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To be pioneers in the management of excellence in educational performance and fostering talent and Innovation

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The Foundation Objectives:

- Strengthening government and community efforts to highlight the education and medical sectors' importance
- Spreading the culture of talent, innovation, excellence, and quality in education and medicine
- Enhancing the quality and level of performance and creativity in institutions locally and internationally
- Contributing to the establishment and support of centers and programs for innovation, talent, and scientific research
- Supporting talents and gifted people, building their capabilities, and providing an incubating environment for their development and nurturing
- Encouraging scientific research in excellence and talent, especially in areas of national priority
- Honoring high achievers from individuals, universities, institutions, and research centers



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Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

In his capacity as the Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, issued Law No. 13 of 2023, instituting the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences. He also issued Decree No. 32 of 2023, appointing Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum as the President of the Foundation.

Objectives

According to Law No. (13) of 2023, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences seeks to bolster government and community efforts to enhance the medical and educational sectors. Additionally, it seeks to foster a culture of creativity and innovation within these sectors while also improving overall performance and services to align with international best practices in these domains. The Foundation also aims to build capabilities across these vital sectors, promoting and supporting scientific research and enabling those leading such initiatives, among others.

The Foundation also aims to support talents and gifted people, build their capabilities, provide an incubating environment for the development of their talents, develop specialized programs for them, and encourage scientific research in excellence and talent, especially in the domains of national priority. Among the objectives are also honoring individuals, universities, institutions, research centers, and other bodies who made achievements in education and medicine at the local, regional, and international levels, as well as everyone who presents distinguished



research that serves society and enriches scientific research, in addition to supporting the sustainability of excellence in fields related to its work in accordance with international best practices.

Board of Trustees

In another legislation related to the Foundation, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai, issued Executive Council Resolution No. (58) of 2023, announcing the Board of Trustees of the Foundation chaired by Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami. Dr. Jamal Mohammed Al Muhairi will be the Vice Chairman of the Board. Members of the Board include Awad Saghir Al Ketbi, Dr. Khalifa Ali Al Suwaidi, Dr. Ahmed Eid Al Mansouri, Dr. Suleiman Muhammad Al Hammadi, Issa Al Haj Khadem Al Madoor, and Abdulla Saeed Belyoahah, in addition to the CEO of the Foundation.

Mandate

Law No. (13) of 2023 details the Foundation's mandate to support public policies aimed at advancing the educational and medical sectors and encouraging scientific and medical research, apart from developing specialized reports highlighting educational and medical excellence and recognizing new talent and innovation. The Foundation is also tasked with driving excellence and innovation through scholarships, besides designing and managing advanced laboratories, and forging local and international partnerships to further its objectives.

The Foundation is also entrusted with keeping up with developments in knowledge, providing educational opportunities for creative people, highlighting the UAE's efforts in these fields, and organizing events, exhibitions, conferences, workshops, specialized programs, translation, and publishing in fields related to achieving its goals.

It aims to recognize and honor



individuals and institutions showing a readiness to assume volunteer responsibilities by providing medical or educational services amid natural disasters, wars, pandemics, famines, and other such crises. Furthermore, the Foundation seeks to recognize those who publish medical and scientific research papers and actively promote interactions between local scientists and physicians and international research institutions to leverage their expertise for mutual benefit.

In accordance with the abovementioned law, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences will have a supreme president, who will be appointed by a decree issued by His Highness the Ruler of Dubai, and who will carry out the tasks and powers specified in this law and the Foundation's bylaws. The executive body of the Foundation also includes a chief executive officer, who will be appointed by a decision of the Supreme President based on the recommendation of the Board of

Trustees. The law also determined the powers of the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation, its resources, and its fiscal year.

Transfer

As per the law, all duties and responsibilities of the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences and the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, established respectively under Decree No. (5) of 1999 and Decree No. (16) of 2018, along with their subsequent amendments, will come under the charge of the Foundation. Furthermore, all assets and employees, including their financial outlay as stipulated in Law No. (1) of 2016 on the Financial Regulations of the Government of Dubai, will be transferred to the newly formed entity. The Foundation will assume all the rights and obligations of these two entities, i.e., the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences and the Hamdan

bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance.

