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## Innovation .. The Post-Showcase Phase

- Perhaps one of the most prominent events held during the UAE Innovation Month is the Dubai Maker Faire 2019, which the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance is credited for its ability to attract it to the UAE, being one of the most important international exhibitions on innovation around the world. The Faire also catches the eyes and participation of a wide range of innovators and manufacturers, as well as companies and educational institutions.
- The Dubai Maker Faire was characterized by its excellent organization, good participation rate, and high level of attendance. Under its roof, 150 platforms gathered, containing innovative ideas, products, and factories that expressed their need for these kinds of exhibitions, in search of opportunities and deals that move from the state of idea and model to the state of production, marketing, and usage.
- The Faire, which was visited by nearly 12,000 visitors over three days, has shown the students' interest in innovation and their passion for applying their knowledge and skills in reality, which confirms the presence of great innovative student energies that lie behind the classroom or at home workshops. These energies are longing to jump out of the box of theoretical knowledge and traditional activities to the reality of challenge and practical achievement.
- It can be said that the Faire succeeded in laying the first building blocks for national innovations, especially those of students. Beyond the praise and compliment to the Faire given by officials and visitors, the promotion of the innovation culture and the need to root it in the fabric of the education process, from home to school and work environments, have become among the most important matters that the community must work on.
- The other topic, which must be given more attention, is to provide the elements of success for the exhibitions of manufacturers and innovators, due to their practical results and cultural, economic value, not the results of showcasing and media. This will only be achieved through the methodization of content, techniques, tools, and legislations. It also needs finding partnership with economic and commercial sectors, with the aim of supporting innovators, providing care for them, ensuring their assistance in patenting and feasibility studies, and transforming their innovations into products and services.
- With his usual frankness, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, and President of the Foundation, pointed out, in an interview with Dubai TV, after the opening of the Faire, that the innovation sector in the country needs institutional support from the concerned ministries and authorities. He stated that Hamdan Foundation's initiatives in the field of innovation will be assessed in order to be optimize their utilization in serving innovators, especially our sons and daughters -- the students.
- It is certainly a direct hint that we need to go beyond the phase of dazzling showcasing to the phase of contracting, production, marketing, and constituting an addition to the value of the national economy and society -- this is the expected outcome of our efforts.

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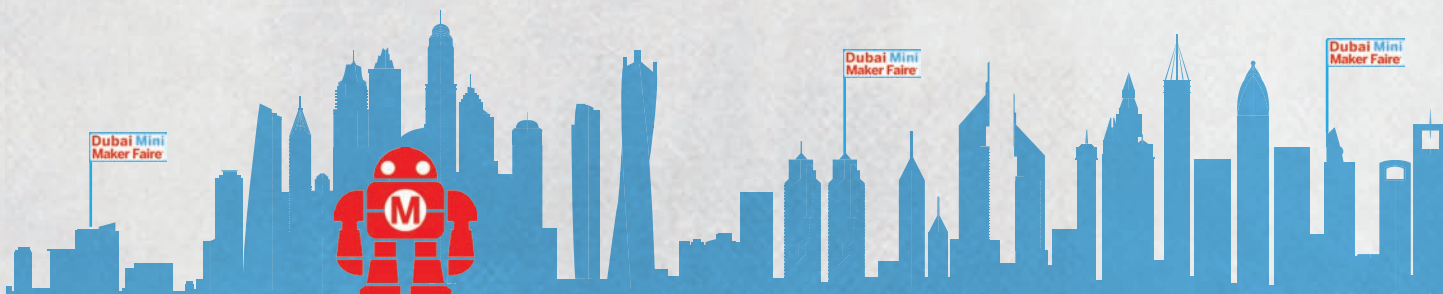
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Who Reviewed Participating Projects

# 11702 Visitors Attracted by Maker Faire Dubai 2019



His Highness Patron of the Foundation provided quality initiatives to nurture creative people and support their products

The UAE provided all necessary tools to transform creativity into community culture





His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance and the President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance opened the second edition of Maker Faire Dubai 2019, which was organized by the Foundation under the theme «Unleash Your Creativity», in Dubai World Trade Center for three days. The Faire has established its prominent position among the exhibitions of innovation, as it was a great success, and wel-

comed 11,702 visitors during the three days of the Faire. His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum toured the Faire, in the presence of a number of high-ranking officials, dignitaries, ambassadors, innovators and inventors from several Arab and foreign countries. During the tour, His Highness checked more than 150 participating projects presented in the Faire in various scientific, technological, intellectual and artistic fields. These projects were created by ambitious young talents, who possess great potential and tremendous energy, utilizing their skills and talents to face challenges, and prove themselves in order to participate in making a better future for humanity. During the opening ceremony, a short film was played highlighting the importance of



**Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi:**  
The UAE has made innovation a passion

fostering the culture of innovation in society and the role of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance and its affiliated centers in supporting and nurturing young talents.

**Heritage**

Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance delivered a speech in which he conveyed the greetings of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and his wishes of success and prosperity for the Maker Faire 2019 and its organizers and participants.

