabia's commitment to global citizenship in 2025 reveals a transformative journey marked by educational innovation, technological advancements, and progressive government policies. As a cornerstone of Vision 2030, the Kingdom's educational reforms have integrated global citizenship education (GCE) into the curriculum, encouraging students to engage with pressing global issues like climate change, poverty, and human rights. This shift fosters

critical thinking, empathy, and cultural awareness, equipping Saudi youth with the tools to navigate an interconnected world.

Technological innovation plays a pivotal role in this transformation. LEAP 2025, a major technology event in Riyadh, exemplifies Saudi Arabia's emergence as a global digital hub. With \$14.9 billion in investments and participation from over 200,000 attendees worldwide, the event underscores the Kingdom's dedication to fostering global collaboration in AI, cloud computing, and digital infrastructure. These advancements position Saudi Arabia on the global stage and enhance its citizens' capabilities in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

Government initiatives further reinforce this vision. The Royal Decree granting citizenship to global talents and the Human Capability Initiative (HCI) conference reflects a forward-thinking approach to human development and global integration. Despite challenges such as balancing traditional values with global perspectives, Saudi Arabia's efforts are cultivating a generation of globally minded citizens.

The impact on Saudi youth is profound, with enhanced global awareness, critical skills, and readiness for global challenges. As the Kingdom continues its journey, its success in promoting global citizenship is an inspiring model for the region, demonstrating that embracing global perspectives while preserving national identity is possible and essential in today's interconnected world.



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Success isn't just about personal achievement, it's about how we engage with the world around us. In an era where borders are becoming less relevant in business, careers, and investment, the ability to think and act as a global citizen has never been more important. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the GCC, a region that has long thrived on international collaboration and diverse perspectives. The Gulf's rapid growth is a testament to the power of openness. Walk into a boardroom in Dubai, Riyadh, or Manama, and you'll find professionals from every continent working together, combining expertise from different industries and cultures.

Entrepreneurs launch startups with investors from across the globe, businesses tap into international markets, and governments create initiatives that attract the world's brightest minds. Success here isn't about where you were born and it's about how you contribute. What makes the GCC even more remarkable is its commitment to inclusivity and safety. Despite being home to over 100 nationalities, our region consistently ranks among the world's safest and most welcoming places to live and work. Cities like Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Doha are recognized globally for their hospitality, where people from different backgrounds not only coexist but thrive together.

This openness isn't new—it has been part of the Gulf's identity for centuries, rooted in a culture that values hospitality, mutual respect, and shared progress. Being a global citizen isn't just about traveling or speaking

multiple languages. It's about adaptability, cultural awareness, and a willingness to build bridges across different perspectives. Some of the most successful figures in the GCC understand this well. They don't operate in silos; they leverage networks that span continents, learning from global trends while shaping regional progress. The GCC is proving that success in today's world belongs to those who embrace diversity, foster meaningful connections, and build with a vision that goes beyond borders.



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Success Unveiled: Diverse Perspectives on Global Citizenship and Its Impact on Individual and Collective Achievement

Global citizenship is feeling part of a broader society and being aware of, accountable for, and involved in global issues (Reysen and Katzarska-Miller, 2013). As the world becomes more integrated, the idea of global citizenship is crucial for working together to solve global challenges and better people's personal, professional, and social lives. Džankić (2015) thinks globalization and transnationalism have changed citizenship beyond borders. This has made it easier to travel, advance economically, and meet individuals from other cultures. The link between global citizenship and achievement appears in various identities and contexts. Cultural empathy and global responsibility help people become global citizens (Reysen & Katzarska-Miller, 2013). These ideals promote good behavior, leadership, and

career success. Džankić (2015) says investment-based citizenship programs make it simpler to travel and access transnational networks and economic opportunities that help people succeed.

From a psychological point of view, global citizenship develops acceptance and understanding of diverse cultures. This generates social capital and strengthens worldwide networks (Reysen and Katzarska-Miller, 2013). Džankić (2015) states global mobility initiatives have raised foreign direct investment in participating nations by 15%. This illustrates that cross-border citizenship initiatives affect the economy. In the education sphere, international programs like Erasmus have increased cross-cultural skills and career prospects, reinforcing the relationship between learning abroad and rising in your work (Reysen & Katzarska-Miller, 2013). There are still issues despite the rewards. Global citizenship is often a privilege constrained by socioeconomic restrictions (Reysen & Katzarska-Miller, 2013). Džankić (2015) argues that investment-based citizenship programs are discriminatory because they only allow wealthy people to access these opportunities. Reysen and Katzarska-Miller (2013) and Džankić (2015) think global citizenship is vital to success in many sectors. Global citizenship should help everyone, not just a few, thus equitable access and inclusive norms are needed.



society lies not just in individual achievements but in contributing meaningfully to a world that thrives on diversity and collaboration.

Global citizenship fosters the ability to navigate and appreciate the complexities of varied cultural landscapes. It encourages us to expand our horizons, challenge preconceived notions, and embrace differing perspectives. This openness cultivates empathy, a critical trait for leaders, changemakers, and citizens of the world. Success is not confined to personal milestones but reflected in how we uplift the communities around us.

Experiences shape global citizens, often through cross-border collaborations, community-driven initiatives, or addressing global challenges like climate change, poverty, and human rights. These interactions lift the veil of individualism, revealing a world interconnected by shared aspirations and mutual challenges.

As I often say, ***“True success is not measured by what we achieve individually but by what we build and inspire together.”*** Our responsibility as global citizens lies in building bridges where others see barriers, finding unity in diversity, and driving sustainable change. Success is unveiled when we inspire others to dream beyond boundaries and work toward a shared vision of harmony.

To be a global citizen is to recognize that the world's advancement and trials are intrinsically connected. It is a call to action and a promise to contribute to a world where success is shared, and humanity thrives together. As a citizen of the world, I don't just work for today! I build for tomorrow. My aim is to leave this planet better than I found it, for those who will walk after me. Are You...?



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I am a proud citizen of the world who strongly believes in the power of human beings and namely the youth. As an educator and mother, I strive to teach universal values - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship - believing that this is what makes people of character. Today and more than ever, our youth need to be taught these values. Our world is passing through hard times, and we don't need more strife, wars, and agony. Let us protect and guide our children and instill in them a spirit to celebrate differences, be accountable for their actions and be loyal to our precious universe. Let us refrain from hatred, blaming and revenge. We can all have a positive impact in various ways. Let us remember that “I alone can't change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to make many ripples.”



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Success Unveiled: Embracing Global Citizenship

In an interconnected world, the essence of global citizenship transcends geographical borders and cultural divides. It is not merely an identity; it is a mindset that champions inclusivity, shared responsibility, and collective progress. True success in today's globalized



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Cross-Cultural Leadership: The New Global Citizenship

As a South African professional navigating Dubai's dynamic business landscape alongside Indian colleagues, my MBA journey has revealed that true global citizenship means embracing leadership across multiple cultural dimensions.

This unique position at the intersection of three distinct worldviews has become my greatest professional asset. I've learned to bridge South African directness, Emirati relationship-centered business practices, and the collaborative problem-solving approach common among my Indian teammates. This diversity of perspective transforms our daily interactions into masterclasses in global leadership.

Through practical experience, I've discovered that effective cross-cultural leadership begins with active listening. Rather than applying South African business norms universally, I've grown to value how my Indian colleagues prioritize consensus-building, while our Emirati partners emphasize tradition alongside innovation. This attentiveness converts potential cultural friction into opportunities for creative solutions.

Dubai's international business environment demands adaptability - shifting between communication styles while maintaining authenticity. During negotiations, I balance South African transparency with the contextual communication preferred by many Indian

colleagues, all while respecting Emirati business protocols.

Most significantly, this trilateral cultural experience has taught me humility. Each perspective brings unique strengths: South African pragmatism, Indian technical precision, and Emirati strategic vision. Recognizing these complementary approaches has elevated our collective business outcomes.

As I continue my MBA studies, this understanding guides my development: tomorrow's business leaders must function as citizens not of nations, but of a global community—building bridges across differences with cultural intelligence, adaptability, and wisdom.



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The Evolution of Global Citizenship Growing up in a small town in Kerala, India, my understanding of the world was once limited to what I saw in my immediate surroundings. Today, as I navigate through my professional journey across continents, I've come to realize that success in our interconnected world demands more than just academic or technical expertise – it requires us to embrace our role as global citizens. The concept of global citizenship has evolved dramatically in recent years. It's no longer just about traveling or working internationally; it's about developing a mindset that acknowledges our shared responsibility in addressing global challenges. Through my interactions with colleagues from diverse cultural backgrounds, I've learned that success often stems from our ability to bridge cultural gaps and find common ground in our shared human experiences.

Take, for instance, the inspiring journey of Nahla Nabil, Head of Sustainability at Etihad Rail. Her remarkable evolution from a regulatory specialist to becoming a sustainability leader and author of "Mission Zero" exemplifies the power of global citizenship. Her story shows how embracing diverse perspectives and global challenges can transform not just individual careers but contribute to worldwide sustainability efforts. Her work demonstrates how local expertise can be scaled to create global impact. Being a global citizen means recognizing that success isn't measured solely by individual achievements, but by our contribution to the collective progress of humanity.

It's about understanding that innovations in one part of the world can spark solutions in another, and that cultural diversity isn't just an aspect to be tolerated – it's a strength to be leveraged. As we move forward in an increasingly interconnected world, the most successful individuals will be those who can adapt to different cultural contexts while maintaining their authentic selves. They'll be the ones who see beyond geographical boundaries and recognize that in today's world, local actions can have global implications. The path to success in our global society requires us to be curious, empathetic, and open to diverse perspectives. It's about building bridges rather than walls and understanding that our differences don't divide us – they enrich us.



