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fostering excellence

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Designing and implementing
distinguished awards and
programs that empower
achievements in medicine and
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Their efforts reflect a commitment to making a positive impact in the healthcare sector

Rashid bin Hamdan Honors the Winners of the Medical Excellence Awards



Rashid bin Hamdan:

Our awards represent appreciation for the winners' efforts, which have enhanced healthcare services, advancing medical research, and alleviating patients' suffering

The Foundation aspires to achieve sustainability in improving healthcare services through awards and programs that promote medical awareness

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, honored the winners of the Foundation's 2024 medical awards during a prestigious ceremony hosted at Mohammed bin

Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences in Dubai.

The ceremony recognized winners across various categories, including the Arab Award for Research in Healthcare, the Arab Award in Genetics, the Best Research in Healthcare Award, the Innovation in Healthcare Award, Hamdan Award for Distinguished Personalities in healthcare.

This year's winners included a distinguished group of researchers and specialists who have made significant scientific contributions in their fields. Among them was Professor André Megarbane, who won the Arab Award in Genetics in recognition of his pioneering work in human genetics. His achievements have enhanced scientific knowledge and advanced

the early diagnosis of genetic diseases in the Arab world.

In the category of the Arab Award for Research in Healthcare, two outstanding studies were honored. The first was conducted by a research team from King Faisal Specialist Hospital, focusing on challenges related to interpreting genetic variants in patients with Mendelian disorders. The second study, presented by a collaborative team from Hamad Medical Corporation in Qatar, Kuwait University, and Medipol University Istanbul, explored the transition to oral antibiotics for gram-negative bacteremia cases.

At the UAE level, a research team from Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi was honored with the Best Research in Healthcare Award for their study on improving care for testicular torsion cases through a multidisciplinary approach. Another team from the University of Sharjah, Al Qasimi Hospital, and Tawam Hospital won the Best Research in Healthcare Award for their innovative use of AI in treating pneumonia.

Hamdan Award for Distinguished Personalities in Healthcare was awarded to Dr. Ali Abdulkarim Al Obaidli, Consultant in Nephrology and Organ Transplantation, and Dr. Fathiya Fardallah Al Awadi, Consultant in Endocrinology and Diabetes, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the development of the UAE's healthcare sector.

In the category of the Innovation in Healthcare Award, two initiatives were honored: the "UAE Lung Transplant Program – Hope with Every Breath," which has provided advanced solutions for patients in need of lung transplants, and the "Diabetes Risk Calculator for Ramadan Fasting," which developed innovative digital tools to improve diabetes management during Ramadan.

This event marked a significant milestone as the first edition following the launch of the Foundation's new identity last year, reflecting its unwavering commitment to supporting excellence and innovation in the medical and educational fields both locally and internationally.

A Tribute to Dedication

In his speech, Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum stated: "The awards we present today are not merely a recognition of outstanding



Abdulrahman Al Owais:

The medical awards are a shining beacon in medical and scientific excellence, reflecting the UAE's commitment to fostering innovation and supporting research

Over its distinguished journey, the award has proven its pivotal role in showcasing major medical and scientific achievements and honoring brilliant minds that have improved quality of life

Humaid Al Qatami:

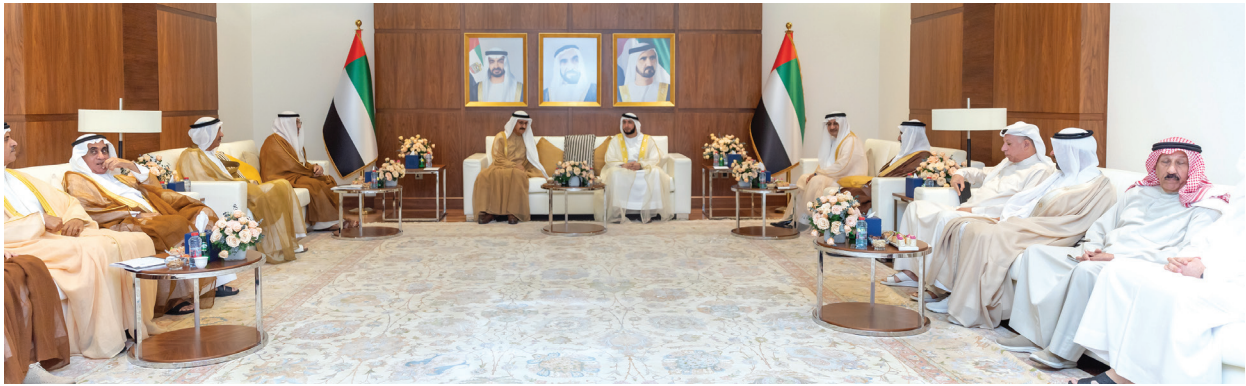
The awards serve as a catalyst for innovators in the healthcare sector and a platform to encourage pioneering research and groundbreaking initiatives