Dubai Mini Maker Faire

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Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi explained the importance of organizing this particular event in one of the most distinguished years in UAE's history, in which the slogan of tolerance was adopted, highlighting one of the most important virtues of the UAE community's heritage, as this community is based on love, tolerance and acceptance of one another. He also pointed out that this event is a reflection of the UAE's vision of future, and its continuous efforts to instill a culture of innovation that would produce prominent innovations to be implemented in the finest details of life and daily performance of the Emiratis in all areas. This prestigious event launched by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance is one of many examples of the UAE's role in hosting and organizing prominent international events.

**Community Culture**

Al Muhairi added that the Faire is held under the theme «Unleash Your Creativity», which was adopted by the Government of UAE and its various affiliated institutions, making innovation and crea-



**Abdullah Al Mazrou:**  
Innovation plays significant role in achieving sustainable economic growth

tivity a passion by providing all the necessary tools to transform it into a well-established community culture, in which various members of UAE society can participate and share the diversity of their nationalities and languages. This culture stems from the government's belief in the people of the UAE, as



**Dale Dougherty:**  
Technological development helped everybody innovate

they are the cornerstone of growth, the source of inspiration and the most effective element on the path of progress, prosperity and achieving sustainable development. He also praised the efforts made by the Foundation and its keenness to organize and launch the International Maker Faire, which comes in line with the directives and recommendations of His Highness

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum to promote the culture of innovation and encourage talents to create and innovate. His Highness believes that these objectives can be achieved by providing innovative initiatives to nurture creative people and support their products, in addition to enriching their minds in an environment that stimulates innovation.

**Work and Achievements**

For his part, US expert Dale Dougherty, leader of the Maker Movement and the Founder of Maker Faire global event, said in his speech that what we have achieved today thanks to technological development, provided everybody with the opportunity to enter the world of creativity and innovation and opened the door for young people to turn their ideas into realities utilizing all the ways and means available to them. He added: «Whatever the word we use to describe innovation, creativity or manufacturing, I believe that every one of us is capable of creating something unique, for manufacturing is a term linked to





creating something and bringing it to life. This however, does not only apply to projects that yield financial and economic returns, but carries other moral and social meanings. I believe that makers see themselves through their work and achievements.”

**Model of Innovation**

Fatima Al Kaabi, the UAE’s youngest inventor of the year 2015, expressed her utmost delight to be standing on the Maker Faire Dubai podium and sharing her experience, as she never expected to become so famous and be presented as a model of creativity and innovation.

Al Kaabi said: “My story begins from a young age as I grew passionate about robots and programming. My journey started at the age of 10 thanks to Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Creativity,



**Marcio Barradas:** emphasizes need to provide full-fledged ecosystem that brings together all food-related operators

where I was able to attend my first robotics workshop. With time, I was able to learn more about the subject and continuously enhance my skills, which helped me stand here today with 12 inventions of my own. Some of the most prominent inventions is a smart steering system to preventing texting while driving, and a remote robot attendant that helps sick children who



**Fatima Al Kaabi:** My journey started at Hamdan Center for Giftedness and Creativity and I innovated 12 inventions

cannot attend their classes. I was able through the help of social media and technological development to understand the problems and suffering of people around the world, especially children, and reach out a helping hand by utilizing the talent I was blessed with, and providing my inventions to the world.”

**Intellectual Property**

Engineer Abdullah Al Mazrou, Deputy Director General of the Patent Office of the Gulf Cooperation Council, addressed in his speech various important points concerning intellectual property laws in the GCC countries, in addition to international treaties, agreements, and the unified laws applied in this field. He stressed the importance of protecting the intellectual rights of innovators and the role the patent system plays in spreading knowledge about this matter and encouraging innovation, due to its significant role in achieving sustainable economic growth.