Coordination

The Foundation is responsible for coordinating with relevant entities to ensure its operations comply with the new Law within three months of its enactment. The Chairman of The Executive Council, upon the Foundation's request, may extend the deadline if circumstances call for it.

Annulment

The Law annuls Decree No. (5) of 1999 pertaining to the creation of the Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences; Decree No. (16) of 2018 on the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance and their amendments; Decision No. (1) of 2019 relating to the formation of the Board of Trustees of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance; Decision No. (18) of 2022 on the appointment of the Supreme President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance; and the decision to form the Board of Trustees of the Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences, dated 24 December 2019.

The Law also annuls any other legislation that may contradict it. Legislations issued to implement Decree No. (5) of 1999 and Decree No. (16) of 2018 remain in place as far as they don't contradict the new Law or other legal provisions in place, until the issuance of other legislations that will replace them.

Law No. (13) of 2023, and Decision No. (58) of 2023 are effective from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Appreciating the Precious Trust of Mohammed bin Rashid by Appointing him as Supreme President of the Foundation

Rashid bin Hamdan: Instituting “Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation” Reflects the Vision of the UAE Leadership to Improve Medical and Educational Performance

Humaid Al Qatami: Instituting the Foundation is crucial milestone in unifying efforts to support health and education in communities



Dubai - ‘Akhbar Al Tamayoz’

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum expressed his deep appreciation for the precious trust placed in him by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, by appointing him as supreme president of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences.

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum commended the leadership’s visionary commitment to continually enhance medical and educational performance to reach the highest levels. Besides, he lauded the collaborative endeavors of both the government and society in acknowledging the pivotal role these sectors play in fostering sustainable human development.

He said, “The gracious care bestowed upon the initiatives launched by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, signifies the commitment and dedication to sustaining programs that support the quality of medical and educational services. It also demonstrates support for initiatives that align with the country’s efforts in these two important sectors.”

Crucial Milestone

He added, “Instituting the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, alongside leveraging the substantial legacy of achievements through the

Supreme President of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences:

- The generous sponsorship of late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid’s initiatives signifies the commitment and dedication to sustaining programs that support quality of medical and educational services
- The new foundation has capabilities and competencies to maintain its level of growth and trailblazing

Chairman of Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation’s Board of Trustees:

- Consolidating efforts and aligning visions will strengthen the Foundation’s capacity to sustain its mission and collaborate effectively with relevant institutions
- The new Board of Trustees will define strategies in medical and educational excellence and nurture talents according to the highest standards



Sheikh Hamdan Medical Award and the Hamdan Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, over 25 years, signifies a crucial milestone in uniting endeavors to support healthcare and education within the targeted communities.” He emphasized that the new Foundation possesses the capabilities and competencies needed to maintain its growth and trailblazing because of government empowerment, societal support, and international, regional, and local partnerships.

Contributions

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum renewed his confidence in the potential of the new Foundation to uphold its international and Arab stature, deepen the impact of its programs in enhancing medical and educational performance, and increase its contributions to achieving its ultimate goal of ensuring the sustainability of quality and excellence in medical and educational activities at the local, regional, and international levels. This, in turn, contributes to solidifying the UAE’s leading role in the humanitarian field.

Pride and Appreciation

His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation, expressed his thanks and appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council, for issuing Council Decision No. (58) of 2023, to appoint the Board of Trustees



chaired by His Excellency.

Al Qatami said, “The confidence of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is a source of pride and esteem, and it represents a trust and a national responsibility for which we aspire to live up to.”

Cumulative Legacy

Al Qatami added, “As Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, being guided by Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, the Supreme President of the Foundation, constitute the basic components that support building a stable and capable foundation that enjoys government support, not to mention the rich cumulative legacy of achievements of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum’s

initiatives, such as the Sheikh Hamdan Medical Award and the Hamdan Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance.”

His Excellency stressed that consolidating these efforts and aligning their visions will strengthen the Foundation’s capacity to sustain its mission and collaborate effectively with relevant institutions, thereby contributing to the realization of national objectives in both the medical and educational sectors.

