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Celebrating 118 Distinguished
Winners Online

Special Edition on the occasion of the 22nd session closing ceremony of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance

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Introduction



Persistence of Education and Excellence

- Due to the extremely difficult circumstances, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance was compelled to celebrate the conclusion of its 22nd edition online. Currently, most of the societal focus is directed towards defeating the repercussions of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and its effects on all aspects of life, side by side with planning for the “post-coronavirus phase.”
- The volume of transformations that will occur in all fields has emerged during this crisis. Hence, the persistence of the educational service has been one of the challenges that we have successfully overcome, thanks to Almighty Allah, the proactive vision of our sagacious government, and its empowerment to the Ministry of Education by providing technological infrastructure, along with technical, administrative, and educational experiences, in addition to societal awareness and the commitment of students and parents.
- The importance of excellence (which includes values, knowledge, and experiences) is undoubtedly underlined through crises, especially in terms of societal performance. The role of such excellence in overcoming crises is also highlighted, along with the importance of educational institutions’ commitment in preparing distinguished future leaders, who are capable of creativity and innovation, as well as transforming risks into opportunities. Moreover, we all need to strive to prevent the contraction of education and to continue excellence and mastery through cohesion, cooperation, and taking responsibility. Moreover, we are requested to positively understand the requirements, trends, and characteristics of education in the post-coronavirus phase.
- Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, and president of the Foundation, and the follow-up of the honored Board of Trustees, the 22nd edition celebrated many local, regional, and international achievements. The most important of those achievements were winning the bid to hosting the 2021 World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, and the adoption of the Hamdan EFQM model for educational quality by the European Foundation for Quality Management, in addition to a number of international conferences and forums that have been organized, as well as quality services, from which more than 3500 students, parents, and educators benefited. The final report of the 22nd cycle shows the momentum and quality of services provided by the Foundation.
- Thanks to the awards sector work, there are 118 winners of the Foundation’s awards on the local, GCC and Arab levels, in addition to 3 winners of the Hamdan-ISESCO Prize. The coronavirus challenge was unable to steal their joy nor our celebration of them.
- We resort to the Almighty Allah and seek His aid, praying for lifting the pandemic and scourge, with Allah’s blessing showered upon us and the whole world.
- May the Almighty Allah protect you from all evil and hatred. Our meeting will be renewed in the 23rd edition, Allah willing.

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In HH's Speech on Occasion of Closing Ceremony of 22nd Edition **Hamdan bin Rashid: We are Proud of UAE Leadership's Determination in Facing Coronavirus Challenge**

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, and President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, stressed that during the exceptional circumstances that the Emirati society and the world are going through, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, we witnessed the manifestations of responsible attitudes in managing the crisis that changed the lifestyle of people, and whose negative effects influenced all fields, including education.

His Highness also added that we proudly felt the determination and persistence in facing this challenge, and pursuing distinguished educational performance in light of the generous care and great support of the prudent government, led by President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, as well as His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces; and their brothers -- Their Highnesses the rulers of the emirates.



In a speech addressing the winners, on the occasion of the closing ceremony of the 22nd edition of the Foundation's competitions, His Highness said: "Together, we were able to maintain the persistence of educational excellence, utilizing the appreciated endeavors of the Ministry of Education and the relevant institutions, which enabled the distance learning system, using modern techniques and smart education platforms, in response to the call of duty during this crisis that has interrupted traditional education systems."

HH Sheikh Hamdan added: "It is wonderful to be in this historic, unprecedented event in the march of the Foundation's awards, to be able to hold our closing ceremony despite all challenges, and to celebrate the knights of the twenty-second session through this online meeting, marking the abundance of your creativity and the generosity of your giving, and to crown you with the title of 'Excellence', which you, undoubtedly, deserve. We aspire that you will have a spirit of perseverance, sincerity, and mastery in education."

The following is the speech of His Highness:

**"Dear brothers and sisters,
Dear children,
Peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be upon you,**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you, despite these exceptional circumstances that our society and the world go through due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, which changed the lifestyle of peo-

**Deputy Ruler of Dubai:
We celebrate the elite's
abundance of creativity
and generosity of
your giving despite
challenges**

**We value the roles
of the contributors
to this achievement,
including
parents, teachers,
administrations,
and supporters**

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Dear audience,

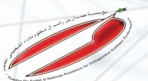
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We congratulate you on this achievement. We thank all those who contributed to it, including parents, teachers, administration, and supportive institutions and individuals, hoping that success will always be with you.

We have unwavering faith that Almighty Allah will answer our prayers and bless all the efforts made to recover from this unforeseen crisis.

Thank you all, and may Allah's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you."



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Directors of Education in Saudi Arabia: Hamdan bin Rashid Instilled Enthusiasm and Competition Among Distinguished and Talented People



Dubai - Daren Mahmoud

Directors General of education departments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia stressed that the awards offered by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance embodied the role of quality in developing creative energies and investment in building quality educational and management outputs, describing the awards as a 'pioneer model' in the industry of excellence, talent-care, and presenting quality awards.

