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Rashid bin Hamdan's Message

- The speech delivered by Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, at the closing ceremony of the 25th session, conveyed many values, meanings, and indications. It expressed an intellectual and philosophical vision that is consistent with and connected to those principles inherited from the first generation of the founders: the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, “may their souls rest in peace,” and their brothers, the Rulers of the Emirates. It was the same vision to which the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, “may Allah rest his soul,” adhered to. That awareness of that mission defined the methodology and characteristics of persistence towards accomplishing national, and humanitarian duties based on religious faith, social responsibility, and commitment to making the prestigious human model. That is a model of the active citizen, who is aware of the needs of society and takes the initiative to provide support, especially in education and other humanitarian fields.
- Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan's speech reflected significant signals, which emphasize the high value of the Foundation's achievements over the past 25 years and the importance of preserving its knowledge heritage and investing in it in the next stage. Moreover, it showed the importance of counting on the Foundation's abundance of specialized expertise, distinguished people, and institutional partnerships internationally, regionally, and locally.
- The speech of the Foundation's Supreme President also indicated loyalty, gratitude, and appreciation to the individuals and entities who contributed to the empowerment of the Foundation and to the audience of academic excellence, talent, and innovation, in addition to the boards of trustees and the administrative and technical cadres in the Foundation. He also expressed his pride in the Foundation for achieving leadership and in its contribution to the educational renaissance.
- This matrix of expressive words signified that the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, thanks to this outcome of achievements and components, is proceeding towards new goals and will enhance the UAE's presence at educational summits while supporting efforts to develop and improve education worldwide.



On the 2nd Anniversary of the Departure of the Pure-Hearted Man

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- ◆ *This pure-hearted man embodied passion for goodness, wisdom, tolerance, knowledge, and influential presence in situations and crises.*
- ◆ *He was a great person who had deep faith, responsibility, insightful vision, and positive impact*
- ◆ *Sheikh Hamdan was a beacon of knowledge, excellence, and leadership. He left behind academic and spiritual legacy that is still apparent today*





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On the second anniversary of the departure of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, we remember his noble qualities, generosity, and ultimate giving, both locally and internationally. As one of the nation's builders, he had a positive impact on many fields of life including politics, economy, social life, sport, etc.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum was loyal to the UAE, took care of people, and was a symbol of benevolence, giving, generosity, perfection, and charity. He was one of the great personalities who had deep faith, responsibility, an insightful vision, and a positive impact. All meanings of passion for giving, wisdom, tolerance, knowledge, and influential presence in situations and crises had been embodied in his personality.

He contributed to the UAE's development journey, as he accompanied all its stages. He is considered one of the pillars of its unity, as his positive impact will remain engraved in the memory of the nation.

His personality was characterized by wisdom and exceptional leadership, which were reflected in all the events and positions he held throughout his life. He assumed top positions in many high-level government bodies and institutions, which play a vital role in supporting the development journey of the UAE.

His efforts formed the cornerstone of local and federal government bodies

and institutions. The achievements made during his office had the greatest impact on strengthening the foundations of the Union.

Charity

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum was known for his giving in silence, without discrimination. His charity extended to most of the world's countries and continents. He had a special approach and vision for charity and humanitarian aid. He used to be