Al Qatami emphasized that the Foundation’s Board of Trustees will define strategies in the fields of medical and educational excellence, as well as nurture talents according to the highest standards. These strategies will maintain the Foundation’s trailblazing position and achieve the best results.

President of the University of Dubai Appreciating the Law Instituting the Foundation:

The Law's Effects Will be Reflected Positively on Medical and Educational Sectors

Dubai - Dareen Mahmoud

His Excellency Dr. Eesa Al Bastaki, President of the University of Dubai, stressed that the issuance of the law instituting the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, will be reflected positively on the medical and educational sectors. He stated that it will contribute to the continuation of the awards, which aim to discover gifted and creative people.

His Excellency added, "There is permanent cooperation between the Foundation and the University of Dubai. We offer three scholarships through the Foundation, and we are working to increase this number in the future. We strive to strengthen and enhance this cooperation."

"The Foundation's officials are following in the footsteps of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, who was known for his humanitarian initiatives and encouragement of seeking excellence in all of these initiatives. We also seek to enhance cooperation in all workshops, joint events, and competitions that serve the medical and educational sectors," Dr. Al Bastaki concluded.



Acting Dean of College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the UAE University: Establishing the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences will Enhance its Achievements

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'



Dr. Ahmed Al Suwaidi, Acting Dean of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the UAE University, emphasized that the law issued by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, establishing the "Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences," will enhance the Foundation's achievements.

He added, "There is close cooperation between the Foundation and the UAE University in terms of student-related research. We hope that this fruitful cooperation will continue in the future." He mentioned that the memoranda of understanding and agreements between the Foundation and different universities locally and globally will open up new prospects for students and researchers to discover distinguished experiences and promote research and studies, in addition to exchanging educational and academic experiences and opportunities.



Hamdan Foundation Showcases Prominent Projects at “Regional Seminar for Shaping the Future of Education in Arab Countries” in Tunisia

Tunisia - ‘Akhbar Al Tamayoz’

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences showcased its most prominent national, regional, and international projects during its participation in the “Regional Seminar for Shaping the Future of Education in Arab Countries”, organized by the Arab League Educational, Cultural, and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) in cooperation with the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS) and several regional and international organizations. Themed “Towards Quality, Inclusive, and Equitable Education for All”, the seminar took place at the headquarters of ALECSO in Tunisia.

The Foundation was represented by its Secretary General, His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, where he highlighted the considerable improvement in the education sector in the UAE because of achieving the vision of its inspiring leadership, which was welcomed by the present experts.

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi said, “The seminar provided participants and stakeholders from diverse Arab countries with the opportunity to exchange ideas, share visions, and

impart experiences and knowledge concerning the advancement and enrichment of the education sector, besides the challenges facing Arab countries and how to overcome them.”

Throughout the seminar, various educational topics were discussed, encompassing the challenges and opportunities associated with the enhancement of education across different Arab countries.

During the seminar, experts stressed the importance of education as a guarantee for development, pointing out that the greatest challenges facing the development of education are the significant disparities among Arab countries, including variations in educational curricula, learning environments, high illiteracy rates in some regions, and technological challenges.

To ensure the quality of education, the experts emphasized the importance of implementing specific policies, focusing on teacher training and skill development, as teachers are the cornerstone of the educational process. Furthermore, they underscored the value of sharing and disseminating successful experiences from various countries in education.





Attended by Several Officials, Academics, Teachers, Media Professionals, and Winning Students

Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences Celebrates World Teachers' Day

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences organized a celebration of World Teachers' Day (WTD) at the Dubai Police Officers Club, with the participation of several senior officials, academics, teachers, media professionals, students who won the Foundation's awards, and those interested in education.

His Excellency Dr. Humaid Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, said in his speech, "Every year on 5 October, UNESCO celebrates the signing of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (1966) under the title (World Teachers' Day) with the participation of Education International (EI) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)." His Excellency added, "This year's celebration of WTD is held under the theme (the global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage)," stressing that marking WTD aims to draw attention to teaching as a profession and to teachers.