In their statements to 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz' on the occasion of closing the 22nd cycle of competitions for the Foundation's awards, they highly appreciated the support and efforts of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, pointing out that HH contributed to instilling the meaning of enthusiasm and competition in the hearts of innovators, by providing a great environment of competition among them.

Pioneer Model

Hamad bin Mohammed Al Issa, Director General of Education in Al-Ahsa Governorate, Saudi Arabia, described the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance as a pioneer model in the industry of excellence, talent-care, and presenting quality awards. He stated: "The awards of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation present a role model for excellence, a dynamic spirit of qualitative performance, and a driving force for nobility; ensuring the pioneer-ship and quality journey in an authentic framework that combines the comprehensiveness of the approach with the diversity of fields and the accuracy of scientific standards, based on objectivity and transparency. These awards follow the

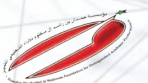


Hamad Al Issa:
Hamdan Foundation..
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best methods of development and continuous qualitative improvement of the educational, pedagogical, and administrative process, creating an appropriate motivational environment that boosts performance and improves the final outcomes." Al Issa added: "Various segments including students, teachers, and supportive and talent-care institutions have benefited from the awards. These segments have contributed to fueling the spirit of giving and promoted its values; They have become a leading light stimulating innovators and spreading the excellence cul-

ture in the educational field, as well as a title for educational excellence, a great resource, and a shining lighthouse for making the difference in the development process competently and efficiently. Thus, the participation level has been considerably increasing year after year." "The Foundation has achieved excellence on the level of its standards and educational outcomes, not only in the United Arab Emirates, but also in Arab and regional countries. In addition, it has been able to entrench and spread a culture of excellence, creativity, quality, commitment, and mastery, shedding the light on the important role of teachers and their position in society. It could also foster the spirit of fair competition among educators to encourage them do their best, develop the educational and administrative practices, and raise the level of performance. As a result, it has become a prominent milestone to motivate the innovative educators and talented people to excel and innovate. Moreover, participation in the Hamdan Foundation awards is a way to ensure that the achievements are preserved and that the participants reach advanced positions, thus, reflecting their interest and the quality of their performance."

Al Issa pointed out that through prestigious honoring of all inno-



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vative distinguished in the field of educational performance, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance came to translate this into reality, contributing to achieving the sustainable development of the GCC community. All of the above would not have been possible without Allah blessing first, and then the contributions of the Foundation's patron, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who has enriched the Foundation with his financial and moral support, and has made it a rich and stimulating resource for the educational field. He added, "His Highness's support for the distinguished categories pushes them to meet the requirements of perfection in performance and productivity. Furthermore, the Hamdan Foundation embodied the role of quality in developing creative energies and investment in building quality educational and management outputs."

Al Issa congratulated all the winners, who participated, excelled and efficiently met the criteria for winning in each category. "The winners did not seek to win the awards only as they were originally distinguished, and through awarding and nurturing them, we can provide them with a real incentive to strive for excellence."



Yahya Al Ammari:
Hamdan Foundation
.. scientific and
professional platform
for spreading
competition spirit
among people of Arab
countries

He urged the winners to share information, serve knowledge, disseminate the culture of excellence, adopt its quality system, and enhance the requirements of the values of creativity. He addressed them in his speech: "You planted and reaped the fruits of your work, so you deserved to be congratulated for this distinction, which is an incentive for your peers to participate for winning the awards every year, in order to continue the road of excellence. The participation and winning of Al Ahsa educational personnel in all categories on an ongoing

basis ensure the continuity of the excellence and creativity process, and raising the name of the country high in various international, Arab and GCC events. The participation is a way to ensure the ongoing achievements and the reaching advanced positions."

Al Issa thanked the patron of the Foundation, arbitration committees, and the success partners, those who stood behind these quality awards to serve the mission of education and the distinguished who made education their priority and excellence their goal.

Global Reputation

Yahya bin Saleh Al Ammari, Director General of Education in the Hail Region said, "The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation's awards are among the most important prestigious well-known educational awards in our educational sector in Saudi Arabia. We have been keen to encourage the Region's employees and motivate them to participate in the competitions. This mission was entrusted to the Center of Excellence, which sponsors all local, regional and international educational awards in educational management. The role of the Foundation is undoubtedly crystal clear in pushing the distinguished to look forward to and work on."

He pointed out that “the role of the Hamdan Foundation was not limited to creating impact and knowledge among applicants, but also to represent its standards by a large segment of employees of education, which contributed to the clear advancement and improvement of work. In addition, these awards of the Hamdan Foundation formed a strong and effective alliance with other educational awards adopted by the Ministry of Education, on top of which is the Education Excellence Award presented by the General Secretariat of Education at the Ministry.”