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Citizens of the World: Global Citizenship and Experiences

A Global citizen could be referred to a person who leads by responsibly cultivated interest in the affairs of the world, one who is aware of the global trends, issues and identifies with the world beyond his or her immediate locality and borders; most importantly plays significant and active part in ensuring that their immediate community and beyond enjoys their positive impact and contributions. Such people leverage on their experiences and learn from others who have similar traits to influence sustainability, justice, ethical dealings and participation in accountability, transparency, and dutifully owning little spaces that contribute to global awareness, especially to the vulnerable.

They see themselves as people who may be living in a community but believe in the shared livelihood and concerns of the broader community far beyond their places of abode or countries of citizenship. These kinds of people build bridges that make them global citizens without borders through interconnectivity, friendship, and participation. They hold and share equality values and responsibility to others as much as themselves. They walk and traverse these open borders even though restrained with various sets of intricate yet simple characteristics, they see and use as their passports (templates of non-booklet documents) for breaking through fearlessly. Global citizens use the power of commonly

accepted and shared values, principles, ethics, human rights and conventional rules of law and justice as their passports for traversing the globe freely. Most people know what it means to be truthful, knows the truth, but because of lack of values, people tend to accept injustice as a way of progress and unethical dealings as a way of getting ahead of others. Global citizens have gathered the thoughts of realities and the essence of common living to understand that these (values and truth) are the core of social justice and globalization.

It could, therefore, be inferred that a Global citizen must be a person of value, truth, justice, and promoter of sustainable change – these are the core global factors of liberation that must be passed on to the younger generation through influence and leadership.



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A Journey of Connection and Resilience

The world feels both massive and intimately connected. News travels in seconds, cultures intertwine online, and global challenges remind us we are all in this together. This interconnectedness has me thinking about what it means to be a global citizen. It is more than a passport; it is a feeling, a way of looking at the world.

For me, it starts with recognizing our shared humanity. We may have different languages and traditions, but we all want similar things: safety, love, opportunity. It is about understanding each other, even when it is

hard, and listening to different perspectives. It is about checking my own biases and realizing even small actions can have a global impact.

This idea shapes how I live and work. It has made me passionate about connection and resilience, themes I explore in & “The Anti-Burnout Mindset.” Finding purpose and connecting to something bigger is vital for navigating modern life. In addition, that “something bigger” is the whole world. We are all part of this messy, amazing thing, and we all have a role to play.

I experienced this connection firsthand while volunteering with a refugee organization. Talking with a woman who had fled her home was heartbreaking and inspiring. It made me realize how much we take for granted and how important it is to help others. It brought home the fact that even miles apart, we are all connected.

Being a global citizen is not always easy. It means stepping outside your comfort zone, facing uncomfortable truths, and maybe challenging the status quo. Nevertheless, it is rewarding. It opens your eyes to different ways of life, allows you to learn from other cultures, and makes you feel like you can make a difference. Just as “The Anti-Burnout Mindset” emphasizes inner strength, global citizenship is about building our collective strength for a world where everyone can succeed.



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Citizens of the World: A Journey Through Global Hospitality

Having worked in the hospitality industry across the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Nigeria, Ghana, South Sudan, and India, I have had the privilege of experiencing firsthand how diverse cultures shape our global landscape. Hospitality, at its essence, is about welcoming people from all walks of life, embracing different traditions, and fostering a sense of belonging no matter where one comes from. Through my journey across these regions, I have gained invaluable insights into what it truly means to be a citizen of the world.

Each country I have worked in has offered a unique perspective on human connection and cultural richness. In the Middle East, I witnessed the deep-rooted traditions of Arabian hospitality, where generosity and warmth define every guest experience. In Africa, I was captivated by the vibrant spirit of Ghana, the resilience of Nigeria, and the community-driven culture of South Sudan. My time in India further reinforced the beauty of diversity, as I navigated its intricate blend of ancient traditions and modern hospitality.

Global citizenship is more than just moving across borders; it is about adapting, learning, and contributing to every community we become part of. Whether it was sharing a cup of qahwa in Oman, enjoying a traditional suya in Nigeria, exploring the spice markets of India, or witnessing the fast-paced energy

of Dubai's hospitality sector, each experience has deepened my understanding of our shared human values— respect, kindness, and the joy of human connection. Beyond cultural appreciation, being a global citizen comes with responsibility. My experiences in the hospitality industry have reinforced the importance of sustainability, ethical business practices, and the need for inclusive environments. From implementing eco-friendly initiatives in hotels to empowering local communities through employment and training, I have seen how small actions can create lasting, positive change in the world.

Reflecting on this journey, I have come to realize that being a citizen of the world is not about nationality but about mindset. It is about embracing new experiences, respecting cultural differences, and leaving a positive impact wherever we go. In an industry that thrives on human connections, the most valuable passport one can hold is an open heart and an open mind.

No matter where we come from or where we go, we all have the power to foster unity, one experience, one conversation, and one act of kindness at a time.





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In my small Beirut office, where the hum of generators competes with lively debates, I've discovered what global citizenship truly means. As a Lebanese doctoral student navigating sustainable management studies amid power cuts and air raid sirens, my peer Syrian economists, Sudani entrepreneurs, Nigerian educators have become lifelines. We share kabab sandwiches and war stories, our differences eclipsed by a shared question: How do we redefine success when survival is a daily negotiation?

When Borders Blur

Yesterday, as missiles struck southern Lebanon, my Syrian classmate, Mariam, shared how we can move out from our chaos. A Sudani peer, Osman, spoke of rebuilding cities while studying Leadership Behavior Methods. Our syllabus expanded beyond management theories to include grief, resilience, and the quiet heroism of showing up. Success here isn't grades, it's how we can move on under such pressure.

War as an Unlikely Teacher

Conflict strips away illusions. When Wi-Fi vanishes for days, we start thinking about how the world is running, how we can trade case studies for open conversations, stitching heritage into survival. In these moments, global citizenship isn't abstract, it's hands stained with ink and soil, finding common ground in traumatized places.

The Currency of Shared Stories

My research on cross-cultural leadership now beats with lived truths. Success, we've realized, is the Jordanian student organizing

aid cases during assessments, or contrary to one of our dearest colleagues who passed away in Tyr with her whole family after submitting her doctorate in education research proposal on LMS. It's our DM WhatsApp group buzzing at 2 AM: "Check-in is everyone safe? Did you hear how powerful the strike was?"

The Unseen Syllabus

Lebanon's crises have rewritten our understanding of management. We debate "diversity metrics" while sharing trauma-healing practices from Colombia to Kurdistan. Sustainability isn't just corporate nonsense, it's merging funds to keep solar panels inverter humming so classes continue.

Conclusion: Our Mosaic of Triumph

True success, for citizens of our fractured world, lies in refusing to let borders or bombs define our humanity. It's the certificate earned amid air raids, the friendships counterfeit over survival tactics, and the stubborn belief that a Nigerian's hustle, a Syrian's resilience, and a Lebanese's dark humor can, together, build something unbreakable. Our legacy? A world where "global citizen" isn't a buzzword, it's the hand that reaches across rubble, holding hope.



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In the contemporary landscape characterized by globalization and interconnectivity, the notion of global citizenship has garnered significant attention and intrigue. Global citizenship encompasses individuals who comprehend, cherish, and uphold diversity, who assume responsibility for tackling

global challenges like climate change, and who choose to engage with empathy both locally and globally (Bosio, 2021). Global citizenship rests on the premise that humanity is intricately linked, with individual triumphs and setbacks being collectively shared and experienced. Nevertheless, on a comprehensive scale, the notion is influenced by numerous intricacies that lead to a variety of viewpoints (Leite, 2022).

For individuals residing in developed nations, the notion of global citizenship is predominantly observed and expressed through the lens of digital connectivity. Professionals have the capacity to collaborate remotely with team members and colleagues situated in various cities and countries worldwide. All of these global professionals prioritize their identity as a professional community before acknowledging their affiliation with their respective countries. Conversely, individuals from developing nations and regions frequently adopt a perspective of global citizenship, emphasizing issues like environmental conservation and sustainability (Sant, 2018).

Embracing the role of global citizens inevitably presents a variety of challenges. These are frequently manifested in the significant disparities observed among individuals concerning their ideologies, economic standing, and the cultural contexts to which they are affiliated. Nevertheless, all these forms of challenges can be adeptly addressed through the adoption of pragmatic strategies, including the embrace of diversity and a heightened emphasis on fostering inclusivity (Bosio, 2021).

In conclusion, global citizenship embodies a perspective that honors the collective responsibilities, diverse experiences, and interrelations among individuals. As members of the global society, it is crucial for every individual to persist in advocating for and honoring diversity while recognizing that all

humanity constitutes a singular, interconnected community.



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Global citizenship involves recognizing one's place and role within the larger global community. This includes an awareness of the complex social, political, economic, and environmental issues that transcend national boundaries and an understanding of how one's actions can have ripple effects felt around the world.

This resonates strongly with Dr. Mohamed Tawfik's experience as an Egyptian professional working in the Saudi healthcare private sector while being a doctoral candidate at the Spanish Catholic University of Murcia. And he is the inventor of the GIDC model (a framework for green transformation), He is also a sustainability ambassador for SPSC, UK.

This mix embodies several key aspects of global citizenship as follows:

Education in a Different Cultural Context

His Doctoral Studies at the Catholic University of Murcia exposed him to other cultures and the educational system. This experience broadened his perspectives and deepened his understanding of diverse viewpoints.

Awareness of Global Issues

Dr. Tawfik's engagement with specific global issues as a sustainability ambassador for SPSC, UK, makes him more aware of the interconnectedness of the world and the global challenges we face.