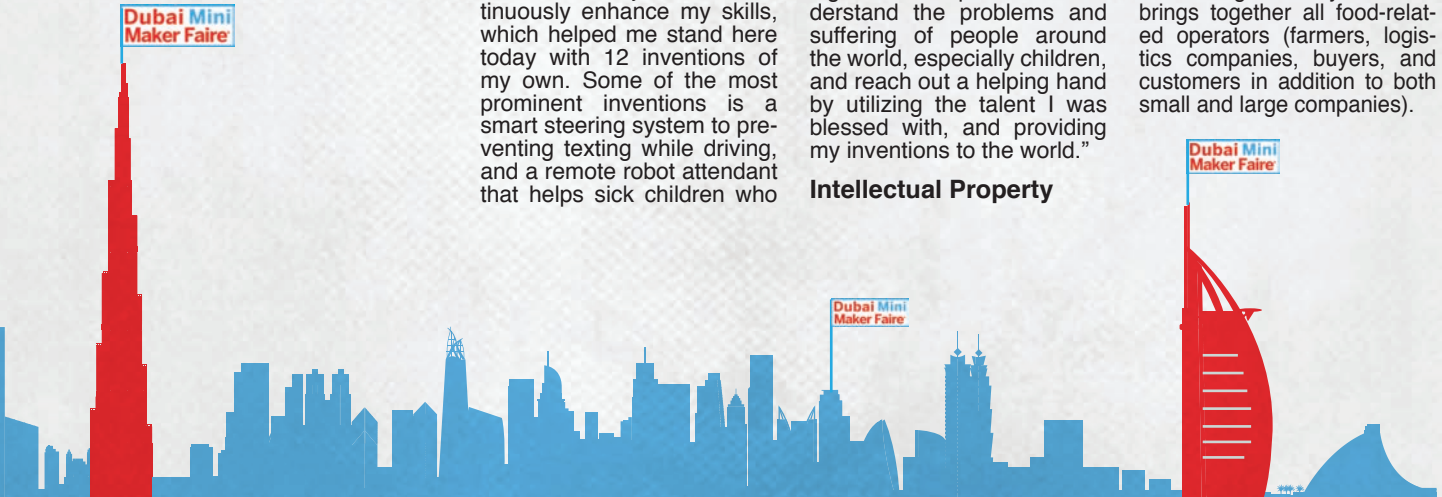
**Ecosystem**

In his speech titled “Technologies to Reduce Food Waste”, Marcio Barradas, CEO and founder of Foodlinks and Moodbytes discussed the role his organization plays, which serves as a platform to provide a full-fledged ecosystem that brings together all food-related operators (farmers, logistics companies, buyers, and customers in addition to both small and large companies).

Dubai Mini Maker Faire

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# Honoring Speakers, Arbitration Members and Winners of “**Innovators**” Competition



The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance honored all speakers, members of the arbitration committee and the winners of the second edition of the Innovators Competition launched by the Foundation last September with the aim of encouraging children between the ages of 5 and 12 to think innovatively. Through this initiative, the Foundation also seeks to provide students with the appropriate environment to help them

turn their ideas into realities through FabLab UAE, where more than 1200 ideas were presented, 6 of which were selected and 15 unique ideas were evaluated by various experts and arbitration committee.

On the sideline, the Faire organized a number of entertainment and cultural competitions for school students, which were well received and widely popular among attend-

ees. The Faire also included a wide range of workshops that targeted various age groups. Each of these workshops were dedicated to specific fields of knowledge, some of which contained in its content live presentations of creations characterized with ancient heritage roots, and others that keep abreast of modern age developments.

In the field of folklore manufacturing, a variety of popular crafts workshops was organized, including Embroidery, Talli, wickerwork and

perfumery. The Faire also included workshops on the latest developments in technology, which included robotics programming, recycling, and many other creations in the field of technological development and innovation. A Kufi Calligraphy Workshop was also held with the aim of promoting Arabic identity, as it is considered one of the most distinguished and famous Arabic fonts.







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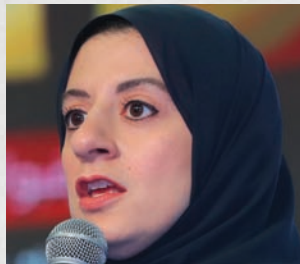


Throughout the Faire Days

# Prominent Figures and Innovators Enriched Minds of Maker Faire Participants



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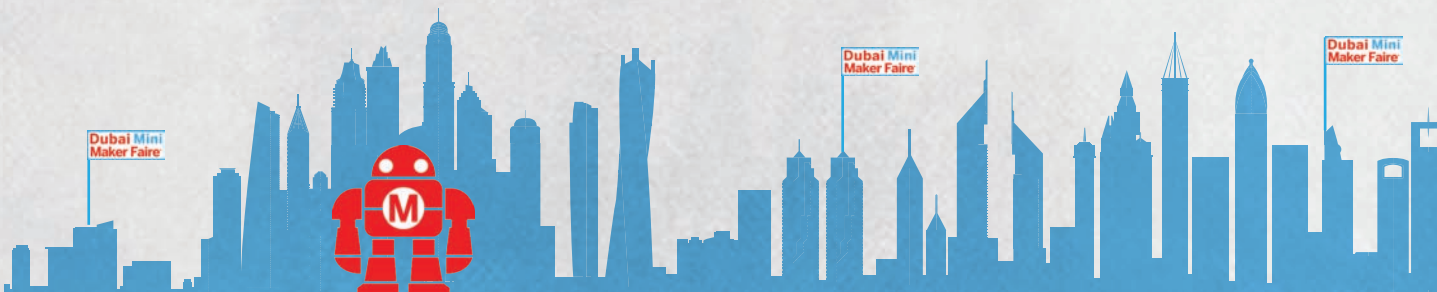
**Huda Al Hashimi:**  
Innovation is not limited to a group of talented people and geniuses



**Dr. Abdul Latif Al Shamsi:**  
The future is for who possesses skills and talents rather than academic certificates



**Ahmad Al Saleh:**  
Education shapes our way of thinking and drives us towards innovation and creativity





### Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

A number of prominent figures from the public and private sectors on both the local and international levels have participated in Maker Faire Dubai 2019 along with many innovators, specialists, experts and artists in the field of innovation and creativity from around the world. During his speech at the Faire, His Excellency Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Deputy Chief of Police and Public Security in Dubai, spoke about the UAE's adoption of a national strategy that focuses on supporting innovation and nurturing talented and creative people through two main paths, namely the governmental and the civil ones.