Appreciation for Contribution

Al Qatami stressed that education in the UAE receives special care from the wise leadership, and the teachers also enjoy great attention and support. The leadership is committed to improving the teachers' situations, sustaining their professional development, establishing a culture of teacher appreciation, and highlighting their great contribution to society. "The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, was keen to give the teachers great appreciation for their vital role in education. This appreciation is represented by an initiative presenting

generous incentives and an award for distinguished teachers titled the "Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance," which exceeds beyond the borders of the country to the GCC countries. Besides a prestigious international award, in partnership with UNESCO, which is the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development that contributed to discovering inspiring practices of many teachers in remote communities, those practices are worthy of being rewarded and disseminated," Al Qatami added. Further, His Excellency said, "Celebrating WTD is an opportunity



for all of us to highlight the efforts and commitment of all teachers to provide quality education and contribute to a sustainable knowledge future. It is also an opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for them through words and deeds. We work together in high spirit to achieve greater integration, cooperation, and interconnection between the pillar of the educational process, which is the teacher, and the core of the educational process, which is the student. All of that aligns with the support of the elements of the educational system and society, towards strengthening the cohesion of these parties in the face of ongoing challenges, so that we can achieve more and more every year.”

Vital Role

In his speech, His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary General of the Foundation, underlined the vital role that teachers play in building solid fundamentals for the education sector, which contributes effectively to developing countries, providing well-being to people, and achieving sustainable development goals.

Al Suwaidi added: “The teacher is the cornerstone of developing the educational process, so our Foundation was one of the first institutions to take great care of the teachers by launching many programs and activities. It also allocated annual prizes for the teachers not only as a tribute but also as a highlight of the capabilities of success and excellence in the educational field, so it becomes a guide for everyone who wants to excel.”

Extreme Precision

He added, “In cooperation with the United Arab Emirates University, we present the Master’s Program in Innovative Education. This program, which is unique and hard to find elsewhere, is designed very precisely to prepare teachers for the future with today’s requirements.”

Dr. Al Suwaidi stressed that the Hamdan Foundation continues to believe in the importance of developing the skills and capabilities of teachers and providing the appropriate environment for them to achieve educational excellence.

As a conclusion, His Excellency congratulated teachers on WTD, saying: “On this occasion, we extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to teachers around the world for their efforts, and we also reaffirm our commitment to continue supporting and empowering them to fulfill their noble mission.”

Dr. Faisal Al Bakri, Head of the Ministry of Education’s Operations Team, spoke about the status of teachers and the most prominent challenges facing education.

As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance education, encourage excellence, and promote innovation, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences launches awards at the local, regional, and international levels to highlight the achievements and capabilities of teachers, in addition to other initiatives and activities.

The Foundation launches numerous initiatives and activities aimed at supporting education within the country and beyond, contributing to elevating its standards to new heights of success and excellence.



To Support Initiatives and Activities Enhancing Innovation,
Science, and Technology

Hamdan Foundation Organizes 1st Winners' Association Forum

Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi:

- Winners' Association Forum strengthens communication and ensures continuous excellence

Former winners:

- The Association provides us with opportunities to meet our colleagues, share experiences, and exchange knowledge





- **Success stories presented by the first winner of Distinguished Teacher in 1998 and a winner of Distinguished Student in 2001**
- **The day-long Forum contained sessions, panel discussions, and exhibition of winners' innovative achievements**
- **A panel discussion on AI in education, attended by many winners and officials**

Sharjah - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences hosted the Winners' Association Forum (WAF) for the Foundation's award winners at the House of Wisdom in Sharjah as a part of its dedication to contributing to the excellence of educational performance in the UAE by sponsoring and supporting the winners.

WAF aims to bolster all endeavors and initiatives that promote innovation, science, and technology to provide the educational system with the best educational staff. Those staff can contribute to raising a generation armed with science and knowledge, which makes them able to contribute to the nation's progress and prosperity, as well

as continuing the great achievements journey of the UAE in light of the vision and directives of the wise leadership. In addition, WAF aimed at harnessing the collective expertise of the members and showcasing their contributions across diverse activities.