Living and Working in a Different Culture

Dr. Tawfik's presence in Saudi Arabia places him in a context where he interacts with and navigates a culture distinct from his own. This experience fosters cross-cultural understanding, which is a critical component of global citizenship. As he is experiencing the "incredible diversity" of Saudi Arabia.

In short, Dr. Mohamed Tawfik's experience reflects many of the core principles of global citizenship. His experiences living and studying in different cultural contexts have cultivated in him an awareness of global interconnectedness and the importance of cross-cultural understanding. He embodies the ideal of a global citizen who can contribute to building bridges and addressing shared challenges.



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World Citizens

The Way Gen Z Thinks Through continuing globalization and enhanced digital communication, Gen Z represents a generation of global citizens. Gen Z is open, diversity-friendly, technologically savvy, and socially responsible. Instead of limitations, they view borders as opportunities to connect, share experiences, and contribute to a larger global community. Having come of age in a world with rich global connections, they have seen the power of collective action, often driven through social media, in everything from climate action to human rights advocacy. Global citizenship is more than a concept for them, it is a commitment to taking part in relevant dialogue and effecting change. Their respect for diversity as a strength and preference for collaboration

over competition turns them into natural change agents for a more inclusive world. Moreover, Gen Z desires genuine and purpose-led leadership. Many of their academic and professional goals are aligned with their values, fundamentally about sustainability, equity, and corporate social responsibility. Rather than following the traditional watershed of careers, they look for roles that allow them to make an impact that goes beyond financial success. New business models, leadership strategies, and workplace cultures built around empathy, agility, and ethical decision-making are coalescing as a result of this mindset shift. And they are redefining success as global citizens. Developing a whole new generation with a social entrepreneurship approach beyond a job and a salary offering. By participating in forms of digital activism, entrepreneurship, and innovative problem-solving, they are not merely adapting to the future; they are shaping it. Generation cohort, which has now become a driving force in creating a more connected and equitable world through its ability to embrace diversity, challenge status quo, and demand accountability. Gen Z's view of global citizenship speaks to the power of collective purpose. With every wall torn down and every bridge built, they show us that the future belongs to those who view the world, not as armies of silo-ed countries, but as a shared home for all human.



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Embracing the World: A Sailor's Journey to Global Citizenship

After two decades navigating the world's oceans as a marine engineer, I've come to understand that success isn't just measured by professional achievements – it's about the connections we forge across cultures and the wisdom we gain from every port of call.

My journey began in the engine rooms of merchant vessels, where I worked alongside crews from the Philippines, Romania, Poland, India, and beyond. We spoke different languages but shared a common language of determination and mutual respect. I remember a particularly challenging night in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, when our main engine failed during a storm. It was the combined knowledge of our multinational crew – each bringing unique approaches from their home countries – that got us safely to port.

These experiences shaped my understanding of global citizenship. In Singapore's bustling ports, I learned patience and adaptability. The precision of Japanese shipyards taught me the value of meticulous attention to detail. The warmth of Greek islanders showed me that strangers can become family in an instant.

Now, as I pursue my Doctorate in Management at UCAM through Exeed College, I see how these lessons translate into leadership

principles. True global citizenship isn't about how many countries you've visited – it's about understanding that innovation and excellence can come from anywhere. It's about recognizing that our differences aren't barriers but bridges to better solutions.

The shipping industry showed me that success is built on collaboration across borders. Whether you're troubleshooting an engine problem in the middle of the Pacific Ocean or developing management strategies in a classroom, the principles remain the same: respect for diverse perspectives, willingness to learn from others, and the understanding that we're all interconnected in this global voyage.

As I research management practices today, I carry with me the voices and faces of countless colleagues from around the world who taught me that leadership knows no nationality – only the universal language of human connection and shared purpose.



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Reflecting diverse perspectives on global citizenship and experiences

In a world that is more connected than ever, knowing about global citizenship is very important for building empathy and respect between different cultures. Global citizenship is not just about knowing international issues; it also means being committed to inclusivity, ethical leadership, and social responsibility. People need to deal with complicated cultural situations, accepting the values and viewpoints that various communities bring to the global conversation.

The impact of culture views on global citizenship is strong as it affects how we see connections and shared duties. When people accept different cultural stories, they build a wider view that encourages understanding and teamwork beyond borders. This awareness is important in a world that is increasingly connected, where differences can split or bring us together. As said in the fight for fairness and justice, "I still have a dream... that all men are created equal." Such dreams show why global citizens need to engage in talks about valuing cultures and social fairness. By recognizing and appreciating distinct cultural inputs, people can better deal with the challenges of global citizenship, thus improving social unity and creating a more welcoming world.

Personal experiences often play a big role in understanding global citizenship. For example, volunteering in different communities shows how connected our world is, leading to a better appreciation for cultural differences and common human values. Working with people from various backgrounds can

challenge old beliefs and stress the need for empathy and teamwork in tackling global problems like poverty, inequality, and climate change.

The below image captures the idea of having a global mindset that goes beyond borders and appreciates each individual perspective. Ultimately, welcoming different thoughts and experiences enhances our collective knowledge, helping us find sustainable solutions and build a more inclusive future. Thus, it supports the idea that global citizenship is more than just an identity; it is an active practice based on respect, responsibility, and common goals.

To sum up, looking at different views on global citizenship shows how connected our world is and how important it is to engage empathetically with various cultures. Thinking about these experiences highlights that developing global citizenship needs us to recognize our common humanity and to understand and value different cultural expressions.

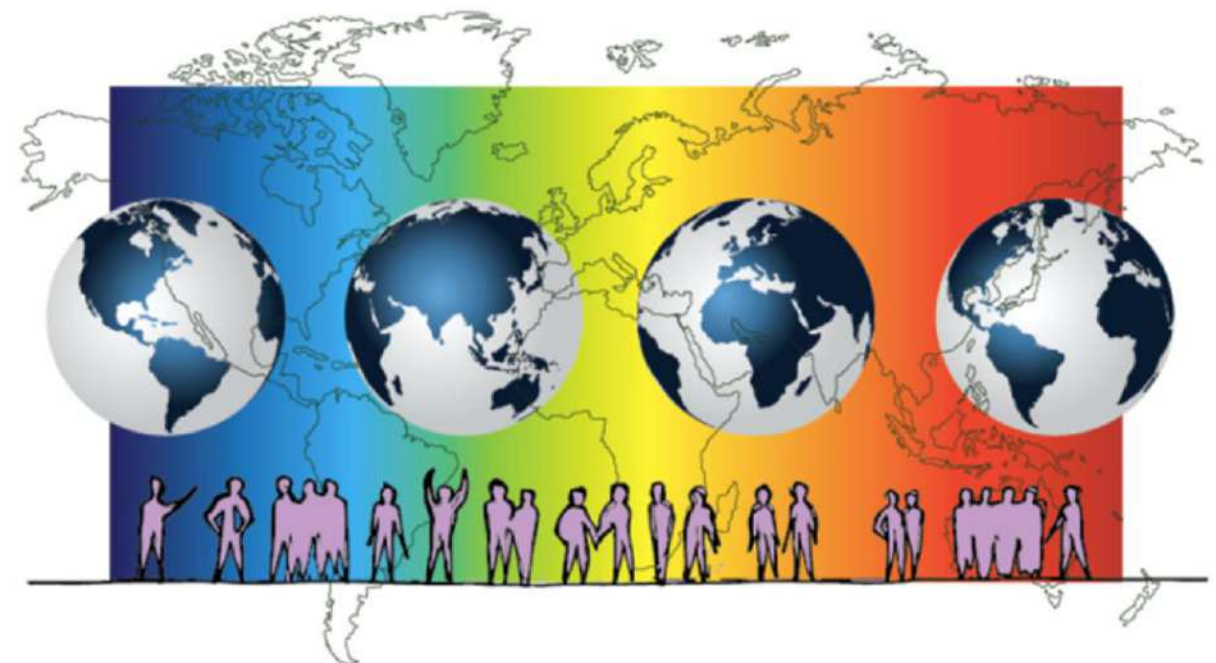


Image1 : Global Unity and Diversity



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Global Citizenship, The Benefits and Challenges

Introduction

In our interconnected culture, the concept of global citizenship is gaining traction. It emphasizes our shared responsibilities and interconnectedness to others and the world. This attitude encourages people to think about the broader effects of their actions beyond their immediate environment.

Aspects of Global Citizens

For many, global citizenship means action and advocacy. Climate change, poverty, and violations of human rights are all universal challenges that require coordinated action. Organizations such as UNESCO's educational programs try to provide individuals with the information and skills required to collaborate on these global issues. Others become global citizens via cultural interchange and personal development. Immigrants, expatriates, and international students often have many identities, which enriches both their personal lives and their communities. These interactions foster empathy and cross-cultural understanding, both of which are necessary components of global citizenship. Global citizens and globalization are intrinsically related since globalization allows cross-border transactions and brings economies, cultures, and communities together. Global people recognize their interconnectedness by promoting inclusivity, cultural exchange, and global problem resolution.

Challenges for Global Citizens

- Cultural and Identity Conflicts - Balancing multiple cultural influences while maintaining one's identity is challenging
- Language Barriers - Communication issues can arise in a variety of global settings.
- Political and Legal Restrictions - Different countries' laws and regulations may restrict advocacy and travel.
- Economic imbalances – Unequal access to resources and opportunities affects engagement in global issues.
- Digital Divide - Limited internet connectivity in some locations prevents global engagement.

Conclusion

In a constantly changing world, the role of global citizens has never been more critical. As borders fade and our shared humanity becomes evident, the global citizenship perspective reminds us that we are interconnected and that collective action is the key to bringing about positive change for future generations.



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Embracing Global Citizenship in an Interconnected World

Today, the world is connected in many ways, across different fields, cultures, and experiences. Traveling, working, studying, and communicating with people from different countries has become much easier, giving rise to the idea of global citizenship. A global citizen is someone who recognizes their connection to humanity as a whole and takes responsibility for contributing to the well-being of the world (Landorf & Feldman, 2015).