Al Ammari pointed out, “Our Arab World in general, and the GCC states in particular, are full of distinguished segments in different educational categories. Such awards would constitute a vital and stimulating factor for the sector -- an exploratory window through which these distinguished people present, improve, and develop their work. Awards are a real opportunity to evaluate, assess, and approve these works. They are also a scientific and professional platform for spreading the spirit of competition among the people of Arab countries.”

Furthermore, he stated that Hail Education Department participated in the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation competitions with nine of its employees,



Mohammed Al Toreiqui:
Hamdan bin Rashid's awards encourage initiatives, innovations, and excellence in education

in addition to the participation in the educational research. This is considered an achievement for the region's administration as it gained an advanced position in the category of the distinguished teacher.

Al Ammari praised all the winners for their distinguished international award, confirming that winning the award, despite its precise standards, is a clear evidence of their excellence and the quality of their outputs, which is definitely reflected not only on their educational and administrative work, but also on their students and their achievement on performance, educa-

tion, and pedagogical scale. He urged the distinguished groups in the educational field to apply for the awards and enter their exciting competitive atmosphere, stating that “the awards’ benefit does not only affect the winners only, but extends to all of its applicants looking for an opportunity where the assessment and evaluation processes of their achievements and creations are carried out by specialists in the fields of education and arbitration.”

Finally, he thanked HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid for sponsoring this large educational institution, as this is “an indication of HH’s awareness of the value that educational pioneers deserve, especially the teachers -- messengers of knowledge and lighthouses of the future.”

Encouraging Initiatives

For his part, Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Toreiqui, Director of Education in Al Zulfi Governorate, Saudi Arabia stated: “The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation’s awards seek to improve the quality of the educational system, encourage initiatives, innovations, and excellence in education in all literary and scientific fields, providing all caring requirements and offering the appropriate educational services and programs. These programs seek to meet the needs, chal-



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allenge capabilities, and develop them.”

Al Toreiqui extended congratulation and praise to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, HH the Crown Prince, HE Minister of Education, the Ministry leaderships, as well as the student Rashid bin Fayez Al Fayez, his family and school, and to Al Zulfi Education Department, blessing this educational achievement represented by obtaining the first place at the Gulf level of the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation awards, in Distinguished Student category.



Hasan Kharmi:
Hamdan Foundation
focused on spreading
quality education in
the field

He also expressed his gratitude to the Foundation’s patron, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, for his keenness, interest, and encouragement for the distinguished and prominent people, and for his effective, permanent and non-surprising contributions in honoring the distinguished groups, who play an important role in their nations and the advancement of their homelands, being a model of bright hope for the path of national development, with their constructive arms and bright minds, upon which the nation can be developed and advanced.

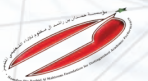


Authenticity of Values

Dr. Hasan bin Mohsen Kharmi, Director of Sabya Education Department in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said, “The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation awards were launched from Dubai and reached all over the world, adhering to the authenticity of values and knowledge of this era. These awards have focused on spreading and providing what the quality of education requires. In addition the Hamdan Foundation awards are among the leading awards in the field of education, as they target all pillars of

the educational process.” He added: “The Sabya Department of Education, in accordance with the directives of His Excellency the Minister of Education in Saudi Arabia, was keen on annual participation in the awards due to the influence and great improvement seen by the managers and participants. The strength of the standards was reflected in the educational field, and increased the spread of the culture of excellence therein. This is evident through the participation of Sabya Education in all categories of the awards.”

He concluded: “His Highness the awards’ patron contributed to instilling the meaning of enthusiasm and competition in the hearts of the innovators by providing a great environment of competition among the talented and creative people. Therefore, I say thank you, the knight of the Foundation and the leader of the excellence march.” Furthermore, he congratulated the distinguished student Nawaf bin Abdul Rahman Akesh, and the distinguished people of the country and the GCC states, who deserved being laureates.



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The Foundation's Coordinators in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain:

Hamdan bin Rashid .. Inspiring Leader Whose Main Priority is Human Development



Dubai - Mohammed Ahmed

The coordinators of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Bahrain, asserted that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, is an inspiring leader, and that human development is one of HH's main priorities. They added that the unique contributions made by HH have played a major role in appreciating distinguished people and exploring their hidden potential by encouraging them and praising their efforts and accomplishments in order to help them achieve leading positions.

To mark the end of the 22nd session of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, the coordinators explained to 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz' that progress, advancement, and great achievements are the most prominent characteristics of the Foundation's institutional work, highlighting the pivotal role it plays in spreading the culture of excellence in the field of education, and setting high standards that motivate educational organizations to adopt the concepts of quality and excellence.

Prestigious Position

Abdullah bin Zahi bin Ali Al Qarni, General Coordinator of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for the male sector at the Saudi Ministry of Education, said: "Progress, advancement, and great achievements are the most prominent characteristics of the institutional work at the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation, which achieved a prestigious global position by spreading its culture throughout the local, GCC, Arab, and Islamic communities, allowing it to assume a high international position with all due diligence, and play a pioneering role in harnessing and providing all opportunities of excellence, motivation, and success."