Khalifa Al Suwaidi:

The awards lay the foundation for a more advanced future by supporting and developing a healthcare system that meets global standards

Winners:

The Medical Excellence Awards are a key motivator in establishing a culture of research and innovation



winners but also a message of gratitude and appreciation for their efforts, which have contributed to enhancing the quality of healthcare services, advancing medical research, and alleviating patients' suffering. It is a tribute to dedication and sincere work within an advanced healthcare system, which enjoys the utmost care and support from His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, as well as Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates."

He added: "As we celebrate the recognition of these distinguished individuals—scientists, researchers, doctors, administrators, and institutions in the healthcare sector—we are also celebrating a noble journey of giving that began with the blessed initiative of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace. This journey has garnered the attention, encouragement, and support of the wise government and society, transforming into an institution aspiring to achieve sustainability in enhancing healthcare services. Through a framework of awards and programs that promote medical awareness, it encourages and values the efforts of those who have carried the responsibility of development and innovation, elevating their achievements to the horizons of pride."

A Shining Beacon

His Excellency Abdulrahman bin Mohamed Al Owais, Minister of Health and Prevention, delivered a speech during the ceremony, stating: "The awards of Hamdan bin Rashid Al

Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences have become a shining beacon in the journey of medical and scientific excellence, reflecting the UAE's commitment to fostering innovation, supporting scientific research, and enhancing healthcare efforts locally and globally." H.E. added: "Over its journey, the Foundation has proven its pivotal role in highlighting the most significant medical and scientific achievements and honoring the brilliant minds that have contributed to improving quality of life and addressing health challenges. Today, as we honor a distinguished group of scientists and researchers, we reaffirm that the UAE will always be a hub for excellence, creativity, and a home for talent committed to building a healthier and more sustainable future."

This is the first ceremony following the integration of the two foundations, i.e., Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences and the Medical Excellence Awards under a more comprehensive and effective identity. This merger has expanded the scope of the awards and attracted high-level scientific and research contributions, reflecting the remarkable success of this step in elevating the awards to a global standard.

The winners were chosen from among hundreds across the Arab world, showcasing leadership and a strong commitment to making a tangible positive impact in the healthcare sector.

A Historic Moment

H.E. Humaid Mohammed Al Qatani, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, stated:

"This ceremony represents a historic moment for our Foundation. It is not just an occasion to honor the winners but a reaffirmation of our deep commitment to continuing the legacy of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum in supporting medical and scientific excellence. These awards serve as a catalyst for innovators in the healthcare sector, providing a platform to encourage pioneering research and groundbreaking initiatives that contribute to improving lives and strengthening communities."

Promoting Partnerships

H.E. Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General and CEO of the Foundation, said: "At the Foundation, we view these awards as an integral part of our strategic vision to foster a culture of innovation in the healthcare sector and build strong partnerships with research institutions and academic centers worldwide. While we honor outstanding achievements, our greater mission is to lay the foundation for a more advanced future by supporting and developing a healthcare system that meets global standards."

He emphasized that the awards reflect the level of scientific excellence and leadership in the health sector, discover creative individuals within the health ecosystem, and encourage them to embrace more distinguished practices, which is reflected in the quality of services offered by this vital sector.

The event concluded with the winners emphasizing that the Medical Excellence Awards of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation serve as a key catalyst for fostering a culture of research and innovation, supporting the UAE's vision of becoming a global hub for medical and scientific excellence.





To build sustainable partnerships with global healthcare entities

Hamdan Foundation Participated in "Arab Health"



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Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences participated in the Arab Health Exhibition and Congress 2025, hosted at the Dubai World Trade Centre, as one of the leading global events in the healthcare sector.