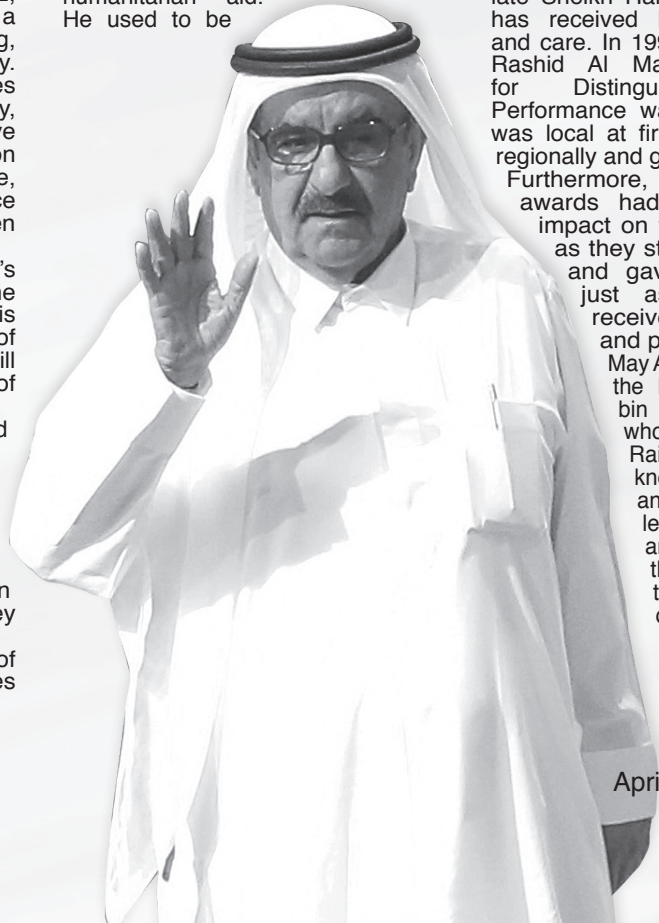
overjoyed when he contributed to bringing joy and happiness to the poor, hungry, and people in need. The same feelings he had when building a school for those who were deprived of education due to circumstances and when establishing a mosque for those who could not afford to build one.

Positive Impact

Building people's capacities was also a further priority in the vision of the late Sheikh Hamdan, so education has received his great attention and care. In 1998, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance was launched, which was local at first and then spread regionally and globally.

Furthermore, his academic awards had a great positive impact on the education field, as they stimulated educators and gave them full care, just as gifted students received great support and patronage.

May Allah have mercy upon the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who was the "Silent Rain" and a beacon of knowledge, excellence, and leadership, as he left behind an academic and spiritual legacy that is still apparent today. His efforts deserved appreciation and recognition from the whole world.





**Under the Patronage of Mohammed bin Rashid
and in the Presence of Rashid bin Hamdan**

Hamdan Foundation Honors the Winners of the Silver Jubilee Cycle

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Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Supreme President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, honored the winners of the 25th session of the Foundation's awards at the closing ceremony.





◆ **Rashid bin Hamdan:**
Hamdan Foundation
is a model of
successful initiatives
that support and
empower education

◆ **We congratulate**
the winners for
the performance
entitling them to join
distinguished and
creative students

Held at the Mohammed bin Rashid Library in Dubai, the ceremony of the Silver Jubilee edition was attended by His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, and His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary General of the Foundation, along with many officials.

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum said, "Today, we celebrate together the twenty-five years that the Foundation has been dedicating to serving education and supporting the educational renaissance under the generous patronage 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 the Rulers of the Emirates. The Foundation follows the vision of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, who always believed that education is the basis of human development. He believed that encouraging creativity and academic excellence contributed to preparing a generation capable of driving sustainable development and achieving stability and prosperity for humanity. His initiative to establish an award for distinguished academic performance in 1998 marked the beginning of the journey towards excellence. Together, we have witnessed its stages of development, achievements, and transformation from a program of training, motivation, and recognition, to a prestigious institution that contributes to supporting education locally,

regionally, and globally. It presents itself as a model of successful initiatives capable of supporting and empowering education to be more responsive to global challenges." Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan added, "It is a journey of twenty-five years of giving, during which a group of ministers of education in the country led this journey and headed the board of trustees of the Foundation, thus contributing sincerely to achieving the Foundation's goals and occupying its prominent position. Also, the administrators and specialists, the pioneers of education, took part in implementing and developing its projects and programs, hand in hand with our partners from international, regional, and local organizations and institutions. All of them, without exception, deserve our appreciation and respect as partners in success on this blessed journey."

