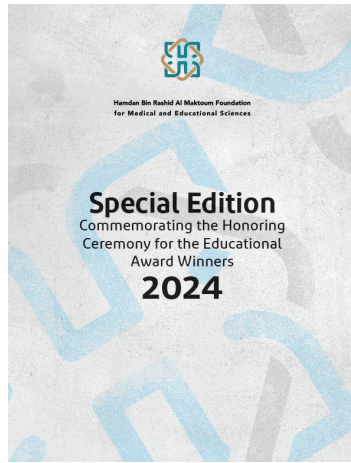




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**The Late Sheikh**

**Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum**



# Who We Are

Initiated by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance was established in 1998, followed by the establishment of the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences in 1999. The aim was to strengthen excellence in the educational and medical sectors, foster innovation, and support high-quality initiatives. These awards were designed to identify, nurture, and encourage talent while advancing scientific research in these crucial fields. Within a few years, the scope of services and partnerships of both awards expanded from the local framework to regional and international levels, especially with prestigious international and regional organizations such as UNESCO, ICESCO, ALECSO, the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States, the Fab Lab Organization, the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, the International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence, as well as reputable medical entities like specialized universities and international hospitals. This posed more challenges for the awards that required an advanced administrative structure and additional resources.

In 2018, a law was issued to establish the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, giving the educational initiative its own institutional identity. In 2023, another law was issued to establish the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences. This law facilitated the transfer of the educational and medical initiative legacies into a single foundation that now possesses a rich portfolio of ongoing programs and projects, along with a solid springboard for further innovation aimed at enhancing governmental and societal efforts in highlighting the importance of the education and medical sectors. The foundation works towards spreading a culture of talent, innovation, excellence, and quality, contributing to the enhancement of quality and performance levels, and fostering creativity in educational and medical institutions at both local and international levels. This includes related elements and components that align with global best practices. Additionally, the foundation contributes to the establishment and support of innovation, talent, and scientific research centers and programs.



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## Vision

A pioneering foundation fostering excellence

## Mission

Designing and implementing distinguished awards and programs that empower achievements in medicine and education, while nurturing the giftedness of individuals

## Values

Pioneering, Integrity, Excellence, Innovation, and Corporate Agility





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# Strategic Goals

- Pioneering education excellence support
- Pioneering medical excellence support
- Pioneering the field of giftedness and innovation
- An agile and leading foundation

# Strategic Objectives

- Honoring distinguished institutions, initiatives, and individuals in the educational field
- Building a quality education framework
- Enhancing the educational field with unique programs
- Honoring distinguished individuals and institutions in the medical field
- Supporting the medical field with unique initiatives
- Identification and cultivation of giftedness
- Providing unique programs in the innovation field
- Spreading educational awareness in the field of giftedness and innovation
- Achieving individuals' happiness internally and externally
- Improving financial efficiency
- Improving corporate performance
- Enhancing the local, regional, and global standing of the Foundation



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## Renewal and Innovation



Thanks to the patronage and support of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and the follow-up of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences launched its new corporate identity. Announcing its vision, mission, and strategic objectives, the Foundation has begun a new phase of advocating medical and educational excellence under the leadership of Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Foundation, who blazes a trail with an inherited wisdom and a spirit of renewal and innovation. The main objective is to utilize the abundant achievements accomplished in the stages of establishment, development, and empowerment during the era of the founder, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, and to maintain excellence and standardization of quality in the local and Arab community. The Foundation is dedicated to developing local, regional, and international partnerships to serve the medical and educational sectors in relationships dominated by harmony, cooperation, and a commitment to uphold efforts directed at disseminating, developing, and improving medical and educational services, especially in the most urgent areas.

Advocating global-value programs is a top priority for the Foundation's Board of Trustees, which includes outstanding national competencies, under the supervision of the former Minister of Health and Education, His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Al Qatami. This advocacy ensures that the Foundation continues to provide the educational and medical sectors with quality programs that enhance excellence and add scientific value in the most important areas, such as discovering and nurturing talented people and diversifying the services provided to innovators. Moreover, it confirms that the Hamdan-UNESCO and Hamdan-ICESCO funds continue to support international and regional projects in education, especially those concerned with spreading education, promoting its efficiency, and supporting teachers at the level of education around the world.

In this context, projects such as the "EFQM-Hamdan Education Model" for measuring educational quality and the "World Gifted Center" stand out. They are among the most significant international programs that are observed by specialists and experts due to their nature as innovative tools that are expected to make a leap in the field of educational quality and gifted-care.