His Excellency also highlighted the Government's utilization of all efforts to support innovation financially and morally, saying: "The UAE Government constantly works on harnessing all potentials and capabilities to support innovation both financially and morally. It has also established special councils dedicated to young scientists, and has allocated funds to support innovation."

Huda Al Hashimi, Assistant Director General for Strategy and Innovation at the Office of the



Prime Minister at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and Future, spoke about the difference between the concepts of innovation and invention. She also reviewed some of the common misconceptions about innovation saying: "The common misconception that innovation is linked to pure talent, without the need for skill or practice is not true. Innovation is not lim-

ited to a group of talented people and geniuses. Innovation is more like a muscle that needs to be constantly trained in order to grow. This means that anybody can become innovative after receiving the right training and good amount of practice."

### Skills Employment

Dr. Abdul Latif Al Shamsi, Director of the Higher Colleges of

Technology, stressed that the future is for those who possess the skills and talents rather than academic certificates. He added that many of the world's institutions have already started employing those with the skills and talents without the need for certification, such as Apple, Google and IBM. Al Shamsi also said that we are facing future challenges imposed by the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the successive changes in the labor market, which in turn requires higher education institutions to develop their visions and strategic plans with the aim of enabling students to acquire more skills and help them improve in the field of research and innovation.

Ahmad Al Saleh, Co-founder of Ebot system and producer of maker Faire Kuwait addressed, in his speech, the methods of achieving economic sustainability through innovation. He also pointed out that economy is a combination of several inputs, namely, knowledge, innovation and skill acquisition, and that education shapes our way of thinking and drives us towards innovation and creativity.

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## Signing MoUs to Enhance Cooperation with Universities and Research Centers



### Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

During Maker Faire 2019, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance signed a number of Memorandums of Understanding, in recognition of the importance of establishing strong partnerships, and benefiting from the expertise of educational institutions, universities and research centers in various fields. This in turn would help achieve the strategic objectives set by the Foundation, and establish the culture of innovation in the community.

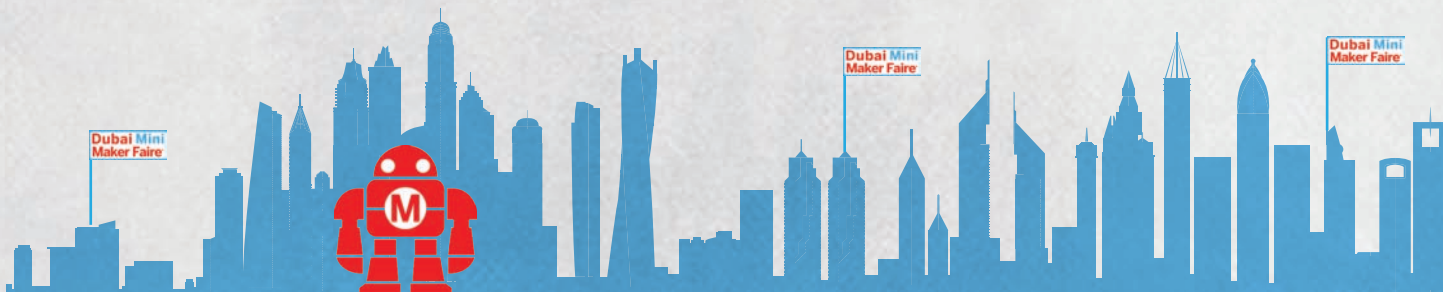
Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Secre-



**Cooperation with the Universities of Sharjah, Rochester, Khalid bin Tannaf Al Menhali Award, and Polytechnic Abu Dhabi.**

tary General of the Foundation, signed Memorandums of Understanding with the University of Sharjah, represented by Dr. Hamid Majoul Al Nuaimi, and Rochester Institute of Technology - Dubai, represented by its president Dr. Yousef Al-Asf.

Other Memorandums of Understanding were also signed with the Sheikh Khalid bin Tannaf Al Menhali Award for Innovation and Excellence in Science, represented by the Secretary General of the Award, Khalid Tannaf Al Menhali, and with Abu Dhabi Polytechnic College of Applied Technology, represented by Dr. Ali Seif Al Naqbi, Director of the College.