Support and Empowerment

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan praised the care, support, and empowerment that the Foundation enjoys from the Government of Dubai and the Dubai Executive Council headed by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai. The Supreme President of the Foundation said, "Today, we feel very happy as we honor these outstanding winners of the local, GCC, and international awards of the twenty-fifth cycle. It is the scene that had always pleased the founder and sponsor, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin

◆ **Humaid Al Qatami:**

The Foundation awards
play an important role in
supporting educational
excellence and gifted and
innovative students

◆ **Upgrading education to**
cope with the demands of
development contributes
to driving growth and
prosperity

◆ **Khalifa Al Suwaidi:**
Hamdan Foundation is
working on launching
initiatives to develop
education and hone
students' skills



Rashid Al Maktoum. We are following in his tracks as we committed to his noble humanitarian objectives. We congratulate those outstanding and creative winners for their performance worthy of the title of excellence. We are proud of them as much as our pride in what the Foundation has provided over the past 25 years, hoping that we will continue to lead in academic excellence and nurture talented and innovative people.” Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan expressed his congratulations and appreciation to all the Foundation’s staff members for their extraordinary efforts that helped to highlight an aspect of the UAE’s cultural philosophy and responsibility to humanity around the globe.



Important Role

His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hamdan Foundation, said, “Hamdan Foundation awards have an important role in supporting academic excellence and nurturing talented and innovative people through many programs and projects that also aim to support efforts to improve education at the local, regional, and international levels.” He stressed that the Foundation is proud of the partnerships that have so far achieved part of its ambitions. He added, “To achieve its goals of enhancing the country’s position and its efforts to achieve sustainable development, the government’s care, empowerment, and support continue as they were since the





Foundation's inception, aspiring to invest in humans and build a knowledge-based economy. Undoubtedly, the development of education to cope with the demands of development plays a pivotal role in driving growth and prosperity by graduating qualified generations able to take responsibility and face challenges. That is supported by the wise leadership of the UAE, saving no effort for the renaissance and development of education to fulfill its mission."

Honing Skills

Furthermore, His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Hamdan Foundation, said, "As we mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Hamdan Foundation, we celebrate the great achievements that the Foundation has made over a quarter century, drawing inspiration from the vision of the founder of the United Arab Emirates, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may his soul rest in peace, that education is the cornerstone of the development and progress of societies."

HE added, "Since its establishment, the Foundation has continued to work in collaboration with its partners from other government entities concerned with education and leading local and international institutions to launch initiatives and organize programs aimed at developing the education sector, honing students' skills, providing them with knowledge and science, and supporting the talented."



74 Winners of the Hamdan Foundation Awards in the 25th Cycle



Some 74 participants won in the 25th cycle of the Hamdan Foundation awards. 2 winners of the Applied Research Global Award of Gifted Education, 2 winners of the School Global Award Initiative of Gifted Education, 3 winners of the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities in the Islamic World, and 4 research papers won the Hamdan-ALECSO Award for Distinguished Educational Research out of a total of 72 participating research papers from 13 Arab countries. Additionally, the number of winners in the Gulf competitions amounted to 14 in various categories. Saudi Arabia won 9 awards, Kuwait won 3, and Qatar and Bahrain each won 1 award. At the local level, the number of distinguished winners reached 49 out of a total of 177 candidates who were shortlisted to final arbitration in the awards for Distinguished Student, Distinguished University Student, Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Educator, and Distinguished School. The number of participants in the awards was 134 students from both general and higher education, including 84 students in the academic field and 49 students in the non-academic field.







Under the Patronage of Mohammed bin Rashid
and in the Presence of Global Experts

Hamdan Foundation Organizes the International Forum for Innovation in Education

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Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance organized the International Forum for Innovation in Education, in conjunction with Innovation Month, March. The discussion sessions at the forum centered on innovation in education, international initiatives in teacher development and creativity, and the global apprenticeship program, in addition to many other related topics. Held at the Mohammed bin Rashid Library, the forum was inaugurated by the UAE Minister of Education, Dr. Ahmad bin Abdullah Hamid Belhoul Al Falasi, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, in the presence of a group of experts from leading international institutions in the field of education.