Being a global citizen means thinking beyond borders, embracing diversity, and taking responsibility for global challenges. Success today is no longer just about personal achievements. It's about understanding different cultures, working with people from various backgrounds, and making a positive impact on the world.

In the 20th century, people began to see global citizenship as something good for nations. It helps them understand other cultures and work together to solve problems. For example, a 2014 conference on global citizenship discussed important topics like education, ending violence against women, and models of reconciliation after ethnic violence (Melton Foundation, 2014).

To be a successful global citizen, you must adapt to new environments, respect other perspectives, and be willing to collaborate with people worldwide. Today, businesses look for employees who can work globally, and students who think globally are highly valued. Being open to different cultures helps both personal and professional growth.

Technology, especially online education, has made global citizenship easier. (Gibson et al, 2008) By removing barriers of geographical, financial, and social factors, technology has made education more accessible. As a result, progressive Universities worldwide have student exchange programmes which promote global citizen narrative.

People's experiences shape how they see global citizenship. A student studying abroad may feel excited about meeting new people, while a refugee may feel lost. In the end, being a global citizen is about balancing love for your country with responsibility to the world, respecting others, and working together for a better future.



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Being a citizen of the world means embracing the differences and similarities of various cultures, religions, and traditions without discrimination. It is about recognizing that we are all unique individuals, yet we belong to the same planet and share a common destiny. Being a citizen of the world is not just about having a global mindset, but also taking action to create a better world for all.

To be a citizen of the world requires empathy and compassion towards other humans, and an understanding that every person has a right to dignity and respect. It also means being responsible and accountable for the impact of our actions on the environment, society, and the economy. We must recognize that the earth's resources are limited and that we need to be mindful of our consumption patterns and how they impact future generations.

Being a citizen of the world also means promoting and supporting cross-cultural communication, education, and exchange programs. We must appreciate and celebrate the diversity of the world. To do so, we need to listen, learn, and engage with people from different backgrounds to broaden our understanding and viewpoint.

Moreover, being a citizen of the world demands taking an active role in creating a better world. It means supporting initiatives that address global problems, such as poverty, climate change, and social inequality. We need to work together to find solutions that benefit everyone, and not just an individual or a group's interests.

In conclusion, being a citizen of the world entails a sense of respect, responsibility, and action. It requires individuals to look beyond individual or national interests and prioritize the common good. We need to embrace diversity, be open-minded, and engage in meaningful ways that promote a better world for all. Being a citizen of the world is not only essential for our personal growth and development, but it is also crucial to create a peaceful, sustainable, and equitable world.



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Global Citizenship and the United Nations' Governance

The concept of global citizenship has evolved from Diogenes' notion of being a "citizen of the world" to Kant's vision of a cosmopolitan society. In modern times, philosophers like Nussbaum and Appiah argue that global citizenship transcends national borders, demanding ethical responsibility for others worldwide. The UN has been crucial in promoting these ideals, particularly through its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and global Citizenship Education (GCED) initiatives. However, translating these ideals into effective governance faces significant challenges in a geopolitical climate marked by nationalism and political divides.

Economically, global citizenship is closely linked to fairness, inclusivity, and sustainable development. The UN's microfinance and inclusive growth programs aim to reduce economic disparities, but more targeted strategies are still needed to reach the marginalized groups and indigenous

communities. Despite progress, structural inequalities persist, and efforts must ensure economic policies address these historic exclusions.

Technology likewise plays an essential role in global citizenship. Innovations like AI for climate monitoring and blockchain for transparent governance directly contribute to SDG goals. However, the digital gap remains a critical issue.

Initiatives like the UN's broadband commission are working to expand internet access, yet, equitable technology access must be prioritized, especially in underserved regions.

Global governance often faces stiffnesses between both national interests and collective well-being. Political divisions and bureaucratic challenges hinder progress in international cooperation. Fair governance requires not only diplomatic engagement but the active participation of local communities, particularly indigenous and vulnerable groups, in decision-making processes.

Global citizenship promotes cultural understanding, but systemic biases, such as economic and racial inequalities, must be addressed for true equity. Reforming global institutions to ensure inclusivity and representation is essential.

By that, Global citizenship depends on collaboration across borders, focusing on economic fairness, technology access, and political inclusion. Only through genuine partnership, between governments, businesses, and civil society, can fairness and sustainability be achieved, particularly for the world's most vulnerable populations.



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Bridging Worlds – My Journey as a Global Citizen

As a Hindu woman, a mother of 2, and a software development manager in South Africa, my life is a blend of tradition and modernity, local and global perspectives. My journey has taught me that global citizenship is not about where you live—it's about how you engage with the world. Growing up in a culturally rich Hindu household, I learned the values of dharma (duty), seva (service), and ahimsa (non-violence). These values shaped my early understanding of global responsibility. However, it wasn't until I entered the tech industry that I truly experienced what it means to be part of a global community.

In software development, collaboration transcends borders. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with teams across different time zones, exchanging ideas with colleagues from diverse backgrounds. This experience has deepened my appreciation for different cultures, languages, and ways of thinking. It has also made me realize that technology itself is a powerful tool for fostering global connections. Learning Leadership in a Global Community Beyond my professional and personal life, my journey as a doctoral student has expanded my understanding of global citizenship in ways I never imagined. Studying via an online platform has connected me with leaders and scholars from various parts of the world, each bringing unique insights shaped by their cultures and experiences. This experience has reinforced that true

global citizenship is about learning from others, challenging one's assumptions, and striving to be a leader who fosters inclusivity and innovation across borders. A Journey of Balance and Responsibility.

My journey has shown me that global citizenship is a balance: staying rooted in my traditions while engaging openly with the world. It's about embracing differences while finding common ground. And most importantly, it's about realizing that even small actions—whether in the workplace, at home, or in our studies—can have a global forward-thinking. And in that process, we don't just grow as professionals or academics—we grow as global citizens.



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From Village to Vision: Universal Healthcare as a Bridge to Quality Care

Growing up in rural Kenya, I witnessed healthcare's stark paradox through a traditional midwife who delivered babies by kerosene lamplight. Her dedication was inspiring, yet her stories revealed heartbreaking gaps: mothers lost to preventable bleeding, children claimed by treatable malaria. These experiences planted a deep conviction that universal healthcare isn't a privilege, but a fundamental right.

Studying in the UAE alongside peers from six continents broadened my perspective. While examining successful universal coverage models in countries like Thailand and Norway, I learned that healthcare solutions aren't

one-size-fits-all. Global citizenship requires adapting international frameworks to local contexts with cultural sensitivity and humility.

Now at Kenya's Social Health Authority, I'm translating vision into impact. Our maternal care initiative in remote regions blends community wisdom with modern medicine. By partnering with local elders and deploying mobile clinics with trained caregivers, we've achieved a 30% increase in facility deliveries and reduced maternal complications by 22% in pilot areas.

The true measure of success lies in individual stories—like the grateful mother whose baby survived because our team reached her remote village, or the colleague who praised our model for reimagining healthcare equity. Universal healthcare transcends insurance coverage; it's about ensuring equal quality care whether in rural Kitui or urban Nairobi.

My journey from Kenyan villages to global institutions has reinforced that meaningful healthcare transformation requires seeing ourselves as citizens of humanity first. When we prioritize people over borders, we build bridges to quality care for all.



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Global citizenship encompasses a sense of responsibility, empathy, and inclusivity towards people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. As South Africans, we have a unique understanding of the importance of global citizenship, having experienced the unifying power of democracy and the ongoing challenges of social inequality.

For some, global citizenship means embracing cultural diversity and promoting cross-cultural understanding. "Growing up in a township, I learned the value of Ubuntu – humanity towards others," says Nandi, a student from Soweto. "Global citizenship requires us to recognize our shared humanity and work towards creating a more inclusive world."

Others view global citizenship through the lens of social justice and human rights. "As a member of the #FeesMustFall movement, I've seen firsthand the power of collective action in fighting for social justice," notes Thembi, a university student. "Global citizenship requires us to acknowledge our privilege and take action to address the injustices faced by marginalized communities."

For many, global citizenship is also about embracing technology and digital connectivity. "Social media has enabled me to connect with people from all over the world, fostering global understanding and collaboration," says Siya, a young entrepreneur from Cape Town.

These diverse perspectives highlight the complexity and richness of global citizenship in the South African context. By embracing our shared humanity and promoting inclusivity, social justice, and cultural understanding, we can foster a deeper sense of global citizenship and work towards creating a more just and equitable world.



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Being a Cosmopolitan is a personal experience..

Global citizenship is a concept that goes beyond the traditional idea of national or local belonging, encouraging individuals to see themselves as part of a larger global community. It calls for a shared responsibility to address the world's most pressing challenges, such as poverty, climate change, and human rights abuses. Yet, the experience of global citizenship is not uniform; it varies greatly depending on cultural, economic, political, and social contexts.

One's experience of global citizenship is deeply influenced by their geographic location and access to resources. For individuals in developed countries, where access to education, travel, and information is more common, global citizenship can feel like an inclusive and actionable identity. These individuals often see themselves as part of a worldwide movement, advocating for international cooperation on issues like climate justice, human rights, and sustainable development. Their experiences may include participating in global campaigns, supporting international NGOs, or traveling abroad to engage in volunteer work or study (Shultz, 2019).

In contrast, for individuals in marginalized communities or developing nations, the notion of global citizenship can be more challenging to embrace. Facing economic instability, political unrest, or inadequate access to education, people in these regions are often preoccupied with addressing

immediate needs. Their sense of identity is more closely tied to national or local concerns, and global citizenship may seem like an unattainable or abstract ideal (Nussbaum, 2002). For refugees or displaced persons, global citizenship might represent both hope and alienation—hope for inclusion in a broader community but also the painful reality of displacement, loss, and the struggle for basic rights.

