



Asia and Middle East

Education

Plenary and BESIX are delivering three new schools in Zayed City, Abu Dhabi.

Zayed City Schools will have a combined capacity of 5,360 students, comprised of one Kindergarten and Cycle One School for boys and girls (2,000 students), one Cycle Two and Three Girls’ School (1,680 students), and one Cycle Two and Three Boys’ School (1,680 students). In addition, the Zayed City Schools will employ more than 220 teachers and 75 non-teaching staff.

Project facts

Location

Zayed City, Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates

Client

Abu Dhabi Department of
Education and Knowledge
(ADEK)

Our role

Project sponsor
Equity investor
Financial arranger
SPV management services

Builder

United Engineering Con-
struction Company (UNEC)

Services

BESIX Facilities Manage-
ment

Financial close

July 2022

Completion date

August 2024

Contract terms

Design, build, finance and
maintain for 22 years

Awards

- Best Education and Higher Education Project, 2024 Partnerships Awards
- MENA Social Infrastructure Deal of the Year, 2022 IJGlobal Awards

Led by the Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO), on behalf of Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), Zayed City Schools represents a step change in the way schools are procured and operated in the United Arab Emirates, enabling teachers and principals a single focus on the provision of quality education in an unparalleled learning environment.



Innovations

The school buildings will be designed and built with high sustainability objectives, complying with Abu Dhabi's Estidama Pearl 2 rating system.

Local economic impacts

Most building materials used on site will be locally produced, providing a boost to Abu Dhabi's local economy.