- ◆ *The sessions centered on innovation in education, worldwide initiatives to support teachers' innovation, and global apprenticeship program*
- ◆ **Ahmad Al Falasi:** *The UAE's wise leadership has taken innovation as a goal and basis for development*

His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Belhouel Al Falasi expressed his happiness with the intellectual movement in education and said, "This forum coincides with Innovation Month 2023, which is among the most important events that consolidate the concept of creativity and innovation in line with the future plans and aspirations of the UAE and its wise leadership. The forum identified the best leading world-class practices to benefit from them to shape the future of the country in various vital sectors, especially in education." HE added, "The UAE's wise leadership has taken innovation as a goal and a basis for development by investing in human capital, foremost of which is our youth, the pillars of the future. Development plans and initiatives have been put in place and implemented to improve their skills and capabilities, in addition to providing



Dr. Ahmad Al Falasi

the best technological infrastructure in the world, which has the latest programs and technologies of artificial intelligence. All of that is to serve and develop the educational system and consolidate the concept of innovation in the students, as it is the main enabler of renewal and radical transformation in various means, tools, and curricula. The objective is to provide all means of support and direct their innovative capabilities to find solutions to various future challenges for achieving the goals of the UAE Centennial, 2071."

Proactive Solutions

HE Al Falasi affirmed the Ministry's confidence in the increasing importance of innovation in the world today because it helps develop proactive solutions to potential future challenges. It is also the main engine for anticipating and shaping



the future of education. The best innovations come from the younger generation because of their ability to make change. His Excellency stressed the role of the Ministry of Education (MoE) in continuing to develop a pioneering and innovative academic system that is in line with the current and future market requirements. It aims to qualify and graduate creative generations capable of keeping pace with scientific progress and continuing the comprehensive and sustainable development process in the country, which enhances its leadership and competitiveness at the global level.

Global Center for Innovation

Al Falasi stressed that “the Ministry of Education will continue its innovative path to improve the various aspects of the educational system and adapt it to meet the aspirations of our students to obtain a world-leading academic achievement. This can be achieved by strengthening cooperation with various strategic partners, especially public and private sector institutions, to benefit from modern technology to develop the system in line with the future vision of the wise leadership in building a knowledge society that raises the country’s competitiveness in various fields.” He underlined the MoE’s commitment to continue the endeavors to spread the culture of creativity and innovation, and to adopt them in all aspects of work, to support efforts aimed at strengthening the UAE’s position as a global center for innovation, as well as its global competitiveness in the field of education.

Movement Towards Development

His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami said, “The Hamdan Foundation is proud to organize this international



Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi



Humaid Al Qatami

forum entitled (Innovation in Education) to enrich the corporate response to the developmental movement in education and empower the collaboration and harmony in international efforts aimed at improving the efficiency of education. That is one of the strategic goals in our national agenda within the framework of the education development plan, which enjoys the attention and patronage 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, Rulers of the Emirates. I am pleased to convey to you the greetings and wishes of success from the Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, the Supreme President of the Foundation.” HE referred to the challenges facing education, especially the repercussions of the Coronavirus pandemic, which was the greatest challenge that emphasized the importance of putting innovation initiatives into practice to adapt and continue.”

Interaction Encouragement

HE Al Qatami said, “It is necessary to encourage interaction between education and renewable data to enhance the concept of keeping pace with changes and developing a

distinguished education system that can continue building human civilization.”

His Excellency added: “Perhaps choosing the title (Innovation in Education) as the topic of this forum reflects our commitment in Dubai, the UAE, and the Hamdan Foundation to contribute to advancing local and global efforts towards forming a common vision that guarantees the sustainability of education efficiency and introduces innovations in harmony with the changes, especially in the digital transformation. We certainly count on our partners from international and regional organizations and institutions with whom we share this interest in achieving this desired goal.”

Priorities

Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation, praised the generous patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, for the forum, which confirms the priority of education in the national agenda of the UAE. His Excellency stresses the need for concerted international efforts to promote the global trend towards the development of education within the framework of innovation philosophy. He expressed the confidence of the Foundation in regional and international partnerships that achieve the required communication among educational decision-makers, experts, and officials through specialized conferences and forums. He added that the Hamdan Foundation is a model for initiatives that contribute effectively to achieving this goal. HE thanked the parties participating in the forum, including speakers, specialists, and guests from inside and outside the country, highlighting that the topics and themes provided a clear vision of what the school of the future should be.

