The role of green buildings in energy conservation Assist. Prof. Dr. Hassan Youssef

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Abstract:

The world is now witnessing increasing interest in environment and sustainable development issues. Over the past three decades, there has been a growing realization that current development model is no longer sustainable, after its consumption lifestyle has been linked to serious environmental crises.

Studies confirm that humankind is currently facing two problems, the first of many resources which we consider to be extinct in near future. The second relates to the increasing pollution that our environment is currently experiencing, resulting from large amount of harmful waste that we produce. The common pressures of increasing awareness scarcity of future and growing problem toxicity in world have led to emergence issue of environmental conservation sustainability through rationalization of energy consumption as an important subject both in field of thought politics recently in architecture, At present preservation environment and sustainability, logical natural resources appropriate management of buildings contribute saving scarce resources and reduce energy consumption improve environment while taking into account whole life cycle building as well as environmental quality, functional aesthetic.

The aim of research to highlight the role of green buildings and sustainable architecture in reducing rationalizing consumption of energy, water and resources and improving public health by designing implementing buildings conform traditional architecture using modern technological systems.

Keywords:

green buildings, energy conservation, sustainable development

1. Introduction

There are no longer dividing lines between the environment and the economy since the emergence and spread of the concept of green buildings and sustainable development that ensuring the continuity of economic growth cannot be achieved in light of the threat to the environment with pollutants and waste and the depletion of its natural resources. It is achieved through the integration of the principles of traditional architecture with modern technology systems and means, as they work to rationalize energy consumption through (preserving building and natural energy sources, increasing the durability of buildings, providing comfort for residents, saving energy and operating costs, reducing pollution and waste through reuse, and green buildings). Saving between 15-20% (2014) of electricity and water consumption in addition to increasing the life of the building [14]. Protecting the right of today's generations, providing a healthy and decent life and ensuring the right of future generations is a major challenge in the twenty-first century, and green and sustainable building is one of the most important New methods and systems that contribute to obtaining and rationalizing energy in a renewable manner, and hence the role of research in highlighting the role of green buildings

as a One of the most important modern trends of architectural thought, which is concerned with the relationship between the building and its environment, whether natural or manufactured, and its role in rationalizing energy consumption.

1.1 Research Problem

Studies indicate that the construction sector alone consumes (40-50%) of energy consumption in the world according to a study [14] and that more than half of the natural primary resources (about three billion tons annually) are used in the field of building and construction, where traditional buildings produce a third of greenhouse gases. Therefore, the call continues to deal with the environment in a more balanced manner, especially by architects to search for design alternatives for modern buildings and to benefit from new and renewable natural energy sources in constructing green buildings that rationalize energy consumption.

2.1 Research objective

Getting to know the most important modern systems and design foundations for green buildings, accessing the most important technical and engineering standards for green buildings, benefiting from previous experiences (Dubai's experience in green buildings) and trying to apply them in Egypt and the Arab countries in order to benefit from natural and renewable energy sources and their role in rationalizing energy consumption in Egypt.

3.1 Study Methodology

The study methodology relied on addressing the general foundations for designing green buildings and an analytical study of Dubai's experience in constructing green buildings by addressing the green building regulation for Dubai Municipality and benefiting from global experiences in the construction and construction of green buildings and their role in rationalizing energy consumption and trying to apply it in Egypt. Figure 1 shows the general structure of the research .

- Results

 \Box Rationalizing energy consumption for green buildings by 24-50%, while traditional buildings consume 40% of global energy.

 \Box Reducing carbon dioxide emissions from green buildings by 33-39%, while traditional buildings are responsible for emitting 35% of greenhouse gases.

 \Box Reducing the generation of solid waste for green buildings by 70%, while traditional buildings produce 28% of solid waste and work to fill 40% of landfills.

 \Box The average electricity consumption in green buildings is less than 100 kilowatts/m2/year, while traditional buildings consume about 200 kilowatts/m2/year.

 $\hfill\square$ Providing water in green buildings through simple investments and changing water consumption behavior.

 $\hfill\square$ Saving energy through behavioral change and the application of available low-cost technology. toy

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Recommendations

 \Box The building design must take into account climatic factors such as heat, wind and rain, with attention to lighting and natural ventilation, and encourage the use of renewable energy for heating and cooling systems and rationalizing water use.

□ Attention to the application of codes for energy saving and rationalization in buildings.

 \Box The designer should encourage the reuse of waste and re-treatment of water for garden irrigation and hygiene uses.

Taking into account the use of less land more efficiently, in order to reduce the required land areas, including fewer walking distances.

 \Box Using modern technology in the infrastructure of housing and linking it electronically to the networks of cities and neighborhoods.

 \Box Building legislation, infrastructure and local management systems must be developed in order to comply with the requirements of cities

 \Box Sustainable.

 \Box Attention to the planning systems and building legislation of flexibility and adaptability to accommodate those proposals.

 \Box Expansion of building codes to include all aspects of architecture to accommodate modern technology, ways to save energy, and requirements of green architecture.

 \Box Focusing on the use of renewable energy sources in advanced economic ways such as solar energy, wind energy, bioenergy, hydroelectricity and underground energy, and benefiting from Dubai's experience in green construction.

 \Box Benefiting from Dubai's experience in developing strategic visions to activate the idea of green construction.

 \Box Use of recyclable building materials.

 \Box Reuse of water used in buildings.

□ Benefiting from directing buildings by placing solar cells on top of the roofs of buildings.

 \Box Take advantage of rain water and reuse it, as in the examples shown in the research.

□ Rely on natural lighting and take advantage of it.

□ Use of VOC-free paints, sealing adhesives, and formaldehyde-free materials.

□ Use of low flow sanitary equipment in bathrooms and kitchens.

 \Box Drip irrigation in green areas.

 \Box Using types of glass that reduce the heat load inside the interior spaces.

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