Dr. Salama Al Muhairi, Director of Medical Excellence at the Foundation, stated: "Through our participation in this event, we aim to achieve strategic objectives that include building sustainable partnerships with global health entities, exchanging outstanding expertise, and exploring innovative solutions to enhance healthcare services."

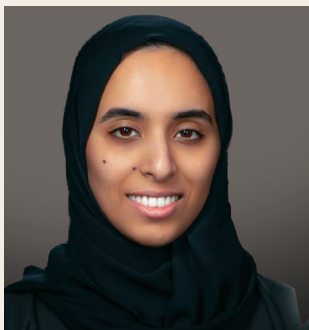
The Foundation participated as part of the Dubai Health Authority's pavilion, in a step aimed at strengthening engagement with partners and stakeholders in the healthcare sector, with a focus on enhancing international collaboration to achieve sustainable and impactful advancements in healthcare.





To provide in-depth insights into the scientific and professional journeys of the winners

Hamdan Foundation Organizes the “Winners’ Majlis” for Medical Awards to Disseminate Knowledge and Showcase Best Practices



Salama Al Muhairi:

The panel discussion is a unique platform for winners to share their insights with the medical community and the public

The winners highlighted key milestones, challenges they faced, and their vision for the future of the healthcare sector

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences organized a panel discussion titled "Winners' Majlis" at Mohammed bin Rashid Library in Dubai, hosting the winners of the 2024 Medical Excellence Awards. Dr. Salama Al Muhairi, Director of Medical Excellence at the Foundation, stated that organizing this session aligns with the Foundation's commitment to enhancing knowledge exchange, raising awareness about key achievements in the medical field, and promoting best practices among the winners of the medical awards. She emphasized the importance of continuous advancements in medical

research, innovative achievements in increasing medical awareness, improving public health culture, and fostering a culture of innovation and excellence in the healthcare sector.

A Unique Platform

Dr. Al Muhairi highlighted that the session provided a unique platform for the winners to share their insights and perspectives with the medical community and the public. This initiative enhances the Foundation's role in advancing health awareness and enriching discussions on scientific research and medical development in the Arab world.

She added that the session offered in-depth insights into the scientific and professional journeys of the award

winners, as they shared key milestones, challenges faced, and their vision for the future of the healthcare sector. This allowed attendees to benefit from their inspiring experiences and pioneering achievements.

As part of the "Healthy Podcast" segment, the session hosted Professor André Megarbane, winner of the Arab Award in Genetics, who spoke about his journey in human genetics. Additionally, the "Winners' Majlis" featured Dr. Ali Abdulkarim Al Obaidli, Consultant in Nephrology and Organ Transplantation, and Dr. Fathiya Fardallah Alawadi, Consultant in Endocrinology and Diabetes, who were honored with the Hamdan Award for Distinguished Personalities in Healthcare.





17 GCC Winners in Hamdan Foundation's Educational Awards

8 Awards for Saudi Arabia, 4 for Bahrain, 3 for Qatar, and 2 for Kuwait

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

The Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS) has announced the winners of the 2024 GCC Educational Awards of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, with 17 winners selected from 98 participants.

Saudi Arabia secured eight awards, Bahrain won four awards, Qatar received three awards, and Kuwait was awarded two prizes.

In the Distinguished Teacher Award category, six teachers were recognized at the GCC level. From Saudi Arabia, the winners included Ali bin Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Siyafi from Tariq bin Ziyad Secondary School, Itidal bint Abdullah bin Saud Al-Mughlooth from the Fifth Intermediate School in Al-Mubarraz, and Sameera bint Abdullah Mubarak Al-Otaibi from Reha Primary School. From Kuwait, the award was granted to Jawaher Ojeir Lafi Butti Al-Asimi from Ghaneema Al-Marzouq Secondary School for Girls. From Qatar, the winner was Noora Abdullah Haidar Jahrami from Al-Khansa Primary School for Girls. From Bahrain, Kawthar Jaafar Hamza Ibrahim from Al-Qadisiyah Primary School for Girls received the award.

