

OSVRT STUDENATA NA ITHAS 2021

Glavno pitanje koje nam svi postavljaju je što za nas znači *biti* na Shababu Omanu II? To znači prilagoditi našu opuštenu svakodnevicu u život koji će izmijeniti nas i naše samopouzdanje te naš pogled na svijet. Putovanje smo započeli bez prethodnih očekivanja, a na kraju smo naučili kako plivati s novim prijateljima, uroniti u potpuno novi sustav obrazovanja i ploviti zajedno s neočekivanim idejama koje se programom izgrađuju. Iskustveno učenje je proces koji je putovanje učinilo istovremeno izazovnim i zanimljivim te nam je dalo priliku da nadogradimo svoje znanje koje ćemo u poslovnome svijetu u budućnosti primijeniti. Najčešće se studiranjem stekne teoretsko znanje koje tek kasnije primjenjujemo u praksi, što nije najkvalitetnija metoda za profesionalni razvoj. Učenje uz istovremeno prilagođavanje stvarnim situacijama poslovnoga svijeta je ključno za razvoj karijere. Uz učenje kroz praksu, svakodnevno okruženje ljudima različitih kultura i razmišljanja značajno je doprinijelo našem osobnom razvoju. Na radnom mjestu će se od nas očekivati visoki rezultati, a pritom nećemo biti u mogućnosti birati pojedince s kojima ćemo ih ostvarivati. Tijekom boravka na brodu smo za akademski program i školu jedrenja imali postavljene visoke ciljeve, a ključ njihovog ostvarenja bio je upravo timski rad.

Uz akademski program ITHAS-a 2021, škola jedrenja je za svakog od nas bila izazov gdje smo izašli iz naše sigurne zone i pritom dublje upoznali nove kulture i motrišta. Prevladali smo strahove i razvili se kao pojedinci i članovi tima. Niti jedan udžbenik ne bi nam mogao dati spoznaje koje smo dobili zajedničkim životom na brodu Shabab Oman II. Uz različite kulturne vrijednosti razlikovale su nas i jezične sposobnosti što je rezultiralo značajnim poboljšanjem naših komunikacijskih vještina. Komponenta kulturne različiti-

STUDENTS' REFLECTIONS ON ITHAS 2021

The main question that we get asked is, what does it mean to 'be' on Shabab Oman II? It means to re-adjust our comfortable lives to one that will re-shape our identity, our mindset, and our confidence. We jumped into this experience without any prior expectations and learned how to swim with new friends, dive into a unique form of education and float with unexpected ideas that we learned along the way. The experiential learning process was a new approach to studying that made this trip both challenging and rewarding. This hands-on learning experience has given us a chance to develop valuable skills that can be applied in our future professional lives. Typically, the university setting provides the theory or critical approach first and the practice and experience after. However, this is not how a professional workplace operates. Learning while doing and adapting to new circumstances and information is the key to successful professional work. In addition, the challenge of working together with a diverse group of people and ideas has benefited us tremendously. When working in a professional setting we cannot choose our co-workers and are expected to come together to produce valuable work. Team work was the key expectation of us aboard the Shabab Oman II during the academic programme and sailing course.

Besides the ITHAS 2021 academic programme, the sailing course gave us the opportunity to challenge ourselves and immerse in new cultures and perspectives. We overcame our fears, exchanged cultural views and have grown as individuals and team members. No textbook could have given us the knowledge that we have gained while living with each other and learning from one another on-board Shabab Oman II. The sailing course provided the perfect complement to the academics by allowing us to

*Slika 1: Studenti na jarbolima uplovljavaju u omansku luku /
Picture 1: Students on masts sail into Oman harbour*



Slika 2: Predavanja na brodu / Picture 2: Lectures on board

tosti također je bila prisutna na najpoznatijoj svjetskoj izložbi EXPO 2020. Svaka zemlja je zahvaljujući paviljonu na EXPO-u imala priliku demonstrirati projekte u kojima primjenjuje načela održivog razvoja te pritom educirati posjetitelje o važnosti održivog razvoja za čovječanstvo. Kao najveći *mega event* koji je ikada održan na tlu GCC-a, EXPO 2020 smatramo jednom od najbitnijih točaka našeg programa gdje smo uložili najviše vremena kako bi uz znanje o održivom razvoju dobili uvid u planiranje i izvedbu ove najatraktivnije izložbe svijeta.

ITHAS 2021 smatramo jedinstvenim životnim i edukacijskim iskustvom te cijeli program gledamo kao slagalicu u kojoj smo u svakom dijelu naučili nešto novo. Iskustveno učenje nas je sve potaknulo na svladavanje izazova s kojima se nismo naviknuli susretati te na učinkovito prilagođavanje novim uvjetima i potrebama tržišta. Vještine, znanje, prijateljstva i uspomene koje smo stekli tijekom boravka na Shababu Omanu II ostat će podloga za naš daljnji osobni i profesionalni razvoj.

sink into new cultures and diverse perspectives and personalities. This has improved our interpersonal communication skills as we all had to deal with language barriers and cultural differences. The cultural exchange component of ITHAS 2021 was also utilized while visiting different countries and EXPO 2020. We saw how all countries made unique and valuable impacts on our understanding of GCC initiatives in sustainability. EXPO 2020 was the major focus of our programme where we invested the most of our time to learn about sustainable development and the UAE approach to planning, execution, and legacy management in this greatest mega event ever hosted in the GCC area.

ITHAS was a truly unique and valuable learning experience for everyone involved. It gave us a chance to get out of our comfort zones and learn in a way we have never done before. The experiential learning component of ITHAS has developed our interpersonal skills and given us the ability to not only learn on the spot but adapt to new challenges as well. The skills, friendships, and memories gained aboard the Shabab Oman II will always remain with us as foundation for further personal and professional growth.

*Slika 3: Sudionici ITHAS-a posjećuju EXPO 2020 /
Picture 3: ITHAS participants visit EXPO 2020*



*Slika 4: Posjeta hrvatskom paviljonu na EXPO-u /
Picture 4: Visiting Croatian pavilion on EXPO*



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