Interactive Discussion Sessions on Rapid Changes in Education



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The International Forum for Innovation in Education included interactive discussion sessions that raised many important academic topics, including the rapid changes in education. The main session discussed the quality of education and prospects for its development and challenges. Another one tackled innovation in education and was presented by Professor Ricardo Cuenca, Professor and Principal Researcher at the Instituto de Estudios Peruanos.

During the forum, innovation through quality models in education was discussed in a session moderated by Dr. Rashid Al Reyami from the UAE University. Another session dealt with the EFQM-Hamdan Education Model, presented by Dr. Russell Longmuir, General Manager of the EFQM

Foundation.

The forum also shed light on the "Arab Model Project for Quality and Excellence in Education", where Dr. Abdulrahman Almedaires, Director-General of the UNESCO Regional Centre for Quality and Excellence in Education, presented an interactive session.

Another discussion session focused on "Global Initiatives to Support Teachers' Innovation" moderated by Dr. Adeb Jarrah. Dr. Hala Al Huwairis, Professor at the UAE University, moderated a panel discussion titled "The Global Apprenticeship Program." The forum was attended by government officials, representatives of academic organizations and institutions, experts, and academicians. The attendee list included international and regional participants who contributed to supporting and developing education.

The forum provided an opportunity to share views and discuss the most pressing issues in the education quality area, besides searching for sustainable solutions for lifelong learning for the prosperity of the world in light of the rapid developments in communication and information technology, not to mention the amazing transformations led by artificial intelligence.

The forum included honoring all the participants in the discussion sessions, namely: Dr. Ricardo Cuenca, Dr. Rashid Al Reyami, Dr. Russell Longmuir, Dr. Abdulrahman Almedaires, Dr. Adeb Jarrah, Mr. Carlos Vargas, Ms. Mathilde Buisel, Dr. Rima Akkari, Dr. Ahmed AlKaabi, Professor Noura Al Hammadi, Professor Dr. Hala Al Huwairis, and Professor Heidrun Stoeger, along with expert Dr. Abdulsamad Tredan and the students Arhan Chabra and Matthew Chin.