Technology has reshaped how global citizenship is experienced, especially for younger generations. Social media platforms and digital activism provide tools for global engagement, allowing individuals to participate in global discussions, advocate for causes, and share resources across borders. Digital networks have enabled global movements like climate strikes, human rights campaigns, and social justice initiatives to thrive, particularly among Gen Z and Millennials (Pennycook, 2020).

In conclusion, while global citizenship offers a powerful vision of collective responsibility, its experience is shaped by one's personal circumstances, economic opportunities, and access to digital tools. As such, the concept remains both a universal ideal and a deeply personal journey.



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Reflecting diverse perspectives on global citizenship and experiences

In today's increasingly interconnected world, the concept of global citizenship has emerged as a focal point of discussion, including a

range of interpretations molded by diverse cultural experiences, beliefs, and identities. While some regard global citizenship as a moral imperative to promote an equitable and sustainable society, others see it as a privilege intertwined with economic mobility and educational possibilities. These perspectives highlight the varied character of global citizenship.

Educational Approaches:

International Education Programs:

These programs, such as student exchanges and study abroad, are pivotal in promoting global citizenship by exposing students to diverse cultural environments (Zalli, 2024)

Multicultural Curricula

Multicultural courses help students develop an appreciation for cultural diversity and critical thinking skills necessary for global citizenship (Zalli, 2024)

Reflective Practices

Foster et al. (2023) suggest that structured reflection sessions during international professional development experiences, enhance global competence by encouraging participants to critically engage with cultural differences.

Practical Experiences and Global Citizenship

Study Abroad Programs

Foster et al. (2023) show that study abroad programs can improve global competency in educators, highlighting the reciprocal benefits of hosting and participating in international exchange programs.

Volunteering Narratives

The narrative inquiry on global citizenship through international volunteering emphasizes self-perception, self-awareness, critical reflection, cultural understanding, and humanitarian values through direct engagement with diverse communities.

Theoretical Perspectives and Challenges

Conceptual Challenges

The concept of global citizenship education is complex and requires ongoing dialogue to address its pedagogical problems, particularly in higher education environments (Torres & Bosio, 2020).

Cultural and Power Dynamics

Torres & Bosio (2020) necessitate the focus on social justice and equity in global citizenship education due to the impact of culture and power dynamics in educational settings on its success.

While these educational strategies are important, some argue that the effectiveness of global citizenship education might be restricted by contextual factors, such as institutional support and varied interpretations of global citizenship across different cultures (Ferguson, 2024).



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Success Unveiled: Global citizenship and experience

The interconnectivity of the world necessitates a transition to global citizenship. It is not merely recognizing this link, but a moral compass that directs our comprehension of local and global societies, underscoring our obligations. Global citizenship fosters inclusive and equitable communities in which all individuals prosper. It is perceiving ourselves as constituents of a global community, acknowledging the intrinsic dignity and equality of all individuals, and aspiring towards the collective welfare of humanity.

Do we possess the capability? Fostering global imagination and awareness is essential. Global awareness enables comprehension of globalization's cohesive and divisive dynamics, helping us to recognize our position within them and how we may collectively effect change. Global imagination expands our perspectives, enabling us to conceive a world beyond our immediate environment.

Foundations for global citizenship are established, particularly under the UN framework. Its endorsement of economic and social progress upholds fundamental values: the conviction in the intrinsic dignity and rights of all individuals, as expressed in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These rights serve as a standard for an equitable world. Botswana's dedication to the UN Sustainable Development Goals,

especially those concerning education and gender equality, exemplifies its adherence to global citizenship concepts. Its initiatives in wildlife conservation, acknowledging the interdependence of ecosystems, exemplify a global citizenship viewpoint. Moreover, activities that promote cultural exchange programs between Botswana and other countries enhance global understanding and cooperation.

In summary, global citizenship is essential. By adopting varied viewpoints and collective obligations, we foster a more just and interconnected society. Personal experiences and education cultivate global citizenship principles, transforming us into agents of change and promoting a more inclusive and responsible global community.



Student Engagement & Wellbeing Update

Shaping Global Citizens at Exeed College: The Role of Student Engagement and Well-Being



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In today's interconnected world, executive education extends beyond academics, it is about shaping global citizens who can thrive in diverse environments. At Exeed College, students from over 138 nationalities bring in unique cultural experiences, professional aspirations, and personal challenges. This rich diversity creates a dynamic learning environment, making student engagement essential to ensure an inclusive setting where every learner feels valued connected and empowered.

Student Engagement is a crucial aspect of a student's academic journey to ensure they feel supported and motivated, which in turn influences their academic success, personal growth, and overall well-being. For us engagement must be more than attending classes, it is including the student participation, enthusiasm, curiosity, and the drive to succeed. We contribute to the development of globally minded professionals who can navigate an ever-changing world with confidence and competence.

Here's how the team makes a difference:

Bridging the Gap Between Students and the Institution

As a bridge between students and the institution, we maintain open lines of communication, ensuring student concerns, feedback, and aspirations are acknowledged and addressed. Whether it's resolving academic queries, providing guidance on coursework, or facilitating discussions with faculty, we play a vital role in enhancing student satisfaction and academic success.

Providing Personalized Support and Mentorship

Every student faces unique challenges, especially when balancing education with professional and personal commitments. Through personalized mentoring and guidance, we help students navigate these challenges by offering time management strategies, study support, and emotional encouragement. Our role extends beyond academics, ensuring that students feel confident and supported in their journey toward graduation.

Fostering a Sense of Community

Online learning can sometimes feel isolating, but at Exeed College, we work to build a strong sense of community. Initiatives such as orientation and welcome meets, personalized mentorship, student networking provide opportunities for students to connect, share experiences, and collaborate. These efforts create a more inclusive and interactive learning environment, making students feel part of a vibrant academic family.

Enhancing Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing is at the heart of engagement. From providing counseling services and academic support to checking in on students who may be struggling, we play a crucial role in maintaining students' mental and emotional health.

Our Commitment to Student Success

At Exeed College, the role of a Student Engagement Officer is not just about providing support—it's about empowering students to reach their full potential. Through continuous guidance, innovative engagement strategies, and a deep commitment to student well-being, we ensure that every learner is equipped to succeed both academically and personally.

Our mission is simple: to inspire, support, and uplift students so they can achieve their dreams and become the leaders of tomorrow. At Exeed College, no student is alone, we are here every step of the way.

Real Stories of Student Success through Student Engagement

The dedication of Student Engagement Officers creates a lasting difference in students' lives. The impact of this support is best reflected in the words of students who share their heartfelt gratitude:

"My deepest gratitude for the unwavering support and encouragement you provided during one of the most challenging times in my life"

"Your kindness, understanding, and constant reassurance played a pivotal role in helping me navigate through the difficulties I faced during my course. Your words of encouragement and the support you extended were a source of strength that kept me going when things felt overwhelming."

"I wanted to take a moment to specially appreciate you for being such a positive influence in my journey. Your dedication to supporting students like me is truly inspiring, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have had you by my side."

"Thank you once again for everything you have done. I will always hold your support close to my heart and remember it as a key factor in my success."

Exeed Launches "Playbook for Businesses" Strategic Learning for the Modern Organization

EXEED PLAYBOOK FOR BUSINESSES

Exeed College proudly introduces the **Exeed Playbook for Businesses**, a new division focused on empowering organizations through strategic insights, expert mentorship, and innovative, gamified learning experiences.

Tailored for today's fast-evolving corporate environment, the Playbook blends traditional business fundamentals with cutting-edge approaches to help teams improve performance, decision-making, and long-term growth. From leadership training and simulations to real-world case studies, it offers practical tools to help businesses thrive.

Whether you're a growing startup or a global enterprise, **Exeed Playbook for Businesses** is your go-to resource for upskilling, innovation, and impactful learning.

Introducing Exeed SOLO: Empowering Self-Paced Learning, Globally

EXEED SOLO

Exeed College is proud to unveil **Exeed SOLO**, a dynamic self-study portal designed to bring our academic excellence to learners around the world—anytime, anywhere.

Built on over a decade of Exeed's educational credibility, Exeed SOLO offers **flexible, self-paced courses** that lead to Exeed College certifications. With a focus on **specialized, high-demand fields** like Technology Management and Artificial Intelligence, the platform delivers niche programs that meet the evolving needs of modern professionals.

Exeed SOLO not only repurposes our rich content and expert faculty for digital access, but also engages our vibrant alumni and student communities while validating offerings through **key industry partnerships**.

This launch marks a new chapter in accessible, quality education—where learners lead their journey, and Exeed continues to guide with trust, innovation, and excellence.

Exeed Student Council



Anesh Soni

Faculty/Program Leader

The Exeed College student community is a vibrant collective of learners from over 138 countries. The Exeed Student Council plays a vital role in enhancing the educational experience for our diverse student body. Given the multicultural background of our student population, the role of a Global Citizen becomes that much more evident. To be a Global Citizen is to be someone who is aware of and understands the wider world – and their place in it. They are citizens of the world and as such take an active role in their community and work with others to make our planet more peaceful, sustainable and fairer. As we navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing world, we believe that global citizenship is not just an ideal, but a necessity. Through the initiatives of the Exeed Student Council, we will strive to foster a sense of interconnectedness, and intercultural understanding among our fellow students.



Over the next academic year, the Exeed Student Council will spearhead several impactful initiatives that will enrich the lives of our student community. These initiatives include a series of webinars featuring experts in their fields, such as cross-cultural communication amongst others. Additionally, we will facilitate online social events that will foster casual dialogue and an appreciation for our diverse perspectives. Future events include in-person social networking events, which will further drive networking and foster new bonds and friendships that we are confident will last long after graduation.