This day-long event contained a rich array of sessions and panel discussions, complemented by an exhibition that highlighted the innovative achievements of winners spanning diverse categories and award cycles, reaching as far back as 1998.

Additionally, the program featured inspiring success stories from Aisha Al Mheeri, the first winner of the Distinguished Teacher award in 1998, and Khaled Al Attar, a winner of the Distinguished Student category in 2001.





Panel Discussion

Moreover, within WAF, a panel discussion on the role of artificial intelligence in education was conducted. This discussion, which was attended by numerous award winners and officials, has been moderated by Noura Al Shihhi, the recipient of the Distinguished Educator award. A lot of participants enriched the discussion, including students Salama Al Tenaiji, Majid Al Murr, and Jawaher Al Hashemi, as well as educators Mohammed Al Bastaoui and Rania Mohamed, and school directors Aisha Al Dhuhouri. As part of the event, relevant collaborative workshops were conducted to further enrich WAF.

Exhibition

WAF included the inauguration of the accompanying exhibition, where an impressive array of innovative works by recipients from various educational levels was on display, including outstanding teachers and educators. The exhibition showcased a range of inventions, such as the Smart Cap Innovation device, designed to serve workers, created by Faiza Al Busmeit, a two-time winner in cycles 20 and 23. Additionally, there were 3D models crafted by Hamdan Al Marzouqi, a three-time winner in cycles 20, 23, and 24. The exhibition also featured the advanced White Cane Innovation, designed by Hind Al Naqbi, an awardee from cycle 24. Furthermore, the displays included

publications authored by student Al Rayan Al Hanai, a winner in cycles 24 and 25, as well as student Reeman Abdullah, recognized in cycles 21 and 25. Besides, there were captivating paintings showcased by Neela Al Ahababi, the award recipient in cycle 24. In the realm of educators, both Aisha Al Kaabi, a winner from cycle 25, and Amira Lahbesh, a winner from cycle 23 in the Distinguished Educators category, showcased the best educational practices.

Strengthen Communication

Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, confirmed that the Foundation is committed to attracting its award recipients and strengthening communication with them through an association that ensures their continued achievement of excellence. Dr. Al Suwaidi welcomed the winners of the Foundation's awards at the first session of WAF, which represents one of the cornerstone programs that achieve a strategic goal of the Foundation. This goal is to contribute to educational excellence by attracting winners, nurturing them, and providing them with an enabling environment for sharing experiences and exchanging knowledge. He stressed that WAF contributes to strengthening relations between members of the association and the

Foundation by holding meetings with members, learning about their latest achievements, and employing their skills in both serving society and supporting the educational process. He also expressed his appreciation and gratitude to those in charge of the program and the Foundation's employees for their efforts that contribute to achieving the Foundation's goals and to communicating with the winners to support and provide care for them.

Sharing of Experiences

On the other hand, previous editions' winners expressed their delight at participating in WAF, which aligns with the Foundation's goals. They appreciated the opportunity it provided to connect with their colleagues, share their experiences, and exchange knowledge across various domains. As a closure event, the work team was honored by members of the Association members. WAF members are the winners of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences Awards who met the stipulated criteria for registration and belong to one of the following categories: Distinguished Student, Distinguished Teacher, and Distinguished Educator. The Association conducted a diverse array of programs, events, and purposeful activities that reflect the notable achievements of its members across various fields.



The First Emirati Institution to Obtain this Accreditation

Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation Receives STEM Accreditation

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences announced that the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation has received accreditation from the STEM International Organization. This makes Hamdan Center for Giftedness the first institution in the UAE to achieve this accreditation, which enhances its official presence on the global stage in the field of giftedness and innovation. It contributes to strengthening international efforts to develop gifted education and improve the country's competitiveness in these fields.

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, said, "We are delighted with the success of the Hamdan Centre for Giftedness in obtaining accreditation from the STEM International Organization. This achievement underscores the firm commitment of our visionary leadership

The new achievement could:

- Enhance the Center's global presence in talent and creativity
- Improve international efforts to develop gifted education and the UAE's competitiveness
- **Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi:** This achievement underscores the firm commitment of our visionary leadership to enhance education

to enhance education, particularly through these pioneering initiatives that support and propel community endeavors to attain their objectives." His Excellency praised the significant empowerment provided to the Foundation by its Supreme President, Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, to contribute to the country's competitiveness in the field of education.