In the Distinguished Student Award category, nine students were honored. From Saudi Arabia, the winners were Yasser Badr Awad Al-Mutairi from Al-Mutaqaddimah Schools in Al-Khaleej District, Thamer bin Youssef bin Thamer Al-Masaoud from Al-Mutaqaddimah Private Secondary School in Al-Jouf, Aisha bint Fahd bin Ibrahim Al-Suwaid from the 14th School in Arar, and Jouri bint Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Busaili from Al-Mutaqaddimah Schools for Smart Learning.

From Kuwait, Kawthar Yousef Mohammed Ali Nasrallah from Mariya Al-Qibtiya Secondary



Abdurrahman Al-Asmi:
The awards enhance educational performance and strengthen the efficiency of teaching and professional practices

School for Girls received the award. From Qatar, the winners were Abdullah Hilal Abdullah Al-Hassan Al-Muhannadi from Qatar Academy Al Khor and Noora Faisal Duhaime Saad Al-Dosari from the Banking School.

From Bahrain, Ali Reda Mohammed Ali Hussein Ahmed Al-Oraibi from Al-Tawoon Secondary School for Boys and Khawla Ahmed Mansour Ali from Jidhafs Secondary School for Girls were honored.

In the Distinguished School Award category, two schools received recognition. From Saudi Arabia, Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Abdulaziz

Secondary School, led by Principal Bandar bin Saad bin Rashad Al-Harbi, won the award. From Bahrain, Jidhafs Secondary School for Girls, under the leadership of Principal Khulood Yaqoub Abdullah Bado, was honored.

Motivating and Honoring

Dr. Abdurrahman bin Mohammed Al-Asmi, Director-General of ABEGS, expressed his delight in announcing this year's winners and congratulated them. He stated: "This award has become a leading benchmark at both regional and international levels, recognizing, evaluating, and honoring outstanding individuals in the educational sector, including school leaders, teachers, and students. It has become the focus of attention of all exceptional groups, including schools, teachers and students."

He emphasized that the award supports and enhances educational performance, boosts the efficiency of teaching and professional practices, and serves as an incentive for excellence in education.

Dr. Al-Asmi extended his gratitude to Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences for its continued efforts in recognizing excellence in education.

Hamdan Foundation educational awards, established by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, were designed to enhance education quality, encourage talent, and promote excellence. Over the years, these awards have undergone a significant expansion both regionally and internationally, forming strategic partnerships with global and regional organizations. Today, they stand among the most prestigious awards in the education sector at both regional and international levels.

Recognized equally for their pioneering projects

3 Institutions from Yemen, Azerbaijan, and Morocco Win the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Educational Facilities

Salim AlMalik:
The winning projects reflect a genuine commitment to creating positive changes in beneficiary communities



Humaid Al Qatami:
The winners have presented exceptional models of impactful projects that contributed to building modern and sustainable educational environments

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Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) have announced the winners of the fourth edition of the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Educational Facilities in the Islamic World. This prize honors pioneering voluntary initiatives that support and enhance educational environments in Islamic countries.

Three distinguished institutions were selected for their outstanding projects in developing educational facilities, each receiving equal recognition. Hadramawt Foundation for Human Development from Yemen was awarded for its "Model Schools" project, which aims to establish and develop modern high schools in Hadramawt Governorate.

Heydar Aliyev Foundation from Azerbaijan received the prize for its "Educational and Social Support Program," focusing on constructing and rehabilitating schools in various countries within and beyond the Islamic world.

Additionally, Moroccan Foundation for Preschool Education from Morocco was honored for its initiative to equip primary education departments in rural, semi-rural, and urban areas

throughout the kingdom.

The winners will be honored at an official ceremony to be organized soon, where each will receive a trophy and a financial reward to support the continuation of their educational projects.

The Hamdan-ICESCO Prize aims to achieve multiple strategic objectives, including encouraging and recognizing voluntary initiatives in education, promoting efforts to create new and sustainable educational environments, and supporting educational infrastructure in the Islamic world. These efforts contribute to improving the quality of education and ensuring equitable access to learning opportunities.

The fourth edition of the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Educational Facilities in the Islamic World was launched in December 2023, inviting applications from institutions and individuals across the Islamic world. This edition saw the participation of nine educational initiatives from seven countries, reflecting a growing interest in voluntary work within the education sector.

Dr. Salim M. AlMalik, Director-General of ICESCO, praised the prize's role in encouraging voluntary work in the education sector and emphasized the importance of developing educational facilities as a fundamental pillar for

societal advancement.

