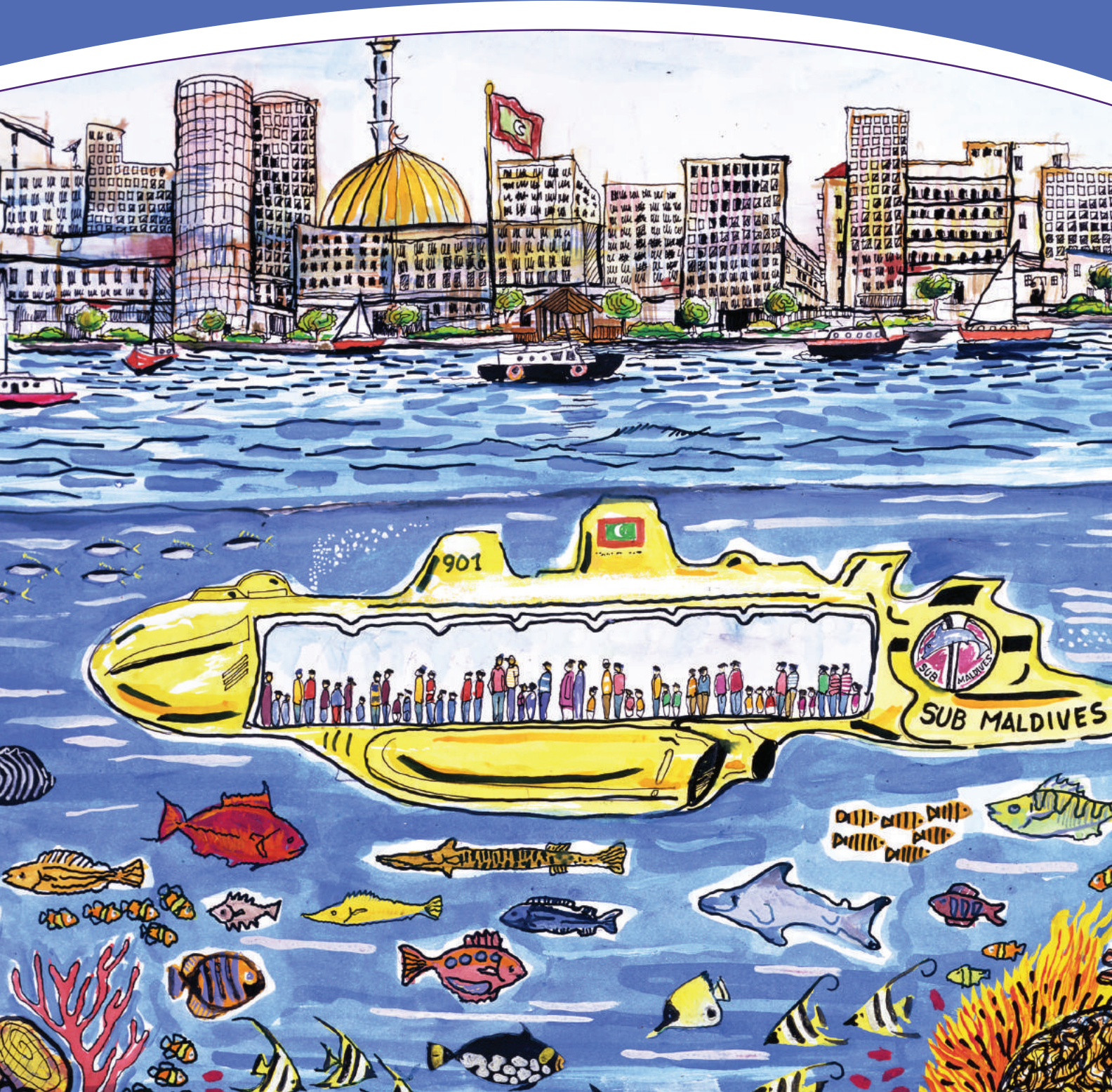


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"The water understands civilization well," begins Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem titled "Water." Born in Boston in 1803, Emerson entered Harvard College at the age of fourteen. Through his writings about Arabia, India, and Persia, he exposed American readers to non-Western modes of thinking, metaphysical concepts, and sacred mythologies.

On water, Emerson continues:

"Well used, it decketh joy,
Adorneth, doublet joy:
Ill used, it will destroy."

This issue of ChildArt is a tribute to Emerson and a guide for you on ways to understand, respect, and use water well.

Happy reading!



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