Under an MoU Signed by both Parties

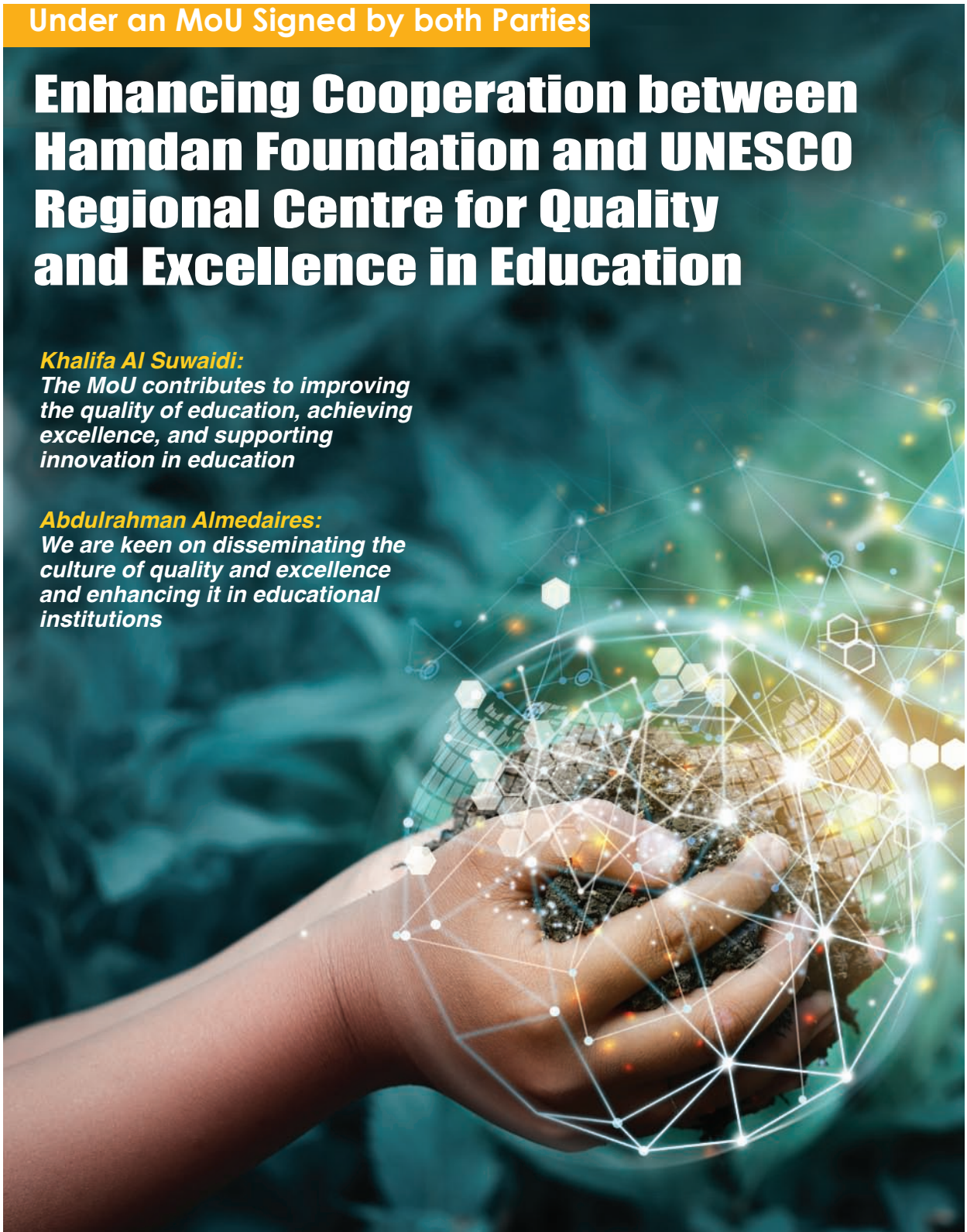
Enhancing Cooperation between Hamdan Foundation and UNESCO Regional Centre for Quality and Excellence in Education

Khalifa Al Suwaidi:

The MoU contributes to improving the quality of education, achieving excellence, and supporting innovation in education

Abdulrahman Almedaires:

We are keen on disseminating the culture of quality and excellence and enhancing it in educational institutions





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On the sidelines of the Global Forum for Innovation in Education, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UNESCO Regional Centre for Quality and Excellence in Education. The MoU was signed by Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation, and Dr. Abdulrahman Almedaires, Director-General of the UNESCO Regional Centre. Based on the MoU, both parties will cooperate in several areas, including exchanging publications related to education and research in the areas of quality, excellence, innovation, and creativity, as well as jointly implementing projects and initiatives, organizing various events such as conferences, seminars, and meetings, and more. According to the MoU, they will exchange experiences and experts in the capacity building area, administratively and technically, and cooperate in development programs, services, technical consultations, research, and studies. Besides, there will be joint efforts for advertising and marketing of the parties' paper and electronic publications as well as their events, conferences, and initiatives by various means, including the website, periodicals, publications, etc.

Supporting Innovation

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi said, "This MoU stems from the wise vision and strategic directives of the UAE's prudent leadership, and our keenness on strengthening the bonds of cooperation and coordination between the Hamdan Foundation and the UNESCO Center. We believe in the significance of solidifying the partnership between us and benefiting from the experiences of both parties in all educational and knowledge fields, which achieve joint strategic goals and contribute to improving the quality of education and supporting innovation in the education sector."

Valuable Partnership

Dr. Abdulrahman Almedaires said, "This valuable partnership with the Hamdan Foundation enhances regional and international cooperation, and the Center is keen on disseminating the culture of quality and excellence and enhancing it in educational institutions. As we aim to unify efforts with our partners in all Arab countries, we promote education, reinforce quality concepts, and coordinate with relevant educational entities in all countries to contribute to improving and enhancing the quality of education, learning, and life in general."