Pioneering Goals

Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi added, "This achievement aligns with the country's pioneering vision and enhances the Foundation's global reputation in the field of giftedness and innovation," noting that Nurturing the Gifted Program has a great impact on the global educational scene, especially in the giftedness and innovation sector. This accreditation

will empower the Foundation to create advanced specialized programs and courses and grant internationally recognized certificates, providing even greater opportunities for the gifted community to rise and exceed expectations.

The Secretary General extended his thanks and appreciation to the work team for their great effort and dedication, which led to this achievement. He elaborated on the available opportunities for more achievements in light of the availability of administrative and technical capabilities and human competencies that are capable of fostering development and achieving the goals of the Foundation and the Hamdan Center.

It is noteworthy that the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation, affiliated with the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, was established to nurture the gifted and support them. It also aligns with the Foundation's efforts to care for the gifted since 1998. The Center provides care and support to gifted students in the UAE, as it includes all programs, activities, initiatives, and services related to caring for the gifted. It provides an attractive educational environment for the gifted and spreads the culture of giftedness and innovation in society through its effective activities and events that fit students of all grades.

STEM is an educational organization in the United States of America that works continuously to grant accreditation in the following fields: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Honoring Winners of 8th Session in October 2024

Receiving Applications for the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development until October 30





Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences announced that receiving applications for the eighth session of the “UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development” via the platform of the prize will continue until 30 October 2023. Honoring the winners will take place in an official ceremony simultaneously with the World Teachers’ Day, in October 2024. The prize aims to support, encourage, and enhance the performance of teachers in order to achieve the goal of providing education for all, in addition to facilitating the participation and dissemination of distinguished practices related to teachers globally.

Increased Participation

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, said, “Since the launch of its first session in 2009, the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development has witnessed increasing participation from the target groups over the years.” “As a part of the efforts of the Hamdan Foundation to launch useful initiatives that improve the quality of education, support teachers, and qualify them to provide role models that keep pace with the scientific and technical renaissance, the prize contributed to identifying and honoring distinguished people around the world, benefiting from their experiences, and disseminating distinguished educational practices. All of that aligns with the vision of our wise leadership and its contributions to the development of educational

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participants in UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development since inception

20

winning institutions in 7 editions of this international prize

- **Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi:** The prize contributed to identifying and honoring distinguished people around the world

communities, which are considered the pillars of the development of any nation,” Al Suwaidi concluded.

The UNESCO-Hamdan Prize is granted every two years to three winners from around the world who provide outstanding educational practices that contribute to improving the performance of teachers in developing countries and marginalized societies.

The prize of up to 300,000 US dollars is divided equally among the three winners.

Nominations for the Prize can be made by individuals representing international and national organizations or institutions, governmental or non-governmental, as well as local, national, and regional educational institutions and associations.

Nomination Process

Individuals cannot apply or be nominated for the prize. It can be national committees and affiliated non-governmental organizations, which must have an official partnership with UNESCO, and the nominating body may nominate up to 5 candidates for the prize.

Applications are accepted in English and French only, and those wishing to participate can review the conditions and apply via the prize website.

The applications will be sorted and transferred to the international judging committee, which includes an elite group of senior experts in the sector.

The total number of participants in the prize since its first session in (2009-2010) until the seventh session (2021-2022) has reached 804 participants. The total number of winners during the seven sessions was 20 institutions.