## Astronaut Cady Coleman Speaks Via Video With Attendees of Maker Faire Dubai

# Inspiring Lectures on Digital Learning and Architecture



### Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The events of the International "Maker Faire Dubai 2019" has witnessed a number of inspiring lectures, including "Prospects, Impact and Future of Information Technology" presented by Tariq Al Barwani, Knowledge Oman founder. During the lecture, he talked about the possibility of shifting to home online learning in the future through using the lat-

est technologies, like digital schools and libraries, virtual world, cloud and biometric technology. Niti Parikh, designer, maker and leader in "The Maker LAB" at Cornell Tech, with more than 12 years of experience in the field of interior architecture and sustainable manufacturing presented a lecture titled "Expanding the Horizons of Research and its Impact Through Design," which addressed how to focus on sustainable practices

in public places. She also talked about her work experience in the Gulf Region, as she has been living there since 2008, and founded her design studio (NPS), which utilizes modern handicrafts in order to solve small and large design problems. A special video conference was organized with NASA's former astronaut, Catherine (Cady) Coleman, with the help and support of United States Consulate General and its educational center

"EducationUSA", which participated in the Faire through a unique pavilion. Throughout her 24-year career with NASA, Coleman registered more than 4,330 hours in space on the Space Shuttle Columbia and the International Space Station. Coleman expressed her delight to share her experience with the attendees and participants of "Maker Faire Dubai 2019."

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From the Universities of Dubai,  
Abu Dhabi and Rochester

# Some 3 Teams Won “Hackathon Maker Faire Dubai”



## Dubai - ‘Akhbar Al Tamayoz’

Three teams from the universities of Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Rochester won the “Hackathon Maker Faire Dubai,” which is a competition organized by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance throughout the days of the International “Maker Faire Dubai 2019.” In the Hackathon, a number of student from UAE universities formed teams, in order to work together to find practical innovative solutions to various challenges.

The number of participating teams reached 8, consisting of 34 participant from different UAE universities: University of Dubai, Abu Dhabi University, Rochester Institute of Technology in Dubai, Abu



Dhabi Polytechnic and Higher Colleges of Technology. The participants applied innovative ideas presented by creative children aged 5 to 12, and turned them into reality and actual products and projects, using digital fabrication tools and devices. This was carried out under the

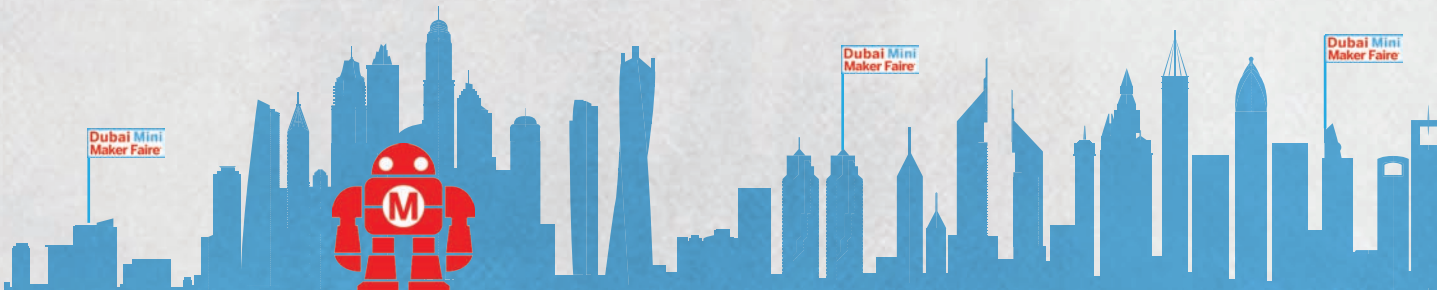
supervision and evaluation of technical specialists and an arbitration committee, which included a number of experts from various fields. During the closing ceremony of the Faire, the winners were announced and honored. The first prize amounted to AED 20,000 went to University of Dubai’s Team, namely: Humaid Abdullah Al Mar-

zouqi, Abdul Rahman Saleh Al Abdouli, Abdullah Othman Al Marzouqi, Omar Yousuf Al Zarouni, and Basma Sammour.

The second place, with a prize of AED 10,000, went to Abu Dhabi University’s Team, namely: Suha Hasan Siddiqi, Aisha Mohammed, and Reem Abdullah Hamad.

Whereas the third place with the prize of AED 5,000 went to Rochester Institute’s Team: Sayed Yaser Hannan, Louis Carlos, Mohammed Amri Ahmad, and Basem Ahmad Al Zafer.

Maker Faire was launched in 2006 by US expert Dale Dougherty, leader of the Maker Movement, CEO of Maker Media and the Founder of Maker Faire, which supports and sponsors manufacturers and innovators.



Having Won 1st and 2nd Places in the National Robotics Championship

## Honoring Teams of Hamdan Center for Giftedness and Creativity

### Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

During Maker Faire Dubai 2019, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance honored the teams of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Creativity who won the first and second places in the National Robotics Competition (FLL 2019) organized by the Ministry of Education and held in Abu Dhabi. The Foundation's participation in the FLL Competition stems from its keenness to support and qualify talented people and enable them to take part in regional and international competitions in robotics and artificial intelligence, and secure top ranks globally in those fields.



## 24 Projects in the Distinguished Projects Competition

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has honored 24 outstanding projects out of 150 that were presented in the Distinguished Projects Competition held at Maker Faire Dubai 2019. This comes in line with the Foundation's constant

commitment to support manufacturers, innovation, creativity and learning with the aim of raising the intellectual and scientific level in the community and creating a better future for the whole world. The Foundation has allocated AED 125,000 in total for the prizes presented in this category.