Al Qarni Added: "Philanthropy and good deeds are the fun-



Abdullah Al Qarni:
Progress and great achievements are prominent characteristics of Hamdan Foundation's institutional work

damental aspects and the supreme goals of our religion, as it invites us to provide the greatest quality in workmanship and excellence in our businesses and institutions. When we evaluate the cognitive and practical aspects of the role played by the Foundation, we find that it is no longer considered an intellectual luxury, but has become a tangible practical reality, and a fundamental concept of competition in light of spreading the culture of excellence in the field of education at the local, Gulf, and even international levels." He continued by saying: "Institutional excellence represents the most important element in

the Foundation's success in all of its categories. This excellence is considered the pivotal pillar of cultural growth, which is achieved by spreading this culture in various aspects of society in general, and the field of competition in particular, with the aim of enhancing the progress towards transcendence and achieving impressive results."

Al Qarni added that the patron and leader of the Foundation, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, is credited with instilling the early seeds of this Foundation and nurturing it until it has become a fountain of ripe fruits available to draw on by those who are talented and distinguished. His Highness kept on providing all types of support through views, ideas, diligence, monetary aid, effort, and follow up, in order to adopt increased competition intensity and diversity, and to maintain the stability of the Foundation's position in all scientific, social, and economic areas. Thanks to the unlimited support of His Highness, the Foundation has also been able to keep pace with the latest developments in the field of information technology and its recent trends to enhance institutional performance. His blessed contributions in the field of excellence in the following categories: Student, Teacher, Highly Distinguished Teacher, and Distinguished School Ad-



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ministration, began at the local level, in the UAE, the country of excellence and development. Then it spread its culture to the GCC states with the increasing number of participants in all of its categories, all of which aim to build a sustainable and promising future, developing capacities, harnessing talents, creativity and innovation, as well as improving scientific research and achieving sustainable impressive results and distinguished experiences in various fields.

Culture of Empowerment

Al Qarni also pointed out that the great contributions made by

His Highness, played an important role in adding value to the Foundation and its employees, by creating a culture of empowerment, through defining the skills, competencies and levels of performance required to attract and develop talents, and enabling them to fully explore their hidden potential, in addition to encouraging and praising their efforts and accomplishments that seek to achieve advanced positions at the level of the Arab Gulf States. This comes in line with his dictum: "This Award – from my point of view – is the incentive and the purpose at the same time.

It is an incentive that promotes serious hard work and honest competition." Therefore, it has become a duty to extend its roots and spread its culture in all of its categories to include all Arab Countries, in order to yield greater benefits and exchange experiences among all countries. This would in turn, encourage all competent students, teachers, and school administrators to carry their noble mission of education with every ounce of honesty, and to take on the responsibility, with the hope of becoming active members in their societies and serving their homelands in all fields.

Al Qarni also talked about the participations of this year's session, describing them as distinct and effective, where the participants attended early workshops and training courses that were held before receiving their submissions and beginning the arbitration phase, in order to provide them with a broader understanding explanation of all the categories and mechanisms for application. They also learned instructions on how to fill out the forms, provide evidence, and adhere to the terms, conditions, and standards set by the Foundation. The Ministry of Education has directed the establishment of an excellence center to oversee all educational awards in which each department participates, whether local, Gulf, Arab or international, with the aim of unifying efforts and focusing on local promising talents. Among these awards are those given by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum for Distinguished Academic Performance.

About his evaluation of this session's participations, he said, "They are very good. The level keeps rising each year, thanks to the Foundation's secretariat, which, under the directions of its patron, always seeks to provide support, motivation, and join efforts to spread the culture of excellence among new applicants and to help them meet the requirements of the application,

through carrying out workshops and intensive training sessions prior to the submission phase. These efforts aim to enhance the participants' awareness and expand their knowledge along with the surrounding community. It is worth noting that the application procedure has moved to submitting the file electronically, which is considered a promising step taken in the Gulf to keep pace with the progress, and provide a broader understanding to all groups, as well as facilitating the application and arbitration procedures, both locally by educational departments and centrally by the Ministry of Education.

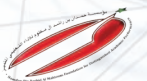
Appreciation and Gratitude

He also mentioned that the educational field, represented by the Ministry of Education and its departments, including arbitrators, coordinators, administrators, and participants from all categories of the Foundation, all hold deep appreciation and honest gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, for his unlimited encouragement and inspiration, and his constant support to the most promising institutions in the educational field across the Arab Gulf states.

Al Qarni expressed his ambition to establish a television channel that is concerned with spreading the culture of the Hamdan Foundation, and presenting its

latest news concerning different aspects of excellence, in addition to conducting field visits to various distinguished teachers in the GCC states. A task that would be achieved by hiring and selecting a qualified staff of producers, presenters, directors, arbitrators, and delegates to document the Foundation's work on the field.