He stated that "achieving sustainable and inclusive education requires continuous support for voluntary efforts and charitable initiatives, which is embodied by this prize in partnership with Hamdan Foundation. The winning projects in this edition demonstrate a genuine commitment to instigate positive changes in beneficiary communities and offer exemplary models that can inspire further initiatives in the future."

He reaffirmed ICESCO's commitment to continuing support for this approach, enhancing collaboration with institutions that support education, and contributing to the desired educational development.

H.E. Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, stated that the prize reflects Hamdan Foundation's vision of fostering an advanced educational environment that supports sustainable development in Islamic countries.

He pointed out that the winners in this edition have presented exceptional models of impactful projects that have contributed to building modern and sustainable educational environments, opening new horizons for students in the beneficiary communities.



2 Australian researchers win the Applied Research Global Award of Gifted Education

42 Winners from the UAE Recognized by Hamdan Foundation's Educational Awards



Mohammed bin Rashid Global Initiatives and Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Authority won the Education Supporting Institutions Award

Humaid Al Qatami: The outstanding submissions reflected exceptional dedication and an ambitious drive to achieve excellence

4 winners in the Distinguished Educator Award and 2 in the Distinguished Teacher Award

Um Ghafa Secondary School in Al Ain and GEMS Millennium School in Sharjah won the Distinguished School Award

29 Winners in the Distinguished Student Award and 3 in the Distinguished Undergraduate University Student Award

194 Participants from the UAE competed in the local-level award categories

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences has announced the results of the 2024 Applied Research Global Award of Talented Education, with Jay Yip Yang and Jiheon Lee from Australia winning the award. The Foundation has also announced the winners of its educational awards in the UAE, where 42 winners were recognized across various categories, including Distinguished Student, Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished School, Distinguished Educator, and Education Supporting Institutions.

His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hamdan Foundation, stated: "The outstanding contributions of students, teachers, educators, schools, and institutions supporting education have demonstrated exceptional dedication and an ambitious drive to reach the highest levels of achievement. H.E. added: "This year, we celebrate a new group of 42 local award winners, who have shown remarkable commitment, perseverance, and a role model in insisting on excellence and striving for educational distinction."

Al Qatami extended his appreciation to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Foundation, for his continuous support, and thanked the Board of Trustees and the Executive Management for their efforts. He also acknowledged the dedication of the judging panel and the role of strategic partners in ensuring the success of this cycle. Congratulating the winners, he urged them to continue their journey of excellence.

Remarkable Accomplishments

A total of 194 participants from various emirates across the UAE competed at the local level in six categories, with 42 winners receiving awards this year in recognition of their remarkable accomplishments.

In the Education Supporting Institutions category, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation won for its "Madrasa E-Learning Platform" project, while the Abu Dhabi Civil Defence Authority was recognized



for its innovative educational project supporting institutions. In the Distinguished School category, Um Ghafa Secondary School in Al Ain and GEMS Millennium School in Sharjah were honored for their exceptional contributions and achievements.

In the Distinguished Educator category, the award was presented to Samah Mohammed Ali Al Dhahli from the Emirates Schools Establishment, Maryam Hussein Al Loghani from Al Hijra School, Sheikha Salem Al Hafiti from Zayed Educational Complex in Bidya, and Huda Saeed Al Dhohouri from Muadh bin Jabal Boys School.

In the Distinguished Teacher category, the winners were Hanan Mahmoud Mousa Bouadi from Emirates National Schools and Wafaa Eid Shahada Abu Qudairi from Al Ebdaa Basic Education School.

In the Distinguished Undergraduate University Student category, Meera Abdullah Ahmed Al Harmoudi from the University of Sharjah was recognized for academic excellence, while Khalid Abdul Fattah Ahmed Qazali from UAE University and Hamed Abdullah Ali Al Bastaki from Khalifa University were honored for their non-academic achievements.

World Giftedness Center Awards

At the international level, the Hamdan Foundation announced the results of the World Giftedness Center Awards, which include the Applied Research Global Award of Gifted Education and the School Global Award Initiative of Gifted Education.