Areas of Cooperation:

- ◆ **Sharing publications related to education and research in quality, excellence, innovation, and creativity**
- ◆ **Implementing projects and initiatives and organizing various events such as conferences, seminars, and meetings**
- ◆ **Development programs, services, technical consultations, research, and studies**
- ◆ **Exchanging experiences and experts in capacity building, administratively and technically**



Organized by Hamdan Giftedness Center

Honing the Skills of 62 Talented Students in the 4th Gulf Forum

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The Fourth Gulf Forum for Gifted Students brought together 63 gifted students from the GCC countries in the age group of 13 to 18. The forum was organized by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Creativity, part of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, and coincided with the Gulf Day for Giftedness and Creativity. Aimed to help students share scientific experiences and knowledge in their respective fields of talent, the forum provided them with the opportunity to discuss common issues with their peers and specialists at the Gulf level, in addition to highlighting their outstanding achievements and innovations.





The 2-day forum also discussed honing personal and leadership skills among the participating students, as well as providing opportunities for communication and collaboration among them in specialized scientific fields. The forum included numerous scientific workshops, discussion sessions, visits, and related activities, which were organized in several locations such as the Al Ittihad Museum, Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park, and Marmoom Conservation Reserve. The workshops were supervised by a group of experts and specialists in various fields.

Leading Destination

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Ali Al Suwaidi, Member of the Trustees Board of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, said, "We are pleased to organize the Gulf Forum for Gifted Students for the fourth year in a row, coinciding with the Gulf Day for Talent and Creativity. This forum comes as part of the objectives of the Foundation and its efforts to improve education, provide all kinds of support for the gifted, develop their skills, shed light on their innovations, and sponsor them. It also encourages them to keep progressing in innovation and creativity, in line with the directives of the wise leadership aimed at supporting innovation and creativity and enhancing the UAE's position as a leading global destination for

- ◆ *Entrepreneurship workshops and cultural tours to enhance cooperation in specialized scientific fields*
- ◆ *Khalifa Al Suwaidi: The forum provided an ideal platform for talents to share ideas and explore the latest technologies*

creativity and innovation." He added, "The forum succeeded in providing an ideal platform for talented students from all GCC countries to exchange ideas. They were also allowed to explore the latest technologies and innovations through workshops, field visits, and other activities held during the forum."

Events and Activities

The forum included many interactive events and activities, which included a series of training workshops on entrepreneurship, as well as scientific workshops and cultural tours. The participants also visited some of the landmarks in Dubai, including the Al Ittihad Museum, where they were briefed on the achievements of the United Arab Emirates since its establishment. They also visited the Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood and the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park, which is the largest single-site solar energy production project in the world. The students expressed their happiness at attending the forum, which provided them with the opportunity to communicate with their peers and share valuable ideas, experiences, and information that they had received from the workshops, discussions, and field visits. The attendees praised the well-organized events and expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Hamdan Foundation for organizing the fourth edition of the forum.