He stated that the excellence presented by the Saudi students in an extension of the support and follow-up that the education sector in the Kingdom receives from the wise leadership, and the constant emphasis on the quality of educational outputs, "which is evident today as we stand on Gulf and international podiums, presenting the proud creations of sons and daughters who deserve our praise." He also added that the spirit of competition and the constant search for excellence, helped raise a generation capable of providing a great representation of Saudi Arabia throughout all participations. He pointed out that "our youth were able to present a positive image, not only in this session, but in all previous sessions of the Foundation and across its various categories, with the support and care of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, and His Highness the Crown Prince, Muhammad bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.



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Pioneering Role

Mansour Andullah Al Dihani, Coordinator of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance in Kuwait said, "The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation plays a pioneering role in spreading the culture of excellence and creativity in the field of education. It strives every year to provide a new aspect of excellence and creativity in the fields of science, knowledge, and sincere educational efforts, aimed at building great generations while focusing on the pivotal role of the teacher and its importance as a strong influencer in carrying out the educational process. The Foundation also promotes the efforts of school administrations in keeping pace with the continuous development in the field of administration, and its leading role in achieving success with constant planning and preparation. These, in turn, help prepare students capable of engaging in honorable competition and achieve the highest educational goals and serving their countries.

He added: "The Foundation has consistently provided the best methods and topics that contribute to improving the level of educational outcomes, diversification in teaching methods, developing school administrations, and creating the proper educational environment that helps achieve the desired educational



Mansour Al Dihani:
Excellence awards spread competition spirit, raise performance level, and improve education outputs

goals, making it a truly integrated approach that establishes the idea of quality in performance. Through the conditions and requirements set by the Foundation, it is able to exert the utmost incentives for innovation, leadership, and excellence, thereby paving the way to spread the culture of excellence and leadership in educational work. This is evident in the increased number of participants in Hamdan Foundation, which has become the guiding light for those who seek excellence and creativity in education in all other fields.

Future Ambitions

He continued by saying, "The success achieved by the Foun-

ation year after year confirms that the ultimate goal pursued by the Foundation's patron, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, stems from his sincere intention and strong determination to help all those in charge of the educational work in the Gulf countries and Arab world and allow them to benefit from what the Foundation has to offer in developing the educational systems with its three main components (Teacher, Student, and School Administrations). What the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation offers, under the leadership of its creative and distinguished patron, in the field of education, clearly demonstrates his ambition and aspirations for the future in light of the circumstances and changes that occur round the world, which call for a focus on human development in light of this progress. This is mainly what the patron of the Foundation seeks to achieve with all professionalism through his wise guidance and his keen pursuit to reach leadership and excellence."

Al Dihani pointed out that excellence awards are considered among the most modern tools established and used by the distinguished institutions to nurture and motivate their employees, as well as spread the spirit of competitions among all members to raise the level of performance. It also seeks to



benefit from and enhance individual capabilities, with the aim of achieving excellence, and can reflect on improving educational outputs, raising the level of quality and continuous development in the Arab countries. Education has become the prominent focus of interest in all Arab countries, as many are recognizing its fundamental role in forming the individual, highlighting talents, enhancing capabilities, and achieving the best results

possible. All of which can be achieved through adopting the latest strategies, practices and modern tools that aim to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the education system, in line with the needs of the labor market, and contributions needed to achieve the desired development in all scientific, cultural, technical and social fields. He pointed out that the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic

Performance seeks to tackle the growing challenges posed by the globalization phenomenon, as well as rapid technical changes, intense competition, and information revolution, with the aim of being capable of facing competitions through spreading the culture of excellence, and developing its own foundations and controls in order to provide all of those interested in the educational fields with the opportunity to participate.



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Constant Increase

He also stated that the number of applications is constantly increasing, which indicates the credibility and importance of this Foundation in achieving the goal for which it was established, as strict standards are always adhered to during the candidates' selection process. The rapid increase in the number of participations and applications in all categories, reflects the eagerness of the educational field to engage in spirited competitions that seek to achieve excellence and leadership in the field of education, as well as releasing hidden potential and challenging oneself to achieve the best results.

Al Dihani congratulated all those who were able to achieve a great level of excellence and creativity through their participations that earned a well-deserved win in all categories: "Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Student and Distinguished School administration". He also said: I encourage those who did not win this session to start preparing for the next year, and take advantage of all the observations and notes provided to them. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all participants and school administrations and our students for the efforts they exerted during this session,

and pray to God to bless all of their efforts and hard work."

Improving Practices

Fatima Al Nashmi, Coordinator of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance in the Kingdom of Bahrain stated: "The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has a great role in spreading the culture of excellence in the educational field on different levels for more than two decades. The Foundation seeks to improve the educational practices for all groups



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related to the institutional educational work."