The Exeed Student Council will drive to connect students from different backgrounds and academic disciplines, encouraging them to embrace their roles as global citizens by actively participating in discussions, volunteering their time and skills where possible, and advocating for positive change in their communities and beyond. We believe that our student community, with their diverse experiences and perspectives, have a unique contribution to make in shaping a better future for all.

New Exeedians On The Block

Embracing New Joinees: A Heartfelt Welcome to the Exeed family



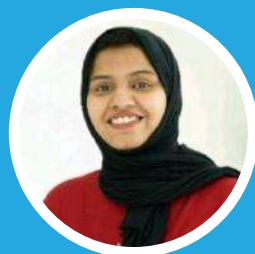
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Officer



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Advisor



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Assessor

Extraordinary Feats

We celebrate the extraordinary achievements and exceptional talents that deserve to be showcased. You are the ones who have set new standards of excellence and inspired us all.



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Shanavas Panikkar Veetil
Scholar of Excellence Award
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Afsan Waheed
Scholar of Excellence Award
City University



Michelle Patricia Harper
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Research Training Excellence Award
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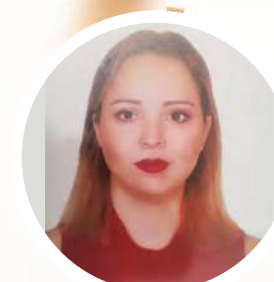
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Early Years Trailblazer Award
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Shashikala Pushpasriya Hettiarachchi
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Life & Travel

“Exploring the world and embracing adventures”

In this edition, we focus on the remarkable experiences our very own students and employees have embraced through their travels to different countries, immersing themselves in diverse cultures.

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Heritage and Modernity: A Personal Journey Across the UK

Life and travel go hand in hand, providing new perspectives, experiences, and enduring memories.

One such experience was my journey to the UK in the summer of 2024. It was a surreal experience for me as I discovered the beauty of the English countryside. It was indeed amazing to experience the sublime coordination of old heritage with modernity. It was evident at the hotels where we stayed. The architecture dated back to the 18th century but the facilities were absolutely modern age. Visiting ancient places such as Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London revealed grand architecture, while traditional meals such as fish and chips enhanced the experience. What struck me most was the UK's dedication to preserve its rich past.

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Trekking Through Nepal: A Journey to Tserko Ri and Beyond

I wanted to reach out because I recently returned from an incredible trip to Nepal, and I thought it might be a great fit for the Life & Travel section. I spent five unforgettable days trekking through the Langtang region which was an amazing mix of tough trails and beautiful scenery. From the lush forests and traditional villages to the breathtaking mountain views, it felt like every moment was surreal. One of the most memorable parts of the trek was reaching Tserko Ri, a viewpoint sitting at a staggering 5,000 meters above sea level. Standing there, surrounded by snow-capped peaks, was nothing short of magical.

Along the way, I got to experience the warmth of the Tamang community, who were so welcoming and added so much richness to the trip. And of course, the food! Dal bhat and momos became

my go to fuel for the journey because we had to walk for 9-8 hours a day and they were delicious. This trip wasn't just about pushing my physical limits, it also reminded me how amazing it feels to explore lesser known places within your country and connect with different cultures.

I've attached three high-resolution photos from the trek that really capture the spirit of the adventure, and I hope it gives you a glimpse into this incredible experience.

Thank you!

Iceland



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Exploring Iceland: A Journey of Awe

For me, the best learning comes from exploring the world, and Iceland—my 64th country, visited last summer—was beyond magical. Its folklore of elves, trolls, and Viking legends adds to the island's mystical charm. The breathtaking landscapes—lava fields, volcanoes, misty mountains, and over 10,000 waterfalls—felt like stepping onto another planet.

Iceland stands out in many ways: nearly 100% renewable energy, no army, and one of the world's safest societies. Its unpredictable weather made for an adventure—strong winds canceled our whale-watching tour, but we explored glaciers, waterfalls, geysers, black sand beaches, the iconic Golden Circle, and even witnessed the midnight sun.

What made this journey unforgettable was the warmth of the Icelandic people. Everywhere we went, we received great advice on places to visit and eat, and locals even walked with us to ensure we wouldn't get lost. Iceland now holds a special place in my heart, and I highly recommend experiencing its magic firsthand.

United States of America



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A Memorable travel to Las Vegas to attend the Dell Technology World (DTW) 2024

I had an amazing opportunity to attend the Dell Technologies World, a Global Conference focusing on Artificial Intelligence at Las Vegas in May 2024.

The event was an inspirational journey through the anticipated future of AI offering a deep understanding of the subject. Exceptional industry leaders such as Michael Dell, Founder & CEO of Dell and Jensen Huang, founder & CEO of Nvidia were a few of the luminary speakers at the event. Few breakout sessions with very interesting topics such as, “How AI is transforming music production”, “The role that AI can play in Sports”, and even discovering “How AI is unravelling the mysteries of the Universe”, mystified our judgments on AI.

Personally, the highlight of the session was to listen to one of my favorite speakers Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, the famous astrophysicist on his popular topic "An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies". The audience were thrilled to listen to his exciting insights on the topic.

Overall, I had a few memorable days well spent at Las Vegas experiencing the flamboyance of the city, stimulating my taste buds with delicious cuisines, enjoying various world class theater shows while testing my luck in gambling at numerous Casinos. A trip that will be remembered for a lifetime!

Italy



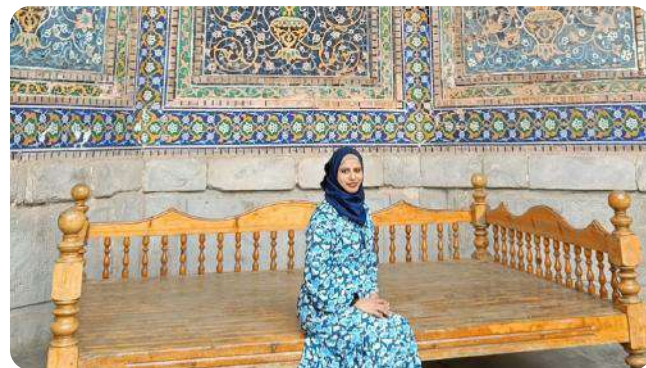
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A Journey Through Milan, Turin, and Reletò

My recent trip to Italy was a fascinating blend of history, culture, and gastronomy. Starting in Milan, I explored the stunning Duomo di Milano, walked through the elegant Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, and experienced the vibrant energy of the city's fashion and business districts. Turin, known for its rich history and Baroque architecture, impressed me with its Royal Palace, Piazza Castello, and of course, the world-famous Bicerin, a traditional coffee-chocolate drink. Finally, in Reletò, I had the chance to enjoy the serene countryside, savoring authentic Italian cuisine and engaging with the local culture.

Uzbekistan



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Edutraveler's Journey: Discovering the Rich History and Culture of Uzbekistan

Edutraveler! I may have coined a term while embarking on the many learning opportunities ahead of me as I embark on the search for knowledge of history and culture! This time it was Uzbekistan, the silk route. I was presenting at a conference and decided to add the travelling bit to the education part of it. I explored Tashkent, Andijan and Samarqand in 8 days. What this amazing historic country had to offer is beyond the reach of words or vision to be portrayed on paper! It is a blessed land with rich and historic artefacts, history dating back to the Era of Babur and nature blessed by snow-covered mountains, beautiful lakes and the magnificent Madrasaahs in Samarqand.

The ever-humble people and the curious passers-by wore this warm and welcoming smile just like the comforting tea with an aroma of warmth and pleasantness. The tombs and the heritage that showcase the evolution of this land and people yet so grounded in their culture and heritage made me respect and admire how deeply rooted this nation is to what it began with! So, I highly recommend this land of beauty and wonder, a must-have on your bucket list! There are great activities for you and your family to enjoy.

Dubai



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My Dubai experience

My trip to Dubai was an amazing experience and adventure. I was mesmerized by the infrastructure, the luxurious cars on the road, and the breath-taking architectural masterpieces in Dubai. My first activity was the Dubai Marathon, as a serial marathoner this was my first Marathon outside Africa and it was picture perfect with amazing views and weather. I did get a chance to travel to Abu Dhabi and visited the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the culture and religion was great. I tried different cuisines outside hotel food-tacos&schwarmas, and the seafood in Dubai was the best I've ever tasted, very fresh and flavourful. I visited a few museums, the Dubai Frame, I did sand bashing, camel riding, which ended with a beautiful cultural night. Finally, the day I've waited for months arrived, the day of my graduation, with hundreds of fellow graduates coming from across the globe to celebrate achievements!

Azerbaijan



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"Baku's Timeless Charm: A Glimpse into Azerbaijan's Heart"

My recent journey to Baku, Azerbaijan, was a captivating experience where ancient history blended seamlessly with modern innovation. Icherisheher, the UNESCO-recognized Old City, stole my heart as I wandered through its maze-like streets, admiring architectural marvels such as the glorious Palace of the Shirvanshahs and the mysterious Maiden Tower. Evenings were best spent at Baku Boulevard, where I watched the city's skyline come to life, especially the mesmerizing Flame Towers illuminating the night. The chill of the Caspian Sea carried the enticing aromas of local dishes served at the cozy cafes along the shore. A thrilling visit to Gobustan National Park unveiled fascinating mud volcanoes and ancient petroglyphs, offering a glimpse into Azerbaijan's deep-rooted history. My adventure extended to Shahdag Mountain Resort, a winter paradise where pristine snow-covered peaks set the stage for exhilarating activities like skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling, making it a perfect retreat for adventure lovers and nature enthusiasts alike. Looking back, Baku's fusion of cultures, warm hospitality, and stunning landscapes ignited a newfound appreciation for history and modernity that I had never experienced before.