The projects were evaluated by an arbitration committee consisting of international specialists in various fields of technology and art. Authorities sponsoring and supporting the event were also honored in addition to various media parties.

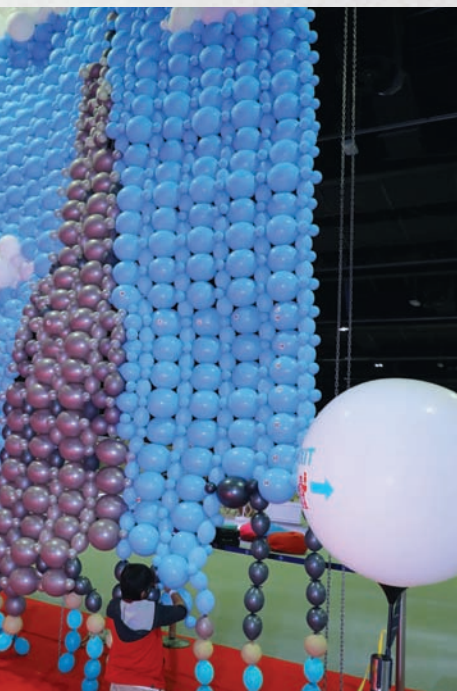
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# 23 Graduates in Batch 9 of Gifted Education Diploma



## Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, and Dr. Mansour Al Awar, Chancellor of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU), honored 23 graduates of the ninth batch of the Diploma in Gifted Education (GED) program for 2018.



The GED aligns with the keenness of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance to keep pace with the educational developments in the fields of improving talents, excellence and creativity. The program also comes as one of the Foundation's objectives to enhance the education sector, being the main focus of the development process and as part of its national and social responsibility focusing on the support of the orientations of the government and society in taking care of the gifted and distinguished citizens.

**Skills**

Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi, Deputy Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees said: «Believing in the importance of the education sector as the basis for the development process, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has adopted the professional GED program in Gifted Education, which crystalized its responsibility towards boosting better services to be presented to the community and the nation, to support, develop and enhance the amount of innovation and creativity of the talented.»

Dr. Muhairi added: «The aim of the program is to help edu-

**Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi:**  
**We seek to develop qualified teachers having experience in dealing with talents**

**Dr. Mansour Al Awar:**  
**Attention to gifted and distinguished people is among top of priorities of HBMSU**

**Fahad Al Saadi:**  
**The program qualifies distinguished Emirati teachers in sponsoring gifted people**

cators acquire the knowledge, skills, and expertise related to the giftedness field, prepare competent teachers to supply cadres with experience and high-level educational leaders. The program is also intended to develop the educational system and enable it to provide services and programs to help meet the special needs of gifted students.»

He continued: «We are keen to provide a range of advanced professional and academic programs in terms of form and content, which are up to the expectations and needs of the education sector.»

Dr. Al Muhairi stated: «The program comes in the framework of a national plan to organize all practices directed towards the talented segment within an integrated model based on state-of-the-art theories and studies, which are specifically designed to include all talented students from all schools in the UAE.»

**Strategic cooperation**

Dr. Mansour Al Awar, Chancellor of the HBMSU, said: «The University's keenness on this strategic cooperation with the Foundation comes as a response to the directives of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, and the President of the Uni-

versity to put attention to gifted and distinguished segments on top of the University's priorities, and to provide academic and professional training initiatives and programs that can offer outstanding support to the gifted and distinguished in various branches of knowledge.»

Dr. Al Awar congratulated the Foundation and the University for graduating this constellation of distinguished and talented educators, stressing the HBMSU's keenness to continue this strategic cooperation that will provide a solid base of expertise capable of exploring and developing the talents and superior skills. In turn, those talents and skills will keep pace with the wise leadership's ambitions and aspirations of putting the UAE in the ranks of the most prestigious countries in the world in terms of discovering and caring for the gifted, and supporting them from early school stages, as well as investing these talents in the preparation of future leaders.

Moreover, Fahad Al Saadi, Vice Chancellor for Learners Development at the HBMSU, said: «The professional program of GED has been designed, developed, and implemented with a comprehensive vision, aiming at educating Emirati teachers who are distinguished in spotting, caring, and developing talents.»



## Completing Arbitration of 1st Edition of Hamdan - ISESCO Award For Voluntary Development

### Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance announced completing the arbitration of the first edition of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum - ISESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education

Facilities in the Islamic World. Established in 2017 with the support of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and UAE Minister of Finance in cooperation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the Prize aims at motivating and honoring

those involved in the volunteer initiatives and charitable works in the field of education, specifically for the development of the educational facilities in the Islamic world countries. The Prize is awarded every two years to three winners of individuals or institutions, who/which contributed to

the development of educational facilities in the Islamic world countries. The value of the Award is \$300,000, and each winner receives a winning trophy and a reward of \$100,000 to be employed in the development of charitable work, especially support of educational facilities.