She extended her sincere thanks and gratitude to His Highness patron of the Foundation for his generous sponsorship of this pioneering educational foundation whose contributions have reached all corners of the earth. It is no secret that the contributions of His Highness have a profound impact on encouraging educational personnel to take excellence in performance as a method of work. And this is validated by the Almighty saying: "Say: Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know?"

She added: "Such awards have a great impact in spreading the culture of excellence in the regional educational field. The Kingdom of Bahrain is keen to annually participate in the awards of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance as a way to strengthen the friendship and brotherhood ties with the United Arab Emirates, and leaving a continuous positive impact that is reflected on the educational community through publishing the winners' distinguished experiences, and training competitors on the concepts and benchmark of the various awards.

Al Nashmi continued: "As for the participations in Bahrain, the most prominent educational

and pedagogical experiences have participated in the three categories of the award -- Distinguished School and School Administration, Distinguished Teacher, and Distinguished Student. We were delighted for the winning of one school, two teachers and a student of these awards during the 22nd edition.”

Life-Course Approach

Hoping that the number of candidates for these awards will increase during the upcoming editions, Al Nashmi suggested increasing the awards to include such categories as the best scientific innovation, distinguished university student, and distinguished educator.

She advised the winners to pursue excellence at all levels, and adopt excellence as a life-course approach, inviting them to contribute to spreading a culture of excellence among their colleagues in the educational sector as a whole, in order to be a role model and true representatives of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance.

In addition, she invited those wishing to participate in the upcoming editions to start preparing themselves from today to participate in this prestigious educational award, and to seek the expertise of previous win-



Dr. Hanan Al Baqawi:
The Foundation's standards motivate educational institutions to implement the concepts of quality and excellence

ners, expressing her willingness to support them to obtain this great honor.

Integrated System

Dr. Hanan bint Salem Al Baqawi, Assistant National Coordinator of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation in Saudi Arabia, said “The Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation is an integrated system for comprehensive standards that lead and motivate the educational institutions with different categories to implement the concepts of quality, excellence, and educational performance improvement.” She added: “Through my par-

ticipation as an assistant to the Foundation's coordinator in the past years, I lived a unique, pioneering, and enriching experience in the educational sector. This experience deserves to be highlighted and praised by the reader. I also witnessed the continuous improvement and development of the Foundation's services in order to overcome all challenges facing the local and the GCC states as a whole, and to meet the beneficiaries' current and future needs. The activation of the digital technology I saw this year is but a testament to the modernization process.”

Al Baqawi continued, saying: “The criteria of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance provide a road map to reach the educational system excellence through developing its performance and achieve a high level of quality and excellence. In addition, this Foundation played an impressive role in developing the performance in the educational field on the national, Gulf, and Arab scale, and provided a comprehensive self-assessment tool for all the targeted categories of the educational process, and a benchmark for all local and international levels of excellence.” Furthermore, she confirmed that the Hamdan Foundation has become over recent years



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the driving force for applying the concepts of quality and spreading excellence culture in the educational field for all groups. "This excellence in the educational field is but the result of the contributions of the inspiring His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, patron of the Foundation, in the education sector, and the efforts of quality and excellence pioneers who save no efforts to develop the awards' criteria and to constantly update its mechanisms to keep pace with the technical and information revolution and its sustainability for competing the international awards."

As there is a considerable increase in the number of applications from all groups and from a large number of education departments in the Kingdom, amounting to 47 education departments, Al Baqawi stated that the Foundation has become one of the real resources for excellence standards, as well as one the most prominent engines of quality and performance development in the educational field. "Furthermore, we achieved positive results in the process of improving the performance of all groups in the educational field by applying the criteria of the awards, which enabled the girls' sector in Saudi Arabia to win all the points allocated to.

This is what makes us proud and grateful for the Foundation's patron, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum."

Excellence Industry

Al Baqawi explained that the development of peoples is measured by the strength of their education, "which cannot be achieved if we do not find the distinguished teacher and the distinguished educational leadership that help the student to be distinguished, and thus the nations make progress and advancement." She added: "Hence, it is necessary to create excellence prizes in the Arab World to improve the performance of educational institutions, achieve the best possible level, and spread the culture of excellence, highlighting its basic elements and various applications, creating outstanding educational performance through setting standards for the excellence industry in the Arab World, and improving performance and upgrading it to high levels. In addition, the excellence prizes can help honor and motivate the distinguished educational entities and their employees, as well as entrenching the basis of institutional excellence, and uncovering talents, creativity and innovation. Thus, we will have distinguished indi-

viduals and educational institutions capable of discovering and caring about them, and building bridges of cooperation among these institutions that sponsor excellence in the Arab countries."