Dubai



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Dunes & Dreams: My Dubai Desert Safari Adventure

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting the Desert Safari Dubai in the United Arab Emirates a country that experienced over 16.79 million tourists that visited Dubai between January and November 2024, representing a %9 increase compared to the same period in 2023. My journey took me through desert activities which included, Dune bashing, Quad biking, camel riding, sand boarding, dune buggy, the falcon experience, the sunset in the desert, fire shows, dinner in the desert, overnight desert safari, and I witnessed the red dunes in the desert. A highlight of my trip was Quad biking into the dunes of the Desert.

Europe



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Exploring Europe's Cultural Gems

My recent journey across Prague, Vienna, Berlin, and Hamburg was an enriching experience filled with history, art, and culture. In Prague, I wandered through its charming Old Town, admired the Astronomical Clock, and marvelled at the stunning Gothic architecture of St. Vitus Cathedral. Vienna captivated me with its imperial grandeur, especially the Sisi Museum, which offered fascinating insights into Empress Elisabeth's life. The city's famous Sachertorte and traditional Viennese coffee were delightful treats.

In Berlin, history came alive as I explored the Brandenburg Gate, remnants of the Berlin Wall, and Museum Island. Hamburg was a visual delight, with its iconic port and the impressive Miniatur Wunderland, the world's largest model railway exhibition.

This trip deepened my appreciation for European heritage, blending old-world charm with modern vibrancy. Each city offered a unique perspective, making the journey a truly unforgettable experience.

Thailand



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A Journey Through Thailand's Natural Wonders

During my trip to Krabi, Thailand, I explored its diverse offerings, from vibrant cuisine to stunning natural landscapes.

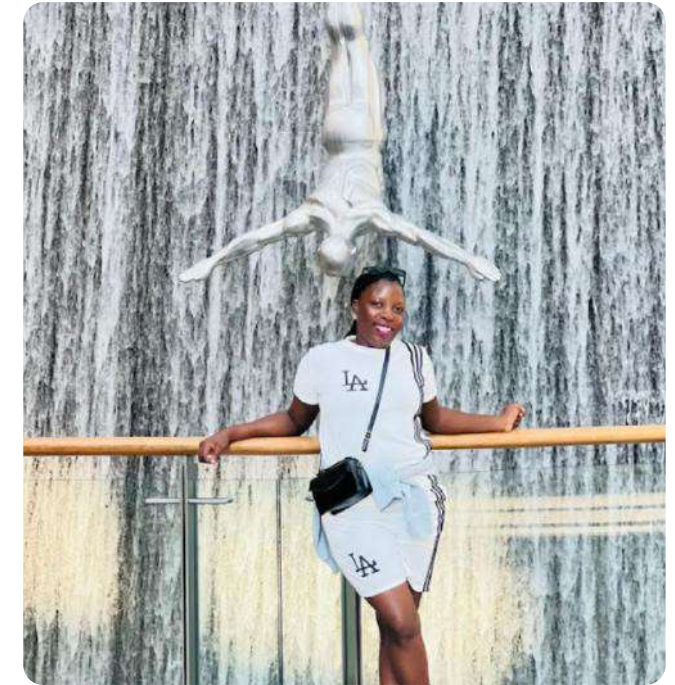
I highly recommend indulging in local delicacies like Tom Yum Soup, Steamed Seabass, Coconut Crab Curry, and Mango Salad.

My adventures included an unforgettable elephant tour, exploring a hidden cave, and cruising around on a rented motorcycle, the perfect way to soak in Krabi's beauty. The Ao Nong Night Market provided a lively atmosphere for food and fun. I also visited several temples and reveled in the lush greenery, ocean views, and wildlife encounters. The mangrove forests and island-hopping, especially to the iconic James Bond Island, were highlights.

I immersed myself in Thai culture by enjoying traditional massages, witnessing captivating fire-blowing performances on the beach, and swimming at night in the mesmerizing bioluminescent ocean.

Krabi truly offers an enriching and unforgettable travel experience.

Dubai



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Dubai Adventures: Food, Fun, and Friendships

First of all my name is Teddy Nakitto and I will start by explaining the meaning of life and travel. As per my view it simply means process of going through challenges, experiences and discoveries throughout the journey

My Experience

So far I have traveled to one country and that is the United Arab Emirates(UAE). I have been in two cities, Dubai and Sharjah. I tried out the chinese and Indian cuisine and their taste was a great memory to remember. I have managed to make a tour in the biggest mall, Dubai Mall. I had a look at branded stores, which I admire, Aquarium, and the underwater zoo which, amused me so much.

The most interesting part is that I have met people from different walks of life and managed to interact with them, which has helped me to know more about their culture and traditions, thus my hobby.

Singapore



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The Multicultural Tapestry of Singapore: How Four Ethnicities

Coexist in Harmony

The ultimate 10 days in my travel to Singapore was a unique experience, as a member of the international mission of Brazilian Transport Confederation (CNT), I could experience the inspirational life in one of the most multicultural places in the east side. There are several characteristics that justify this country having built one of the greatest financial powers in the world in such a short time, but I could not fail to highlight the Educational system. With strong support from the government, education is a top national priority with well-funded schools and infrastructure. With the meritocratic approach, students have the opportunity regardless of background. About languages, students are also prepared for a globalized world.

Another aspect that moved me was the intercultural harmony between Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Eurasian communities. These people coexist in a remarkable way where their traditions and values are notable. I had the amazing experience of being in a little India neighborhood during

the Deepavali festival in November, also known as Diwali, which is the Hindu Festival of Lights, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge.

With its world-class infrastructure, thriving economy, and deep respect for traditions, Singapore stands as a unique blend of the past and the future. Whether you're a visitor or a local, experiencing the country offers a glimpse into the warmth, spirituality, and communal spirit that define this green island nation.

Zanzibar



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A Hidden Gem of the Indian Ocean

Zanzibar is known for its beautiful beaches, rich history, and vibrant culture. From the reathtaking coast of Paje to the historic avenues of Stone Town, the island serves as an incredible getaway. One of the key attractions, the Safari Blue tour, transports travelers through turquoise waters to a remote sandbank ideal for snorkeling amongst vibrant tropical fish. Guests are given the opportunity to enjoy seafood barbecues on a deserted island, then take a stroll to the iconic Mbuyu tree, leaving behind a mark. As the boat returns, the crew sings "Hakuna Matata", making the journey unforgettable. In addition, resorts located in Matemwe and Paje offer the island's notorious relaxed, laid-back lifestyle along with the ocean views from the hammocks set up on the beach. For a local touch, they also

provide trips to nearby schools, which allows a glimpse into the local culture and lifestyle. Kuza Caves and Zanzibar mangrove forests cover adventure as well. Stone Town does not shy from exposing culture either, with Freddie Mercury's childhood home, alongside the well-known Forodhani Night Market, serving delectable street food with lively entertainment. This natural wonder with immense cultural beauty is a place that is ideal for tourism; those seeking peace will not be disappointed.

Kyrgyzstan



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"My Journey Through Kyrgyzstan"

Escaping the Usual

As someone who always dreams of exploring unfamiliar places and meeting new people, I knew I had to visit Kyrgyzstan. The mountains, the food, the culture everything felt exciting. And trust me, it did not disappoint!

First Stop: Bishkek - A City Full of Surprises

I landed in Bishkek, expecting a quiet capital, but instead, I found a lively mix of Soviet-era buildings, street markets, and friendly locals. At Osh Bazaar, I tried plov (rice with meat and carrots), warm samsa, and even kumis (fermented horse milk)-a bit too strong for my taste, but definitely an experience!

Later, I found a cozy tea shop where an elderly man invited me and my friends over. We had a lengthy conversation him speaking Kyrgyz, us

speaking a mix of broken Russian, English and Urdu. Somehow, we still understood each other.

Karakol

Skiing & Meeting Fellow Adventurers from Bishkek, we took a marshrutka (shared minibus) to Karakol, a town surrounded by snowy mountains. I had never skied before, but I decided to try at Karakol Ski Base. After a few falls (okay, maybe a lot of falls), I finally got the hang of it. The cold mountain air and the breathtaking views made it all worth it.

Later that night. We found a small restaurant where I tried ashlyanfu (a spicy cold noodle soup), a dish introduced by the Dungan community. Me and my friends shared different perspectives of the experiences we had so far in the trip and it reminded me how travel brings a sense of livelihood.

Being introduced to different cultures and traditions gives my koinophobic personality reasons why I should dedicate a certain amount of resources to ONLY travel the world and keep meeting new people.

Mandatories

- Passport & Visa Copies: Keep both digital & physical copies.
- Cash (USD & KGS): Cards aren't widely accepted.
- Google Translate & Maps: Limited English speakers. Offline maps help!
- Warm Clothes: Weather in unpredictable, even in summer.
- Good Shoes: Lots of walking & hiking.
- Basic Medicines: Pharmacies may not have familiar brands.
- Power Bank & Adapter: Electricity can be unstable in remote areas.
- Yandex Go App: Best for taxis avoid overpaying.
- Snacks & Water: Long trips with few shops in between.

Lessons from Kyrgyzstan

This trip was more than just sightseeing. It reminded me why I love to travel-to step out of my comfort zone, meet new people, and experience life in a way that is different from

my own. Kyrgyzstan, with its warm people and stunning landscapes, showed me that the world is full of surprises waiting to be explored.

Albania



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Hiking Through Albania: A Journey into Raw Nature and Warm Hospitality

I felt a little immature for saying this, but my goals always include exploring corners, new cities, meet people and eat their food too! I've been to 15 countries in the past and each country is unique on its own. This trip I'll be writing about is something I'm quite proud of doing for a few reasons: First, it's not often on anyone's bucket list and a country that many people know little about. Secondly, I was surprised by how beautiful the country is from its breathtaking landscapes, stunning mountain ranges and dramatic peaks, and most of all pristine beaches that can rival its neighbouring countries. Lastly, it's where I did my first hike outside UAE, with no guide, armed with only an offline map and my gut instinct. Think about it.