# Delegation of Hamdan Foundation Briefed on Activities of Dubai IACAD's Takaful Fund



## Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

A delegation of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance visited the Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department (IACAD) in Dubai, under the framework of cooperation and exchange of experiences among the institutions and departments in the Government of Dubai, including both the public and private sectors.

The delegation, chaired by Mohammed Ahmad Al Hammedi, Head of Public Relations Department at the Foundation, was briefed on the work of the Takaful Fund Committee at the IACAD,

and was informed about the Fund, its executive regulations, and smart application.

### Exchange of Experiences

Adel Juma Matar, Customer Service Department Director, and Chairman of the Takaful Fund Committee, expressed the Committee's readiness to provide and exchange expertise and sustainable communication in order to ensure the success of the idea and its effectiveness for the visiting party. The briefing included explaining the objectives and tasks of Fund, its role in providing its services to the staff, the financial procedures related to the Fund, and its associated regulations since its establishment in 1993.

The Takaful Fund is a plat-

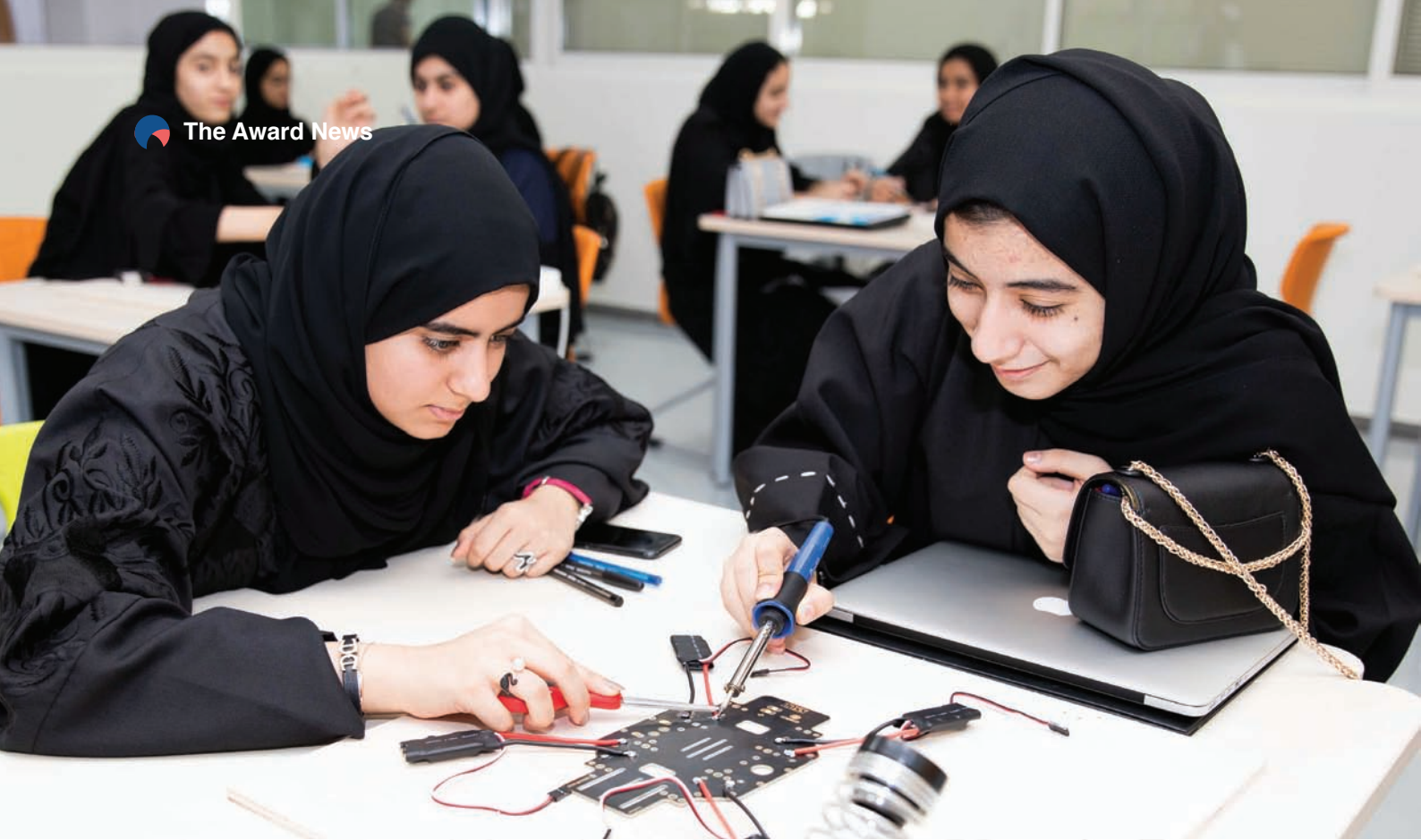
form to assist all its employees by providing them with good interest-free loans and various grants to meet their needs.