The Applied Research Global Award of Gifted Education received nine research submissions from nine countries. The winning research, titled "Teachers' Attitudes Toward Gifted Students and Their Education: Patterns and Determinants," was conducted by Jay Yip Yang and Jiheon Lee from Australia.

For the School Global Award Initiative of Gifted Education, two initiatives were submitted, one from Saudi Arabia and one from India, showcasing innovative practices in supporting gifted students.

These awards aim to support ongoing efforts to create a better educational environment for gifted students worldwide, leveraging global expertise and best practices while promoting their dissemination.

An international judging panel, consisting of renowned global experts in gifted education has conducted the evaluation process to ensure the highest standards of selection and recognition.



Organized by Hamdan Foundation, featuring dialogue sessions and specialized workshops

50 **Students Enhance their Creative and Practical Capabilities at the Skills of Tomorrow Forum**



Humaid Al Qatami:
The Foundation is committed to supporting education and bolstering the efforts of institutions to improve its quality and efficiency



Mariam Al Ghawi:
The forum aims to strengthen partnership between Hamdan Foundation and parents to create an inspiring educational environment that motivates gifted students

Distinguished training programs meet the needs of gifted students and contribute to developing their technical and creative skills

Workshops focused on developing innovative thinking and positive communication

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The attraction of 50 students to the "Skills of Tomorrow Forum", organized by Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences is reflecting the awareness and dedication of parents and school administrations to enrich the educational process and promote innovative thinking among students.

His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, praised the active participation of students in the "Skills of Tomorrow Forum". He expressed admiration for the participation from across the UAE.

During his visit, H.E. Al Qatami toured various activities where students were engaged in acquiring diverse knowledge and skills. H.E. Al Qatami emphasized that the Forum serves as a comprehensive platform for fostering innovation and talent, supervised by a group of specialized trainers and experts in innovation, education and psychological counsel. The Forum included advanced educational programs, that keep pace with the latest cutting-edge technological and scientific developments. It also offered practical and interactive training

experiences that enhance participants' creative and practical abilities, preparing them to tackle future challenges with confidence and competence.

His Excellency further underscored the Foundation's commitment to supporting education and bolstering the efforts of educational institutions to improve the quality and efficiency of education. By encouraging practices rooted in quality, innovation, and creativity, the Foundation aims to provide an integrated educational environment that stimulates innovation and prepares a generation of creative thinkers capable of addressing future challenges confidently. The Foundation also offers a unique educational experience focused on developing students' technical, social, and psychological skills.

Dr. Mariam Al Ghawi, Director of Hamdan bin Rashid Center for Giftedness and Innovation, noted that the "Skills of Tomorrow Forum" reflects the Foundation's vision and mission to empower talented students and enhance their creative potential in alignment with contemporary needs. She pointed out that the "Giftedness Nurturing Forum," offered discussion sessions and specialized workshops which focused on developing innovative thinking and fostering positive communication between students, parents, and experts.

She added that the event aimed to strengthen partnership between the Foundation and parents, creating an inspiring educational environment that encourages gifted students to explore and realize their full potential".

The "Skills of Tomorrow Forum" featured specialized training programs designed to meet the needs of talented students of various ages. These programs aimed to develop their technical and creative skills, enabling them to effectively deal with future challenges. Examples included the "Digital Wood Art" program for ages 16 and above, the "AI Life Hacks" program for ages 10-13, "Developing an AI-Based Game" program for students aged 13-17, and the "Presentation and Communication Skills" program for students aged 14-17, as well as the psychological, social, academic, and career guidance program.

The Forum stands as a strategic platform for strengthening community partnerships and promoting innovation in education, supporting the Foundation's vision of sustainable and forward-looking learning.

The programs extensively contribute to the preparation of students to become future leaders able to participate in promoting sustainable societies and keeping pace with technological and scientific developments.



