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Education Quality Comes First

- According to World Bank data, published in March 2022, about 27% of Arab youth in the Middle East and North Africa are unemployed, which is the highest percentage among all regions of the world.
- The report of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the International Labor Organization Regional Office for the Arab States indicated that among the factors that led to this high percentage is that training systems and educational curricula do not align with the needs of the labor market, which leads to a major mismatch in skills. Additionally, the same report indicated that Southeast Asian countries achieved the lowest unemployment rate, despite the population explosion and the challenges they face. Do they have a good education, a societal culture centered on innovation, an interest in discovering and nurturing talented people, a coherent institutional system, or do they apply strict educational policies and laws?
- From the reality of countries that enjoy relative stability and an exceptional ability to overcome crises, we find that focusing on value education in childhood and early education, paying attention to educational excellence in the stages of school education, and enhancing societal awareness, have led to building an accumulated balance of self-developed thought, knowledge, and skills, that are adaptable and constantly innovating solutions.
- The observer of the educational situation in the UAE would notice facts and assumptions, including that the UAE is a model country for residence, work, and tourism. A survey conducted by ASDA's BCW in 50 Arab cities in 17 countries indicated that the UAE ranked first as the favorite destination for Arab youth. For more than two decades, academic institutions have sought to achieve quality in light of generous government aid and supportive community initiatives, for which billions of dirhams have been spent. However, we still need outputs that can keep pace with the labor market and its continuous development.
- There are entities concerned with education in the UAE whose accumulated experiences can be benefitted from, especially with regard to the quality of education and the excellence of performance, including the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, which has 25 years of experience in evaluating educational excellence locally, regionally, and internationally. It is also unique in partnership with the European Foundation for Quality Management through the EFQM-Hamdan Education Model for assessing the quality of educational institutions worldwide.
- Finally, achieving the efficiency of education, despite being one of the UAE's goals to be implemented through academic institutions, is also a societal responsibility similar to securing suitable job opportunities for graduates. It is good that the National Center for Education Quality is entrusted with the standardization of qualifications and skills required for all professions and jobs in the UAE, as well as uniforming the requirements for recognizing certificates and experience.
- In the future, hopefully, educational quality that guarantees distinguished educational outcomes will be achieved with international standards that compete in the labor market.
- Education quality comes first. This is a strategic goal that we are pursuing, for the sake of the country.



National Anthem, Celebrations, and Activities
Expressing Pride and Love for the UAE

Hamdan Foundation Marks the 51st National Day

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance marked the occasion of the 51st National Day of the UAE. The celebration was held at the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Creativity in Dubai, with the participation of the Foundation's employees, led by His Excellency Dr. Jamal Al Mehairi, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation, and several heads of departments. The celebration kicked off by the UAE national anthem in a festive mood of pride, loyalty, and love for the UAE.



His Excellency Dr. Jamal Al Mehairi extended his congratulations to President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President and Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai; and Their Highnesses members of the Federal Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates. Also, he extended his congratulations to Crown Princes and Deputy Rulers, and to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Foundation's Supreme President as well as to all Emiratis and residents wishing that God would grant the nation's wise leadership continuous success and the UAE's people prosperity and stability.

On this momentous occasion, the attendees exchanged greetings, wishing UAE, its wise leadership, citizens, and residents continued success and prosperity.

In a joyful and celebratory atmosphere, the ceremony featured national music pieces, a variety of entertainment activities, such as a workshop on teamwork, and activities from Emirati folklore.

Loyalty and Belonging

In a speech on this occasion, Dr. Jamal Al Mehairi, said: "On this significant day, we express our loyalty, belonging, and dedication to the country's wise leadership who exerts relentless efforts to bring happiness to the Emirati people and protect our nation. This year's National Day celebration comes at a time when the UAE is experiencing more and more successes and excellence in all endeavors thanks to its wise leadership, whose keen insight has elevated the UAE to the forefront of world leaders in every sphere."

HE added: "We also assure that we, at the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, will continue our progress and current endeavors with more persistence in order to fulfill the Foundation's goals, which include achieving excellence in education to contribute to raising the nation, creating a future based on talent and innovation, and supporting the talented and gifted students following the vision of late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace."

Precious Occasion

In a statement, HE Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi said: "This occasion is precious to us and to every resident of the UAE. On each anniversary we see the UAE as a symbol of civilization and progress, happiness and humanity, and peace and noble values. We celebrate proudly that our flag has been adorned with one accomplishment after another where



the UAE has become a global icon in future planning, aspiration, and innovation.”