Pictures from the Forum

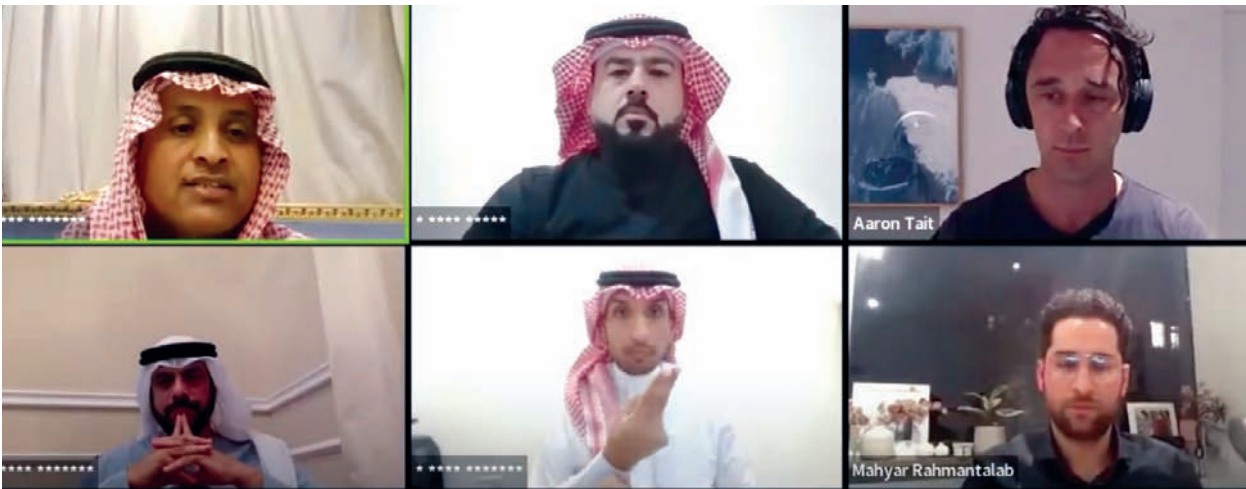






Organized by the ABEGS

Hamdan Foundation Participates in an Educational Meeting on Creative Leadership to Improve School Performance



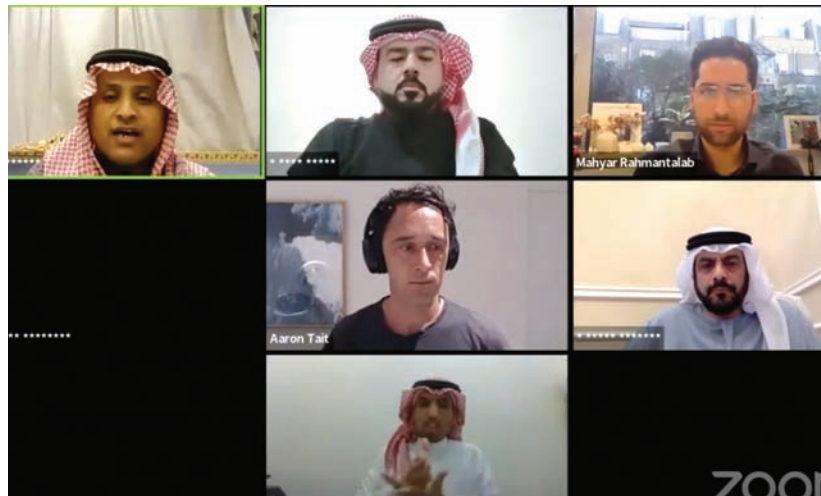
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The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance participated in the twelfth educational meeting within the series of educational meetings organized by the Arab Education Bureau for the Gulf States (ABEGS), which took place remotely, under the title "Creative Leadership to Improve School Performance: Foundations of Empowerment and Development."

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General of the Foundation, showcased the role of the global GCC and regional awards in promoting and supporting the culture of innovation, and the role of the Hamdan Foundation awards as a regional and international model. HE highlighted the role of the ABEGS as a partner in supporting these awards. The meeting discussed employing innovative ideas and solutions to promote a culture of innovation in schools, and discussed the role of teachers in building developmental ideas for schools, in addition to the role of the school principal in promoting a culture of innovation and building ideas.

Solutions

Aaron Tait, the author of "Dream Team: A Practical Playbook to Help Innovative Educators Change Schools," presented a guide with a set of ideas, practical tools, and solutions to help innovative educators improve the performance of their schools.



♦ **Reviewing the role of global GCC and regional awards in promoting and supporting a culture of innovation**

♦ **Highlighting the educational role of the Hamdan Foundation Awards as a regional and global model**

HE Dr. Salah Salih Mimar, associate professor of educational leadership and author of more than 10 books in the field of thinking, spoke about schools of creativity, their components, and sources for creating creative ideas. He explained the model and steps for creating creative ideas and the SCAMPER technique for developing ideas.

The meeting, which was moderated by Dr. Saud Al Salahi, advisor to ABEGS Director-General, hosted a group of educators. It is an extension of a series of meetings organized by ABEGS, which deal with educational topics that interest teachers, educators, and other interested parties.