### Preventing Waste of Money

The fund is specialized in meeting the social and financial needs of the members. The Takaful Fund Committee also saves the funds from loss or waste, deposits them in an Islamic bank and invests them in a legitimate manner.

The number of beneficiaries of the Takaful Fund in the IACAD reached 532 in 2018. This information was announced during the meeting, explaining that the main objective of the Fund is to serve the largest number

possible of over 1000 employees currently working at the IACAD. These services aim at bringing happiness and motivating the IACAD's employees, which will in turn reflect positively on the level of performance and increase productivity at the workplace. During the meeting, all inquiries and observations made by the visiting delegation were thoroughly answered. The Fund Committee received the gratitude and appreciation of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for the warm welcome and the continuous fruitful cooperation between the two parties, which emphasizes the unity of objectives among the institutions and departments of the Government of Dubai.



**Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi:**  
Knowledgeable Society is Core of Empowerment in  
March to Bright Future

## **Hamdan Foundation Participates in the Innovation Month Events**

### **Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'**

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance participated in the Innovation Month with a number of events among the activities held by several government entities in the Emirate of Dubai.

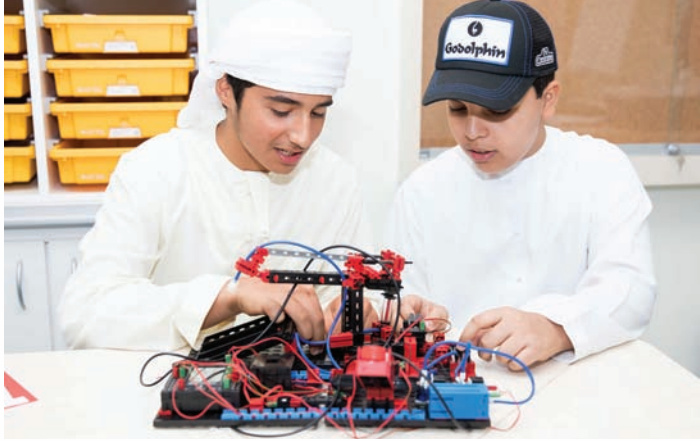
Dr. Jamal Al Muhairi, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for

Distinguished Academic Performance, said: "The United Arab Emirates attaches great importance to the development of education and building a knowledgeable society, being the core of empowerment in the march of creating a bright future, and occupying an advanced position in the internationally competitive standards in various fields. To this end, the UAE constantly works on creating an environment that encour-

ages innovation by taking advantage of the best available expertise and practices, and ensuring the adoption of quality standards in various institutions, as well as investing in and employing all technological development data and means of communication to promote the culture of innovation and excellence. This reflects the UAE's approach to enhance its position as a world class center that reflects the aspects of a promising future."

### **Added Value**

Dr. Al Muhairi continued saying: "In accordance with the directives of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, in assigning 2015 as the Year of Innovation, and in line with the directives of His Highness His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, to contribute in the 2019's Innovation Month, we, in



the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, are keen to support this approach from a strategic perspective. This involves focusing on value added continued quality services in the field of innovation. In accordance with the instructions of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and UAE Minister of Finance, President of the Foundation, the theme of innovation has been added as one of the main pillars of work towards implementing essence of the Foundation's mission to achieve educational excellence and nurture the talented."

Al Muhairi then added: "Among our top priorities is to support the National Innovation Strategy and help achieve the UAE's vision of becoming one of the top ten countries in the world in the field of innovation by 2021. Therefore, the Foundation established the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center

for Giftedness and Creativity, which is considered to be the first innovation center in the UAE to provide quality services related to the care and assistance of innovators in the UAE community. The Center serves as an ideal platform to discover and sponsor talented people by helping them develop their knowledge and skills. The Center also works continuously on building strong partnerships with both production and marketing sectors, as well as organizing important events and activities -- the most important of which is organizing the world's largest event for manufacturers, known as Dubai Mini Maker Faire 2019. The Faire was held under the theme "Unleash Your Creativity", between 26 and 28 February at the Dubai World Trade Center in Zabeel halls 2 and 3. More than 20 countries around the world participated in the Faire, and more than 150 projects were presented by innovators from various age groups."

**Our top priority is to support National Innovation Strategy and help achieve UAE's development vision**

**Creating environment that encourages innovation by benefitting from best available expertise and practices**

**Innovation is main pillar of implementing the essence of the Foundation's mission to achieve educational excellence**

**Pioneering Ideas**

Al Muhairi added that "the Faire aims at supporting and presenting the projects of manufacturers, innovators, craftsmen, amateurs, engineers, students, and various groups of society, through coordinating with the competent authorities to help them adopt the pioneering ideas and creative projects and transform them into actual products. The Faire was attended by a number of official figures, experts, and innovators to share knowledge and experience from around the world. The Faire also aimed to motivate participants from various segments of societies and encourage them to adopt the culture of innovation by organizing a series of inspirational lectures, as well as various applied, technological and artistic workshops. Over the course of three days, the Faire presented various entertainment shows, in addition to many distinguished projects that were created during the Faire.