She pointed out that the Saudi participation in the girls' sector is constantly increasing, and some distinguished contributions have come from education departments located in small governorates that invest their potential in creating excellence. Thus, the Saudi participation in the 22nd edition was very distinguished as the role of technology was activated through training workshops via remote technical platforms, as well as uploading files electronically, and conducting an excellent student interview through remote technical platforms. "These electronic updates made a qualitative shift and facilitated many transactions that were previously performed in traditional ways as the experiences of the participants affected the use of and integration of technology into education, on the one hand. The exchange of distinction effect, on the other hand, between educational departments has become apparent with the increasing number of educational departments participating from small regions and governorates in various

categories of the award. This how we can achieve one of the objectives of the Foundation, which we all strive to achieve. Through the continuous follow-up and overcoming obstacles, the girls' sector managed in this edition to harvest all the winning positions, thanks to Almighty Allah, then to the efforts of the Foundation officials, in addition to acknowledging our role in stimulating and supporting the participation of all groups of the educational field and overcoming any difficulties they may face."

Furthermore, Al Baqawi addressed the female and male winners stating, "You are the key to our success and the first pillar for achieving excellence in educational institutions and in your local and global community, Allah willing. By adopting and committing to apply the criteria of the awards, you started the journey of excellence, and by planning, managing, developing, and sustaining knowledge, you received the awards of excellence. Now your true journey begins to play a role in spreading the culture of excellence in the Arab World and transferring the distinguished practices. By winning the awards, you can start your life as inspiring personalities leaving their impressive impact on all parts of the educational system,



Mohammed Barziq:
The Foundation's vision is bringing up creative generation. Its present is innovation and future is excellence

and encouraging the promising talents to adopt the excellence award criteria and apply them in the educational work to be leaders of change within the educational institutions by all possible means, seeking to meet the current needs and future expectations, and achieving the highest levels in the name of our beloved Arab homeland."

Beacon

For his part, Mohammed bin Saeed Barziq, Deputy Coordinator of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academ-

ic Performance in Saudi Arabia, said, "When I speak about the Hamdan Foundation, I am talking about an award racing against time to showcase all new advancement over its 22 editions. The Foundation was and still a beacon and a guiding star in the sky of this vast world, with a vision of bringing up a creative generation. Its present is focused on innovation, and its future is based upon excellence. This is the Foundation we always take pride in."

He added, "From the very beginning, we witness how hard the individuals work in order to reach the final stages and the podium. Since the issuance of the High Commissioner approval in the Saudi Arabia to participate in the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation awards, Saudi Arabia, as usual, supports excellence, creativity and talent on podium."

Finally, Barziq expressed his gratitude to the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance "for every beautiful moment that we lived and are living now, and we will live in the near future, Allah willing. Thanks to the United Arab Emirates, our second homeland. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will remain close partners forever and ever".



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Saudi Officials and Coordinators: Hamdan Foundation .. Prominent Figure in Supporting Educational Process And Incentivizing Distinguished Segments



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Officials and Coordinators in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia stressed that the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance constitutes a prominent figure in supporting the development of the educational process towards achieving outstanding performance and consolidating corporate work. They pointing out that it has set the most amazing example in incentivizing the distinguished and taking care of the talented, encouraging them towards more giving.

In their statements to 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz' on the occasion of closing the 22nd cycle of competitions for the Foundation's awards, they stressed that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, has remarkable contributions in shaping the future through the initiatives and projects launched by HH for developing the educational process and raising its level.

Pioneership

Malhan Mufarreh Al Anzi, Director of the Center of Excellence and Coordinator of the Foundation in the Northern Borders Region in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia said: "the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance is considered an active partner to all educational institutions in spreading the culture of excellence. It has become a prominent figure in supporting the development of the educational process towards achieving outstanding performance and consolidating corporate work, stemming from its vision to lead the distinguished educational performance. We appreciate the vital role played by the Foundation since its inception and throughout the past 22 years in incentivizing the educational field towards



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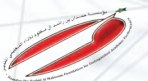
excellence and creativity, by honoring those who were able to achieve distinction in teaching and education."

He added "His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum has paid great attention to education, due to the important role it plays in human development. His Highness launched many initiatives and projects to help elevate and enhance the educational process -- one of the most prominent of which is this Foundation. Its value lies in attaining His Highness's vision in making education a standard for quality and excellence, as well as achiev-

ing the desired goals, including research, development, and innovation by investing in the energies and creativity of distinguished people."

He pointed out that educational institutions across the Arab World seek to develop and support education by launching various qualitative initiatives and projects, which aim to raise the quality of education and enhance its outputs. Those initiatives include excellence awards, which strive to achieve sustainable development for societies, as excellence is considered an educational approach and a fundamental pillar in the continuous development and improvement of the education process.

He also mentioned that the General Administration of Education in the Northern Borders Region, represented by the Center of Excellence, was keen on participating in the awards presented by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation in its 22nd session and across its various categories. This was achieved by qualifying male and female participants in the region through organizing workshops that introduce the awards. He said that these efforts resulted in a large number of participants, five of whom qualified to participate on the Saudi Arabia level, stressing that the awards



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have made an effective impact in the educational field in the Region, and has greatly contributed to raising its level of performance. Concerning the local competitions, King Saud High School had qualified in the category of “Distinguished School and School Administration,” in addition to the student Mohammed bin Marouf, who qualified in the “Distinguished Student” category at the GCC level.