“As we celebrate the anniversary of the country’s establishment, we certainly remember the late father and founder, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may his soul rest in peace, who worked relentlessly to establish the country and instill the union with the late Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, as well as the first generation of rulers of the UAE. Thankfully, we were granted great leaders during a period when challenges were there on all sides of the region. Those leaders were able to create a contemporary nation that was born to last and prioritized the development and well-being of humans,” Al Suwaidi added.

HE continued: “The UAE underwent a number of phases before reaching what we now see of glory among the prestigious nations, from the establishment stage under the leadership of the founder, Sheikh Zayed, to the empowerment stage during the era of Sheikh Khalifa, and here we are in the stage of growing globally during the era of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and Their Highnesses members of the Supreme Council of the Union and Rulers of the Emirates.”

Al Suwaidi added: “Undoubtedly,





◆ **Jamal Al Mehairi:**
*Hamdan Foundation
 will continue its
 efforts with great
 determination to
 achieve academic
 excellence*

◆ **Khalifa Al Suwaidi:**
*The UAE is a global
 icon in future
 planning, aspiration,
 and innovation*



at the Hamdan Foundation, we are proud and pleased to be a part of the government system that prioritizes education and works to accomplish its objectives. Since it was launched by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum over 25 years ago, the Foundation has succeeded in highlighting the educational value in the UAE and its great achievement in transforming society into a highly educated, knowledgeable, fully engaged with its surroundings and the world, and influential in beneficial initiatives. We are proud to

contribute to the country's leadership in the field of educational excellence and nurturing gifted and innovative people and to continue this national contribution under the leadership of Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, the Supreme President of the Foundation.”
 His Excellency concluded: “On this precious occasion, we extend our heartfelt greetings to the leadership and people of the UAE, wishing that our country enjoys glory, prosperity, security, safety, pride, and well-being every year.”



Rashid bin Hamdan During Chairing the First Meeting of the Hamdan Foundation's Board of Trustees

The Ambitious Educational Vision Established the UAE's Position Globally

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Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Supreme President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, stressed that the UAE's ambitious educational vision receives the attention and care of the wise leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai; and Their Highnesses members of the Federal Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates. Their relentless efforts to empower educational institutions, established the UAE's position as one of the pioneering nations in modeling its educational performance, in line with national goals. The UAE looks forward to being a leader in supporting international efforts to spread and improve education by empowering and encouraging the relevant institutions to achieve quality and developing opportunities for participation in making the future.





This statement was delivered while Sheikh Rashid chaired the first meeting of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, which was held at its headquarters in Dubai, where the Board was briefed on the achievements of the previous stage and its most prominent local and international projects, in addition to its strategy for the next stage.

Institutional Plans

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan said: "The educational achievements that have been accomplished since the era of the late founder, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may his soul rest in peace, reflected the sublime thoughts and solid foundations on which the institutional plans for the development of education were launched. This has also inspired the community towards participating in supportive initiatives to enhance the development sustainability and provide a better life for humanity."

"The Foundation, as an intercontinental Emirati initiative that has acquired an excellent reputation in international forums, began as an award in Dubai as part of the initiatives of its founder, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, and derived its approach in serving the sector from the noble values and authentic educational and cultural

◆ ***Hamdan Foundation is an intercontinental Emirati initiative with a distinguished reputation in international forums***

◆ ***Humaid Al Qatami: Hamdan Foundation will continue its progress with renewed visions and plans***

◆ ***Khalifa Al Suwaidi: We will focus on the quality of educational programs and their impact on enhancing the UAE's reputation***

legacies of the Emirati people and their leadership," he added.

The Foundation's Supreme President expressed his satisfaction with its performance over the past 25 years, in which the educational field witnessed a shift focused on excellence, nurturing the gifted and innovators, and maximizing the educational system members applying the standards of excellence and winning the Foundation's awards.

He explained that the Foundation possesses the competence and the human and technical sources to move forward in providing its services locally, regionally, and internationally through specialized programs achieving educational efficiency, such as methodologies and measuring the performance quality or nurturing the gifted, leading to the UAE being an educational landmark.

Precious Trust

His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed his thanks and gratitude to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan for his precious trust in appointing him as chairman of the board, stressing that he will do all best with the board members to achieve the noble goals of this initiative which was launched by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Al Qatami stated that he returns again



to supervise the Foundation under the leadership of Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid, to continue its successful progress with renewed visions and plans that ensure maintaining its prestigious status.

“I have closely witnessed a previous stage during my chairmanship of the board in previous sessions as Minister of Education, and it was characterized by great performance and achievement at the local, regional, and international levels,” he added.