Institutions From Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Pakistan Honoring 3 Winners of Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities

Inauguration of the Mishkat Center to Support Arabic Language for Non-Arabic Speakers, the first project of the Hamdan Fund for supporting ICESCO

Rashid bin Hamdan:

- This prize emerged from deeply-rooted Arab Islamic principles embraced by the UAE
- Elevating Islamic societies to prosperity is our common goal with ICESCO



Dr. Salem AlMalik:

- The winners' outstanding projects made significant impact on educational development
- Voluntary work contributes to meeting numerous needs by providing necessities in education, health, and other vital fields

Prince Mansour bin Saad Al Saud:

- Winning this prize is incentive for our institution to achieve more and make a greater effort to develop our facilities
- The exerted effort in education is noble work, but the voluntary efforts are nobler and more sublime

Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi:

- 3rd edition of the prize received 37 files from 18 countries
- We look forward to further successful projects that serve education and humanity



Rabat - ‘Akhbar Al Tamayoz’

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, and His Excellency Salem AlMalik, Director General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), honored the winners of the third session of the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities in the Islamic World” during a ceremony held at the ICESCO headquarters in Rabat, Morocco.

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan praised the relation between ICESCO and the UAE, saying, “Today, we gather once again at the ICESCO headquarters to celebrate the achievements of the third edition of the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize. This prize emerged from the deeply-rooted Arab Islamic

principles embraced by the United Arab Emirates, which places human development at the forefront of its goals and enjoys the support of the country’s wise leadership.”

Visionary Thinking

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan added: “In this sense, the initiative of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, came to bring together the prestigious ICESCO and the Hamdan Foundation for a common goal, in which visionary thinking, determination, and key principles are combined to achieve a vision of prosperous Islamic societies, blessed with an advanced educational system capable of fulfilling aspirations.”

“We are delighted by our collaboration with ICESCO and the significant achievements so far, whether through the Hamdan Fund for Supporting ICESCO, of which today we celebrate

the opening of its first project (Mishkat Center for Supporting the Arabic Language for Non-Arabic Speakers), or with the outstanding performance of the prize, which has showcased remarkable growth rates and increased participation from countries. Hopefully, we will drive all charitable efforts towards supporting education, along with raising further support for educational institutions across the Islamic world,” he added. Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum congratulated the prize winners, the diligent committees, and the judging panels for their exceptional dedication and success in fulfilling their respective responsibilities, expressing his wishes for continuous progress and prosperity for all.

Distinctive Projects

Dr. Salim bin Mohammed AlMalik, Director-General of the ICESCO, said, “We are pleased to honor the



institutions that won the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize in its third edition.”

He added, “We extend warm congratulations to the winning institutions, whose outstanding projects have made a significant impact on educational institution development. We would also like to express our gratitude to all the participants in the prize and wish them the best of luck in future editions.”

“Voluntary work contributes to meeting numerous needs by providing necessities in education, health, and other vital fields. Through this prize, we seek to shed light on distinguished institutions, which have a great role in supporting communities, especially in the field of education, to fight poverty and illiteracy, and to ensure a prosperous future for future generations,” AlMalik stated.

Enlightenment and Educating

In his speech, Prince Mansour bin Saad Al Saud, Assistant Secretary-General of the King Faisal Foundation, commended the initiative of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum and his support for launching the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize and sponsorship of the ICESCO.

He said, “Winning this award will be an incentive for our institutions to achieve more and make a greater effort to develop our educational facilities. It helps us construct more of them to raise the quality of education and enlightenment in our Islamic societies.”

“The exerted effort in education is a noble and great work, but the voluntary efforts are nobler and more sublime. The continuous and persistent efforts in developing our Islamic societies in the three main fields: education, science, and culture, under the leadership of ICESCO, deserve praise and appreciation,” Prince Mansour concluded.

Serving Education and Humanity

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary General of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, expressed his delight at the success of the third session of the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize and the volume of participation that reached 37 from 18 countries, of which 22 qualified.

“As we extend our congratulations to the winning institutions, we look forward to further successful projects that serve education and humanity.



This prize aligns with the relentless efforts of the Hamdan Foundation to intensify collaboration with relevant institutions in elevating education, expanding its activities in supporting academic excellence, highlighting the achievements of outstanding institutions and individuals, and assisting them in creating a conducive educational environment in all targeted communities. The Foundation encourages voluntary organizations to engage in the journey of excellence in the education sector as a whole,” Al Suwaidi said.

3 Winners

The three winners of the prize are:

- The King Faisal Foundation (KFF) from Saudi Arabia, for its the Alfaisal University project. Founded in 2002, the university was the first non-profit private university, aiming to contribute to raising the level of education and scientific research.