I'm talking about Albania – a country in the Balkans and Europe's best-kept secret. Despite its beauty, Albania remains under-visited

compared to its neighbours (Italy, Greece, Croatia), largely due to its negative stereotypes from its communist past. While crime exists (as in many countries), safety of course is a priority whenever I travel. But I had look past it and visited the country myself and I would say, I have met the most hospitable locals, a diverse history with influences that goes back as Byzantines and Ottomans, a paradise for anyone seeking raw and unspoiled nature and most of all great food and accommodations at a fraction of the price.



Dubai Run 2024



Charuth Chandran

Senior Admissions Manager

Every year, the Dubai Fitness Challenge sparks a citywide movement, motivating thousands to adopt a healthier lifestyle. One of its most notable events, the Dubai Run, transforms Sheikh Zayed Road into a bustling track where people from all walks of life gather, exhibiting the genuine spirit of worldwide unity.

The Dubai Run is more than simply a fitness event; it exemplifies the city's capacity to bring people together from various backgrounds. Runners of many ages, countries, and fitness levels participate, representing a world without borders. Whether it's families jogging together, professionals taking a break from their hectic schedules, or seasoned athletes striving for personal bests, the event fosters a sense of community and inclusion.

Beyond its physical benefits, the Dubai Run promotes a sense of belonging and community, emphasizing the notion that wellbeing is a common objective. The event demonstrates Dubai's commitment to fostering a healthier society while also emphasizing the ability of global events to bridge cultures and communities. As thousands of runners make their way through the city's famed skyline, they are not simply racing to the finish line; they are also sprinting for a healthier and more connected world.

In an era when global concerns often divide us, events like the Dubai Run serve as a reminder of our collective power and perseverance. It is more than just a run; it is a celebration of global solidarity, variety, and the unlimited energy of all citizens and residents.



Exeed Medical Camp



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Exeed College, in collaboration with DOCIB Clinic, Dubai, had organized a comprehensive Health Checkup Camp for its staff on July 22, 2024. The initiative aimed to promote employee well-being by offering essential health screenings and consultations along with vital tests at discounted rates if recommended by the doctors on site.

The camp provided a range of medical tests, including blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar testing and general health assessments. A team of experienced healthcare professionals from Docib Clinic conducted the screenings and offered valuable advice on maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Staff members actively participated in the initiative, appreciating the convenience of accessing medical care at their workplace. This event was focused on Exeed's commitment to fostering a healthy work environment and ensuring the well-being of its employees.

Such initiatives play a crucial role in preventive healthcare, allowing early detection of potential health issues. Exeed College looks forward to organizing more wellness programs to support its staff's health and productivity.



A Celebration of Global Flavors at Exeed Food Fest



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Citizens of the World: A Celebration of Global Flavors at Exeed Food Fest

At Exeed College, diversity is more than just a concept—it's a way of life. This was on full display at the Exeed Food Fest, where our talented teams showcased their culinary prowess, proving that their skills extend far beyond their day jobs. Eight teams, representing different departments, transformed our office into a vibrant international marketplace, bringing together flavors from around the globe.

The Revenue Refreshments (Accounting) team delighted taste buds with a mix of Indian and international favorites, from flavorful biryani to decadent brownies. Taitolitious (Teacher Training) transported everyone to a Hawaiian paradise with tropical-inspired home cooking and island vibes. Sip & Dip (Academic Team 1) served a colorful platter that celebrated the national pride of Sri Lanka, India, and the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Blue Birds Home Kitchen comforted guests with a spread of pasta, biryani, and sweet lassi. Banks of Bites (Management) merged Mediterranean, Asian, and Arabic flavors while embracing sustainable practices. Snack Shack (IT Education) created a combo-lover's dream, serving an array of chaats, veg, non-veg, and dessert combos.

The Saver's Squad (Administration) brought nostalgia to the table with multi-cuisine treats reminiscent of school days, while Vibes Cafe (Marketing) added humor to history, crafting a unique culinary experience with a fictional backstory.

The energy was electric, the competition was fierce yet friendly, and the food was nothing short of spectacular. More than just a feast, the Exeed Food Fest was a celebration of global unity—reminding us all that food has the power to bridge cultures and bring people together as true Citizens of the World.



Celebrating Diversity at Exeed College: Ethnic day celebration



Dr. Muhammad Azeem

Faculty

At Exeed College, we take pride in promoting an inclusive environment where individuals from diverse backgrounds unite as a global community. Our annual Ethnic Day Celebration on October 2, 2024, showcased the rich heritage of our faculty, staff, and students, representing different regions, languages, and age groups.

Diversity in academia enhances learning by bringing varied perspectives, while inclusivity ensures equal access to opportunities. Ethnic Day provided a platform to share traditions, celebrate identities, and strengthen community bonds. It highlighted the importance of cross-cultural understanding and appreciation in an educational setting.

The event featured a fashion show on the ramp walk, where participants dazzled in traditional attire. Some entertained with songs in their native languages, while cultural showcases, including musical chair games, KOLAM, and ONAM SADHYA, encouraged participation and appreciation. Attendees also engaged in discussions about cultural traditions, exchanging insights and experiences that further enriched the celebration. Winners and participants received prizes and gifts, encouraging enthusiasm and recognition.

Beyond performances, Ethnic Day reinforced a sense of belonging and respect for diverse cultures. The event provided a joyful atmosphere where individuals connected through shared experiences, deepening mutual understanding. By embracing differences, we reaffirm our commitment to a welcoming academic space where everyone feels valued.

Events like Ethnic Day remind us that we are all truly Citizens of the World, united by respect, unity, and cultural appreciation. As we continue celebrating diversity at Exeed College, we emphasize the importance of inclusivity in education and beyond.



Treasure Hunt: A Celebration of Team Spirit and Diversity



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Marketing Specialist

On August 21, 2024, Exeed College hosted a thrilling Treasure Hunt for its staff, fostering teamwork, camaraderie, and cross-cultural connections in a diverse workplace. With employees from various nationalities, the event aimed to break the ice and strengthen bonds among colleagues.

A total of 84 participants were divided into eleven mixed-nationality teams, ensuring representation from different departments and backgrounds. The HR team took special care to balance teams, avoiding high concentrations of employees from the same linguistic or cultural background. This approach encouraged collaboration and the exchange of diverse perspectives.

The treasure hunt was designed with challenging and creative clues, requiring participants to think outside the box. As teams raced to uncover each clue, they not only engaged in friendly competition but also learned about different cultures, historical references, and global landmarks woven into the challenge.

The event concluded with a multi-cuisine feast, allowing everyone to savour flavours from around the world - further embracing the spirit of global citizenship. The Treasure Hunt was more than just a game; it was an experience that united colleagues, celebrated diversity, and reinforced Exeed College's commitment to fostering an inclusive and collaborative workplace.



The Mystery Gifter Celebration: A Day of Unity and Joy



Priscilla Abiesi

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In today's busy working environment, we are mostly glued to our day-to-day tasks and barely engage with colleagues from different departments. However, it is true to say that we will averagely spend 1/3 of our lives at work, which makes it super important to build meaningful connections with our colleagues, both immediate and extended.

The Mystery Gifter Celebration, popularly known as Secret Santa, transcends mere gift exchange. The main essence is to bring individuals from diverse backgrounds across the organization together through an act of kindness and generosity.

This is exactly what transpired during the last Mystery Gifter Celebration held at Exeed College. The entire process, from thoughtfully choosing gifts for your selected Secret Santa to anticipating the present from your gifter, was an exciting experience.

Indeed, the Mystery Gifter Celebration served as a reminder that, no matter our origins, the joy of giving and receiving is a universal experience that connects us all.

This event not only fostered relationships among colleagues but also highlighted the importance of inclusivity, encouraging everyone to embrace the differences that make Exeed vibrant and unique.

Togetherness could be achieved through small gestures.



Meet Our Heroes

Come together and join us in celebrating the extraordinary achievements of our superheroes, who serve as inspiration for others to strive for greatness. Together, let's acknowledge and honor these remarkable accomplishments, applauding the unwavering dedication of individuals and drawing inspiration from their incredible journeys of success.



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Achievement: Indian design patent grant - Artificial Intelligence Based Multimedia Interactive Human Resource Payroll Management Kiosk
Organization/Institution from where the achievement is from: Intellectual Property India Patents



Hammad Sheikh
Course Administrator

Achievement: EXPO 2020 Volunteer
Organization/Institution from where the achievement is from: EXPO 2020



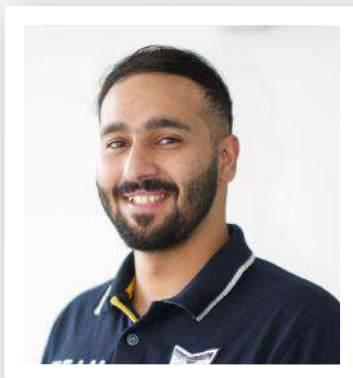
Esther Banda
Admissions Team

Achievement: Passed Masters in Aerospace Technology
Organization/Institution from where the achievement is from: Emirates Aviation University



Maria Monica
Associate Head of Quality & Compliance

Achievement: Honored to be entrusted with the role of Mentor for the Christ University - Middle East Alumni Chapter.
Maria is a proud alumna of Christ University, this journey—from being a student to serving as an Assistant Professor & Controller of Examinations and now stepping into a mentoring role across the Middle East, to remain connected with the vibrant alumni community and contribute to its continued growth and engagement is commendable.
Organization/Institution from where the achievement is from: Christ University



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