He also stated that the board, in its first meeting, was honored by the presence of Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan, the Supreme President of the Foundation, and reviewed the achievements of the previous stage, as well as the future planned projects and programs that the Foundation is conducting within the framework of its institutional partnerships and services in support of local, regional, and international education.

Quality Programs

Regarding the Foundation’s future directions and plans in the next phase, Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation, said: “It will focus on supporting the quality of specific projects and programs, the effectiveness of their results, their implications for enhancing the country’s reputation, improving the performance of academic institutions, and the interaction of the local and international communities.”



He added: "With its local and international partners, the Foundation is following up on implementing several leading local and international projects, including expanding the scope of applying the Hamdan Scale for Giftedness and enhancing the efficiency of training on distinguished practices in the awarding sector, as well as the Hamdan EFQM International Educational Scale, which is a flexible model designed to measure the performance quality in any school and institution in the world and is currently undergoing pilot application in 14 schools.

"Other pioneer projects include the World Giftedness Centre, which is concerned with spreading the culture of talent and adopting the latest apprenticeship programs through a virtual platform, to which 135 talented people from 26 countries and 186 experts from 34 countries have joined so far, in addition to a global program directed at teachers in partnership with UNESCO, and the Mishkat project, which aims to teach Arabic to non-native speakers in cooperation with UNESCO," Al Suwaidi added.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was attended by HE Humaid Al Qatami; HE Dr. Jamal Al Mehairi, Vice Chairman; HE Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi; along with the members HE Dr. Ahmed Eid Al Mansoori, HE Issa Al Hajj Al Madoor, HE Abdulla Saeed Belyouha, and HE Sulaiman Abdul Khaliq Al Ansari.





In Recognition of the Achievements and Initiatives of his Late
Father, Rashid bin Hamdan Receives the Award

Hamdan bin Rashid is the Leading Personality at the “Excellence and Creative Engineering Award”





◆ *The deceased directed the launch of the “Excellence and Creative Engineering” Award in 2018*

Dubai - ‘Akhbar Al Tamayoz’

“Excellence and Creative Engineering” Award, in its first edition, chose the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, as the leading personality among its eight categories, in recognition of his achievements and initiatives. The award was received by Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Supreme President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance.

During a ceremony held at the headquarters of the Cultural & Scientific Association in Dubai, Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan, accompanied by Eng. Abdulla Yousef Al Ali, President of the UAE Society of Engineers, honored the winning institutions and individuals in the award’s categories, which are the “Institutions”, represented by engineering offices, institutions, companies, and departments; and the “Individuals” category for creative individuals.

The Institutions category includes

the “Pioneering Engineering Project Award” for the best project in any engineering field, the “Best Construction Company Award”, and “Best Engineering Services or Consultancy Company”, in addition to the “Best Industrial Company/ Corporation”, which is granted to an industrial entity.

Under the Individuals category is the “Engineer of the Future Award”, which is dedicated to distinguished young Emirati engineers, the “Outstanding Engineer” and the “Outstanding Student Award” which will be granted to three distinguished engineering students at any of the accredited educational institutions in the UAE.

Strategic partners and sponsors were also honored, including Dubai South, Dubai Municipality, the UAE University, the Higher Colleges of Technology, and Construction Business News Middle East.

The honoring ceremony also played a short film highlighting the achievements and legacy of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and granting him the Leading Personality Award for his



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rich record of accomplishments and initiatives in supporting the education and sports sectors, besides his great efforts in the humanitarian aid field. Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum received an honorary membership to the Society for his contributions to the ceremony.

Leadership Vision

Eng. Al Ali expressed his thanks and gratitude to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, for his patronage of the award and unwavering support, noting that such efforts which stemmed from leadership insight, will contribute to promoting a culture of excellence and enhancing Emirati leadership in the engineering sector.

He stressed that the award, launched under the directive of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, when he received the association's delegation in 2018, aims to keep pace with the development in the engineering field, supporting a culture of creativity, nurturing and encouraging creators, and giving them opportunities to contribute to achieving leadership and excellence in the engineering fields.





Great Strides

Eng. Rashad Bukhash, Chairman of the Award's Higher Committee, said: "Since its inception, the association has made great strides to achieve the vision of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum who directed the launch of the award, and worked tirelessly to develop a clear roadmap that included conducting meetings and establishing a higher committee to set the objectives and categories of the award, in addition to forming an independent jury committee comprising members with extensive knowledge and experience in various engineering fields."