Discussing teachers' Global report updates of the year 2026

Hamdan Foundation Welcomes the Head of the Secretariat for the International Task Force on Teachers at UNESCO



Recognizing Hamdan Foundation's efforts in supporting education, enhancing teaching excellence, and fostering gifted and innovative students

Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences held a meeting with Carlos Vargas, Head of the Secretariat for the International Task Force on Teachers at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as part of the efforts to enhance mutual cooperation and develop strategic partnerships aimed at supporting and empowering teachers. The meeting, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General and CEO of the Foundation, and attended by several officials, focused on updates regarding the 2026 Global Report on Teachers, a key document for measuring and analyzing the state of the teaching profession at the international level. Discussions also covered major transformations in the education sector, proposed mechanisms to improve teachers' conditions, and best practices that can be leveraged to ensure the sustainability of the profession and enhance its role in human and societal development. His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi

emphasized that the initiatives of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences stem from the UAE's commitment to supporting global education and recognizing the importance of empowering teachers. He highlighted that the Foundation shares the UNESCO's belief that teachers are a fundamental pillar in building a sustainable and effective global education system. He stated: "Our partnership with UNESCO represents a strategic step toward achieving this goal. We are committed to supporting efforts that assess the reality of teachers worldwide and providing innovative solutions that address the rapid transformations and challenges threatening the teaching profession." Dr. Al Suwaidi added that the 2023 Global Report on Teachers, developed with the support of Hamdan Foundation, revealed concerning trends, including the decline of the teaching profession, high dropout rates, and decreasing interest in the profession for various reasons, posing serious implications for sustainable development. He stressed the importance of

continuing cooperation in this field and working effectively to expand the scope of solutions, making the teaching profession both financially rewarding and intellectually stimulating. Carlos Vargas, Head of the Secretariat for the International Task Force on Teachers at UNESCO, praised the efforts of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences in supporting education, advancing excellence in teaching, and fostering gifted and innovative students. He noted that the Foundation's sponsorship of the 2023 Global Report on Teachers contributed significantly to providing a clear picture of the reality of teachers and the urgent issues that require immediate attention to prevent their escalation. Vargas added: "The Foundation's initiative to support the 2030 Global Report on Teachers is highly welcomed and appreciated, as it plays a crucial role in empowering the international task force to develop a roadmap for governments and relevant institutions. This will strengthen programs aimed at ensuring the best conditions for the teaching profession."

Qualified to represent the UAE at the international championship in the USA in April 2025

Hamdan Center Team Secures First Place in the National Qualifiers of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Competition



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Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation team secured first place in the national qualifiers of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) competition, held at Raffles Hotel in Dubai. With this victory, the team has qualified to represent the United Arab Emirates at the international championship, set to take place in Houston, USA, in April 2025.

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General and CEO of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, congratulated the students who achieved first place in the national qualifiers of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL).

He emphasized that this achievement reflects their excellence and creativity in science and innovation, stating: "Undoubtedly, student participation in such competitions contributes to

the development of their scientific and intellectual skills, fosters a spirit of competition and distinction, and highlights their talents on both local and global levels."

Refining Skills

His Excellency reaffirmed that this achievement aligns with Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation's commitment to supporting talented students, refining their skills, encouraging innovation, and showcasing their capabilities to maximize their potential.

He added: "We congratulate our students on this well-deserved victory and extend our gratitude and appreciation to the organizers of this event for their efforts in ensuring its success and achieving its objectives." His Excellency also praised the outstanding performance of students from Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation in local and national

competitions this year, as well as the remarkable results they have achieved in previous editions of the championship at the local, national, and international levels.

Real Experiences

It was stated that the competition targets gifted outstanding students excelling in robotics at Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation.

Participants gain real-world experiences that enhance their problem-solving skills through a structured global robotics program, equipping students and educators to build a better future.

The competition aims to boost students' confidence, expand their knowledge, develop lifelong learning habits, and encourage experimentation while enhancing their skills in critical thinking, programming, and design through hands-on training in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and robotics.



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Innovators Competition

Winners to Be Honored in February





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Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences will honor the winners of the Innovators 2024 competition in its seventh edition during a grand ceremony held as part of Innovation Week in February 2025.

The Foundation announced the winning teams after completing the evaluation process of projects that advanced to the final stage, following the implementation phase. The winners were selected based on creativity, social impact, quality of execution, and innovation efficiency. His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General and CEO of the Foundation, stated: "The seventh cycle of the Innovators competition began in June last year, with the participation of 137 students from schools across the UAE. The participants showcased an advanced level of skills and knowledge, contributing to the competition's growth and the expansion of its scope."

He congratulated the winners, commending their efforts and enthusiasm in demonstrating their talents and innovative ideas. He further emphasized that the competition will continue to expand

its reach in the coming years, aiming to inspire students to adopt creative thinking and provide them with the right environment to transform their ideas into real-world projects. These initiatives contribute to sustainable development and enhance national capabilities in innovation and technology.