The total budget for the KFF's projects amounted to 1 billion riyals.

- The Royal Humanitarian Foundation of the Kingdom of Bahrain, for the Bahrain Scientific Complex, which was constructed within the Somali National University and included 7 basic colleges. It reopened the university after a 20-year closure. The Royal Foundation's projects have an estimated budget of US\$ 2 million.
- The Deaf Reach Schools, which was presented by the Family Educational Services Foundation in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The entire budget of its educational charitable projects is one million dollars annually. This initiative aims to support the deaf through technology, by offering an integrated curriculum that focuses on educating teachers and training parents in order to hire and integrate deaf people into society.

Rashid bin Hamdan tours of the Mishkat Center to Support Arabic Language for Non-Arabic Speakers



Honored 200 Winners from around the World

The Awards of “Hamdan for Medical Sciences” Bolster the Foundation’s Position among International Awards

- Competitive platform for institutions and specialists in the medical and health sectors
- Concentration on developing work methods, improving services quality, and innovating new methods
- Supporting scientific research and medical publishing by highlighting achievements
- 2 winners of the Medical Sciences Award won the Nobel Prize later





Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences has bolstered its position on the international awards stage through its commitment to the highest standards of integrity and transparency and by adopting professional arbitration standards. The Foundation's awards, especially for medical sciences, provided a competitive platform for institutions and specialists in the medical and health sectors by focusing on developing work methods, improving the quality of services, and innovating new methods. Since its first session in 1999 until now, the Foundation, with its medical sciences award, has honored 200 winners from around the world. It has also contributed to supporting scientific research and medical publishing by highlighting medical achievements. The Foundation has worked from the beginning to honor individuals, universities, institutions, and research centers worldwide for their unique achievements, besides working to develop a system connecting all services to support scientific research locally and create a supportive environment for young researchers. The Foundation nominated and selected the top distinguished researchers and scientists in the world, while two of the winners of the medical sciences award received the Nobel Prize later, namely, Dr. Harvey J. Alter and Prof. Dr. Robert J. Edwards. That winning has enhanced the award's record, which is full of useful scientific

achievements, especially with the support of scientists and pioneers of scientific research. Since its inception, the Foundation has honored distinguished researchers from around the world and upgraded scientific cooperation with their counterparts in the United Arab Emirates. The diversity in the categories of the Foundation facilitates achieving its goals, as it adopted a standard evaluation system to select the winners according to their academic excellence in the fields of healthcare, medical services, and humanitarian services.

Database

To achieve its goals in developing the medical sector, the Foundation established the Centre for Arab Genomic Studies (CAGS), which is the only center of its kind in the region, has a database of genetic diseases in the Arab World, and represents a scientific platform for genomics specialists that helps them enrich their research capabilities. To enhance research in the UAE, it established the Research Center for Resource Management as well as the Hamdan Medical Journal to be a platform for publishing research projects. The Foundation has worked to strengthen its scientific credibility and enhance its performance, which has enabled it to organize several medical education programs and establish mechanisms and foundations that sponsor and support several medical conferences and scientific activities.

Outstanding Achievements

The Foundation's vision is to honor researchers from all over the world who have distinguished medical research that benefits all of humanity. The Foundation also seeks to honor outstanding achievements in the medical field, individuals, universities, institutions, and research centers from all over the world that have achievements that benefit mankind. In addition to honoring those who alleviate human suffering and provide comprehensive medical care services for the citizens of the United Arab Emirates.

The Foundation also honors volunteers who provide humanitarian medical services that alleviate the suffering of those exposed to natural disasters, epidemics, famines, wars, etc. The Foundation also encourages the establishment of institutions aimed at developing scientific research curricula and methods in the Arab World, in addition to improving a system connecting all local services that support scientific research. It also works to create a supportive environment for young researchers and establish an official center for funding and supporting research. The Foundation plays an active role in providing grants to researchers through programs that have achieved great success. This makes international experts and senior researchers compete to obtain it, all of which improves the reputation of the Foundation internationally, promotes its scientific credibility, and enhances its performance.