Bukhash stressed that honoring the winning categories is the result of the efforts and wide participation of innovators in the fields of engineering at the institutional and individual levels.

He also congratulated the winners, wishing them excellence and success, noting that the award received more than 333 applicants comprising citizens and residents, and stressing that the number is a clear indicator of the interaction and success of the inaugural edition.

◆ *Rich record of the late Sheikh Hamdan in supporting education, sports, and humanitarian action*

◆ *Rashid bin Hamdan honors the winning institutions and individuals*





Starting Interviews and Virtual Visits

119 Local and GCC Candidates for the Second Phase of Central Arbitration

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

In the second phase of the central arbitration for the 25th edition of its awards, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has received a total of 119 applicants, 77 of which are at the local level and 42 at the level of the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC) region.





◆ ***Khalifa Al Suwaidi: Applying the best international standards to measure the excellence of academic performance***

◆ ***Changing the standards completely and developing the evaluation mechanism are among the updates of the current edition***

◆ ***Holding training workshop for arbitrators to standardize concepts and verify meeting conditions***



Standardization

His Excellency stated that the Foundation organized training workshops where each head of a committee trained assessors to standardize auditing, conformity, and verification of fulfilling the conditions before the arbitration.

He stressed that the Foundation is keen to conduct a thorough assessment of each participant's profile individually through the central arbitration process, in accordance with a set of uniform criteria and with the highest transparency and objectivity.

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance in its current cycle is celebrating its silver jubilee and aims through its awards and initiatives to distinguish the components of the educational system, enhance its results, and spread the culture of excellence in order to promote education, modernize the entire educational process, and prepare students to keep up with global changes. It honors educational elites during its sessions, including students, teachers, educators, schools, colleges, and educational initiatives.

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation said: "The second phase of central arbitration has started with personal interviews and virtual visits for the candidates of this phase," pointing out that the arbitration procedure is based on the criteria developed and continuously updated by the Foundation, which emphasizes the application of the best international standards to monitor and measure the excellence of academic performance.

"There were numerous updates in the awards, particularly in the local and Gulf arbitration, where the standards were completely revised and improved, besides developing the evaluation using a special scale, as well as developing the electronic arbitration system next to other amendments. The arbitration committees include a group of well-trained specialists in all areas of the award categories, to ensure conducting of the arbitration process in accordance with international standards," Al Suwaidi added



On the Sidelines of its Participation in the 2nd Global Conference for Giftedness and Creativity

Khalifa Al Suwaidi Discusses Joint Cooperation with Saudi “Mawhiba”



Dubai - ‘Akhbar Al Tamayoz’

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance participated in the 2nd Global Conference for Giftedness and Creativity, which was organized by the King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity “Mawhiba” in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, under the theme “Journey Toward the New Future.”



HE Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation, and Dr. Amal Al-Hazzaa, Secretary-General of Mawhiba, discussed enhancing joint cooperation between the two institutions.

The conference witnessed the participation of international experts in talent and creativity, as it embraced 100 gifted and innovators from 30 countries and the most prestigious universities in the world. They participated in launching a global talent platform enabling them to provide innovative solutions to global challenges and sustainable development.

The conference addressed several topics, most notably providing a global platform and supporting the search for the talented, and enhancing opportunities for their contribution to human prosperity and sustainable development, in addition to collective intelligence and its role in the future, and the scopes of empowering talents. It also discussed a journey of science and discoveries as a modern



methodology for leading innovation through the global talent platform.

Precision and Expertise

Dr. Amal Al-Hazzaa stressed that Mawhiba prepared for the conference at the highest level of precision and expertise, since the keynote speakers or even the guest speakers are the best experts in the field, to enrich the conference that empowers talent, which is one of the most important pillars of human prosperity.

She said that the conference concentrated on sharing knowledge to get the best aspired scientific results, adding that the participants are connected by their motivation, passion, and thirst for knowledge, emphasizing that Saudi Arabia continued to play a leading role worldwide to support and nurture talented youth.

She explained that science, on its own, cannot provide food to those feeling or showing the need for it. Moreover, science can neither heal those suffering from illnesses nor can it support them to build a



prosperous society, so science and technology should be applied in the right places to achieve the desired results. Also, the global talent platform that will be launched during the conference will be at the highest level, as a result of the participation of the world's best talented in building it.

Innovation

A group of talented youth performed an art show using technology to express their dreams innovatively and creatively, as their presentation depicted the culture of the conference and its humanitarian project, which mainly aims to find solutions to world's challenges and envisage the future of technology and science, in addition to launching the talent platform.