Al Anzi congratulated all the winners of the award and said: “Your excellence today is the result of yesterday’s efforts and perseverance, which qualified you to reach glory. You are the pride of your countries, and your victory places upon you the great responsibility of spreading the culture of the Foundation and employing your skills and the knowledge you have acquired in serving your educational field, which holds you in high regards and expects so much of you.”

He also invited everyone to participate in the next session of awards, to raise the level of performance and adhere to the methodology of excellence.

He then expressed his appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, for his blessed efforts that contributed to spreading the culture of excellence, qual-



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Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Ghamdi:
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ity, and mastery, in addition to developing educational practices, and improving the level of performance in both the individuals and educational institutions.

Internationally Renowned

Dr. Talal bin Humoud Al Salman, Director of the Center of Excellence in the Hail region in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said: “We are keen to adopt the criteria set by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum awards, as they are considered among the most recognized and internationally renowned educational awards.”

He added: “The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum awards was not limited to only creating impact and spreading knowledge among the participants, but it also exceeds that to include the standards set to a large segment of education employees, and we highly appreciate those contributions that signify His Highness’s interest in education.”

He continued: “Educational awards are considered vital streams and windows that provide distinguished people with the opportunity to present their creations, and improve upon them, in addition to getting the chance to receive evaluations, appraisals, and approvals”

He pointed out that 9 employees participated in various cat-



egories, in addition to a number of educational researches, adding that the Center of Excellence played an active role in preparing the participants for the awards. Finally, he congratulated the winners, and called on those who are distinguished in the field of education to receive their awards, and become a model of inspiration to all those wishing to participate in future sessions.

Innovative Generation

Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Abdullah Al Ghamdi, Associate Professor of computer science at Shaqra University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said: "The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has become even more radiant and influential, as this Foundation is keen to play a vital role in pushing the field of education forward towards

achieving advancement and excellence in education in general, and teaching in particular. The Foundation believes in the importance of education and its integral part in building the future of nations. It also believes that honoring creative and distinguished teachers, leaders, students, and researchers is a necessity in order to shape a prosperous future and raise an innovative generation in a cultured country."



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He added: “The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has set the most amazing example, not only in the UAE, but in the Arab World as well. His Highness, the patron of the Foundation, is always keen on honoring those who are distinguished in the field of education, which in turn, motivates them and pushes them towards putting greater efforts, a method through which, His Highness clearly contributes to shaping the future.”

He continued: “Some of the most prominent contributions of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum are taking care of talented people, as well as motivating and encouraging students and teachers to achieve excellence and conduct scientific research. Many may be under the impression that education is considered one of the mundane matters that do not require a level of priority, however, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation has played a crucial part in recreating this picture, and taught many how to reorganize their priorities.”

He pointed out that “our countries are undoubtedly our priority, and the only thing capable of raising our countries aloft, after God Almighty, is the future generation through educa-



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tion. Thus, the existence of an awards such as those presented by the Hamdan Foundation is considered a necessity, not a choice, and a basic requirement for the Arab World and not a luxury.”

Stream of Giving

Abdul Qadir bin Ahmad Abdul Fattah Al Hazmi, the Coordinator of the Foundation in Sabya Education Administration in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said: “Creativity is an ever flowing stream of offering and giving, especially in light of the growing interest in those who are distinguished and innovative. The beginning of progress is achievement, the beginning of achievement is creativity, and the beginning of creativity is individual unique performance.” He added: “The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance is an educational incubator that shines ever so bright through the efforts exerted in spreading the culture of distinction among various groups of the community and raising the level of education by acquiring and sharing experience among the Gulf Countries.”

Highlighting Talents

Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Mulhim, Head of Social Activity and the Coordinator of the Ham-



dan Foundation in Al Ahsa in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said: "The educational community always seeks to find different means of competitions and creativity through various awards presented in this field, with the aim of highlighting and refining talents, as well as supporting them towards achieving continuous excellence. The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation, through its award's categories, has proven that it has made a great difference among the awards at the regional and international level,

especially through the criteria set for participation in all categories, which include: Distinguished School, Distinguished Teacher, Highly Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Student, and Best Educational Research." He added: The Foundation has provided support to the coordinators through sessions and introductory meetings that aim to explain the goals of the awards, how to handle the criteria and indicators related to the participants and the arbitration mechanism implemented,

as well as selecting outstanding participants. The Foundation has also supported the participants, who presented their creations and their educational and societal contributions through the criteria set. This Foundation has greatly contributed to spreading the culture of excellence, creativity and scientific research, which is evident through the increasing number of participants from various areas in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, despite the fact that it was confined to specific regions at the beginning."