The winners of the Innovators 2024 competition include Abdullah Ahmed Al Hammadi and Fatima Rashid Awad for their project "Aboory," Mohammed Adnan Mohammed and Ardzin Nathaniel Omaldi for their project "MindSync," and Nabeel Nadeem Al Qadi, Alaa Salah Abdulaziz, and Youssef Rasim Al Shaqi for their project "Smart Modular Shading System."

The evaluation process for the Innovators competition was conducted by a panel of judges comprising experts and specialists in the field.

A total of 137 teams participated, of which 45 met the competition's criteria. Out of these, 20 teams advanced to the first evaluation phase, while nine teams qualified for the final implementation and evaluation stage, resulting in three winning teams.

Additionally, encouragement awards, including the Sustainability Award and the Community Service Award, will be announced at a later date.

Winners:

- **"Aboory"**
Abdullah Ahmed Al Hammadi and Fatima Rashid Awad
- **"MindSync"**
Mohammed Adnan Mohammed and Ardzin Nathaniel Omaldi
- **"Smart Modular Shading System"**
Nabeel Nadeem Al Qadi, Alaa Salah Abdulaziz, and Youssef Rasim Al Shaqi



As per an MoU between Hamdan Foundation and the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States

The Distinguished Educator Award was Launched at the Gulf Level

The Award Targets: School principals and their deputies, educational unit supervisors, education service providers, and specialists in special needs and learning resources

AED 50,000 for each winner, along with a certificate of appreciation, a trophy of excellence, and the opportunity to enroll in a specialized training program

Open call to ambitious educators striving to provide innovative solutions that enrich education and contribute to shaping generations capable of innovation and creativity

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Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences and The Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Museum of the Future in Dubai to launch the "Distinguished Educator Award" at the level of member states of ABEGS. The signing ceremony was attended by several senior educational officials from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

This award represents a significant milestone in the journey to promote educational excellence and innovation across the region, supporting efforts to enhance the quality of education and encourage innovation in addressing current and future challenges.

The award encompasses several educational categories, including school principals and their deputies, educational unit supervisors, education service providers, as well as specialists in special needs and learning resources. Each recipient will be awarded AED 50,000, a certificate of appreciation, a trophy of excellence, and the opportunity to participate in a specialized training program.

Honoring Professionals

His Excellency Dr. Khalifa Ali Al Suwaidi, Secretary-General and Executive Director of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, affirmed that this joint initiative with the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States aligns seamlessly with the Foundation's long-term vision to achieve sustainable development in education.

He emphasized the importance of recognizing and honoring educational professionals who have distinguished themselves through innovative and exceptional practices, leading to unprecedented outcomes in the educational field.

Dr. Al Suwaidi further added: "The award seeks to cultivate a culture of excellence and inspire educators to adopt innovative approaches that enhance educational performance and ensure the sustainability of quality standards. Beyond celebrating excellence, the award will serve as a vital platform for recognizing best practices and promoting excellence in educational leadership and student support services".

He underscored that this award



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The award seeks to promote a culture of excellence and encourage the adoption of innovative approaches to improve educational performance

Abdulrahman Al-Asmi:

The award sets a new benchmark for honoring experts that have made outstanding contributions to the development of education

represents a natural extension of the long-standing strategic partnership between the Foundation and the Arab Bureau of Education, a collaboration that has yielded transformative initiatives with

a measurable impact on the educational landscape.

Dr. Al Suwaidi stated, "Excellence is a fundamental value and a cornerstone for shaping the future of education in the Gulf region. This award is an open call to all ambitious educators to offer innovative solutions that enhance education and contribute to preparing future generations equipped with creativity and innovation".

New Benchmark

Dr. Abdulrahman Mohammed Al-Asmi, Director-General of the ABEGS, underscored the significance of this initiative, stating, "This agreement embodies our shared commitment to fostering excellence and innovation in education".

He added: "The Distinguished Educator Award establishes a new benchmark for recognizing individuals who have made substantial contributions to advancing the field, particularly educators. Our goal remains to continuously enhance the professional development of those working in education and to promote a culture of continuous improvement and innovation".