Furthermore, the scientific committee of the conference met with the participants in the first preparation session to outline the objectives of the "Ideathon" sessions, their work methodology, a description of its nine stages, the challenge sessions, and the arbitration mechanism for selecting the winning ideas. The meeting aimed at motivating the participants to better interacting by highlighting the benefit of this platform. Its objectives included enhancing participation and helping the participants get to know each other and overcome any social barrier, in a way that is hoped to assist them in forming teams during the upcoming challenges.

Mawhiba launched the first edition of the Global Conference for Giftedness and Creativity, under the theme "Imagine the Future", in partnership with the G20 Saudi Secretariat, in November 2020. It succeeded in discovering and sponsoring more than 161,000 talented.



During their Participation in the 2nd Global Conference
for Giftedness and Creativity in Saudi Arabia

Talented Emiratis Represent National Capacities who are Capable of Leading the Future

Survey by Faten Matar

Talented Emiratis studying in local and universities and overseas presented a role model of young and creative national capacities capable of making and leading the future during their active participation in the 2nd Global Conference for Giftedness and Creativity, organized by the King Abdulaziz and His Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity "Mawhiba" in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, themed "Journey Toward the New Future."

In a survey for 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz', they appreciated the UAE leadership's support for talented and creative Emirati youth and their empowerment to enhance the UAE's global leadership in all fields, praising the efforts of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance in supporting the distinguished and talented.

Shaikha Sultan Binkhatim, a Ph.D. student in Engineering Management at the University of Sharjah, described

the conference as distinguished in all its details and topics.

She said, "We listened to a group of inspirational people and specialists during the sessions and benefited from the interesting educational trips that were organized to King Abdullah University of Science and Technology and the city of Al-Ula, where we learned about its ancient history and tourist attractions."

Shaikha talked about her academic career, saying "I completed my bachelor's degree in computer engineering at the University of Sharjah (distinction with honors) in 2016. In 2019, I got my master's degree in engineering management from the University of Sharjah (distinction with honors)."

"I am passionate about science, learning, and achievement. I participated in leadership programs during my university and career life. One of my most prominent achievements was a presentation of a research project at the IEOM conference in the Czech Republic and winning the title

of best research paper in the field of project management," she added.

Shaikha elaborated that her participation in the conference, which was organized in Jeddah, included taking part in the "Ideathon" event, which aims to build a platform that brings together talented people from all over the world and enable them to form teams that offer pioneering solutions to sustainable development problems around the globe.

"The platform will constitute a pioneering model for creative collective global thinking, enabling the world's youth to work on making and leading the future. The talented were divided into 20 teams, each consisting of 5 people from various scientific disciplines, to participate in 9 practical challenges, namely: searching for and empowering talent and developing collective intelligence; the business model of the platform; identity and its marketing and governance; innovation; and advanced sources and technologies for the platform, and expand its impact." Shaikha said.



Shaikha Sultan Binkhatim



She continued: “Our roles varied in the challenges, as we participated as team leaders in many of them. We were keen on completing and delivering the challenge success requirements of files, images, and presentations on time. My team and I won the challenge of advanced resources and technologies for the platform, where we designed and planned the advanced technologies that will lead to the platform’s success.” She expressed her happiness and pride in representing the United Arab Emirates in this global conference, which brought together talented people from all over the world. She also praised the talented Emiratis who reflected a positive image of the young creative national capabilities and their high potential in working with innovative minds from around the world smoothly and in team spirit, to achieve high-quality achievements in record time.



Bodour Ahmed Shirouk

She thanked His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, and the Foundation’s

delegation for their support and encouragement of the gifted and distinguished.

Bodour Ahmed Shirouk said: “I obtained a bachelor’s degree in space engineering with a private aviation license from the University of Sheffield, then completed my master’s degree at the University College London in space science and engineering.”

“I participated in the global platform for the talented because it is a rare opportunity to meet talented people from all over the world, to share knowledge and experiences, and get updated about developments,” she added.

Bodour expressed her happiness for representing the United Arab Emirates and highlighting the role of the government in supporting talented people to reach high levels. She thanked the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance for supporting the talented and distinguished in completing their careers and reaching the highest levels on the academic and professional levels.

◆ **Appreciating the UAE leadership’s support for talented and creative youth and enabling them to enhance the country’s global position**

◆ **Shaikha Binkhatim:**
We listened to inspiring specialists and benefited from the educational trips

◆ **Bodour Shirouk:**
I got acquainted with talented people from all over the world to share experiences