The Hamdan Foundation concludes its twenty-sixth year by honoring 62 laureates of educational excellence awards at the local, Gulf, and Arab levels. It realizes that success—as much as it depends on material, technical, and human requirements—can only be complete with confident faith, sincere loyalty, and a strong belief in the sublime mission of education. Based on the above, the Hamdan Foundation believes that its partners, targets, and local and international communities constitute the pillars of success and excellence, as well as the motivation for continuity and commitment to providing its best for the sake of better education that achieves sustainable development for humanity.

**Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi**  
Secretary-General and CEO



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# Educational Awards

## Local Awards

- Distinguished School  
**100,000** AED
- Distinguished Teacher  
**60,000** AED
- Distinguished Educator  
**50,000** AED
- Distinguished Undergraduate University Student  
**40,000** AED
- Distinguished Student  
**30,000** AED
- Education-Supporting Institutions  
Certificate of Appreciation and Excellence Trophy

## GCC Awards

- Distinguished School  
**100,000** AED
- Distinguished Teacher  
**60,000** AED
- Distinguished Student  
**30,000** AED



## Regional Awards

- Hamdan-ALECSO Award for Distinguished Educational Research

**25,000** US\$

- Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities in Islamic Countries

**100,000** US\$

## International Awards

- UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development

**100,000** US\$

- Applied Research Global Award of Gifted Education

**25,000** US\$

- School Global Award Initiative of Gifted Education

**25,000** US\$



# Educational Awards Statistics

## Winners of Educational Awards



## Participants in Educational Awards





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Hamdan bin Zayed  
Award for Best Teacher



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# Top Programs

## **1 EFQM-Hamdan Education Model in partnership with the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM)**

The model aims to enable school educators and educational institutions to adopt a pioneering model for educational excellence, setting standards to achieve educational goals, and developing an administrative system capable of activating innovative tools and initiatives to improve the educational system.

## **2 Global Talent Mentoring**

The program has a scientific nature that aims to support gifted students globally and provides them with the opportunity to learn from scientists, experts, and specialists from around the world in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and it uses the English language.

## **3 Scholarships for the MA in Innovative Education in partnership with the United Arab Emirates University**

The program aims to nurture the distinguished winners of the Hamdan Foundation awards, who want to enhance their efficiency in the educational field to reach the highest academic qualification and educational excellence. The Foundation offers 10 postgraduate scholarships for (MA in Innovative Education), in cooperation with the College of Education at the UAE University. United Arab Emirates.

#### 4 Hamdan Giftedness Test (HGT)

The Hamdan Giftedness Test (HGT) aims to discover talented students and nurture them according to science-based standards and systematic controls, as the HGT contains a set of advanced scientific tools. The HGT contributes to empowering and developing the talent detection skills of educational practitioners.

#### 5 FabLab UAE

FabLab UAE provides an environment that supports innovation and is distinguished by having an integrated infrastructure that allows the utilization of the latest, state-of-the-art devices, tools, programs, and training courses in the field of digital manufacturing by people in all walks of life; thus, enhancing the opportunities for transforming innovative ideas into realistic projects and products.

#### 6 The World Giftedness Center (WGC)

The World Giftedness Center (WGC) is the first global virtual center for the gifted and is one of the pioneering projects in the field of gifted education globally. It serves as a hub for institutions concerned with giftedness around the world. The WGS is an interactive process that focuses on sharing experiences and information that support the giftedness education system, including students, teachers, parents, researchers, and educational institutions, and providing them with the knowledge and skills required for spotting, enriching, and developing all aspects of giftedness.



# Person of the Year 2024

Of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum  
Foundation for Medical  
and Educational Sciences



His Highness  
**Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum**  
is Named  
**“Person of the Year 2024”**

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports, and Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group, is known for his prominent pioneering personality. He has been at the forefront of Dubai’s remarkable economic development over the past 39 years, spearheading the successful expansion of aviation, which constitutes a substantial part of Dubai’s GDP, and formulating economic, investment, and fiscal policies and strategies in support of the emirate’s overarching vision.

Sheikh Ahmed embarked on his career in the aviation industry in 1985, when he was appointed President of the Dubai Department of Civil Aviation (DCA). In that same year, Emirates – Dubai’s international airline – was launched with Sheikh Ahmed as its chairman. He is now the Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline & Group, which includes dnata – one of the world’s leading providers of air services and travel services.

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- Sheikh Ahmed provided significant contributions to charity and education that have improved the lives of thousands of underprivileged
- HH has outstanding national and humanitarian contributions that have left a lasting legacy of progress and generosity
- He is an inspirational dignitary in construction, empowerment, and sustainable development for youths around the world

## Emirates

Award-winning Emirates is one of the world's most recognized airline brands with a global footprint across six continents, connecting passengers and facilitating global trade.

Under his leadership, Emirates has been successful for over 30 years. A trusted partner for over 300 airline customers worldwide, dnata offers ground handling, cargo, travel, catering, and retail services in more than 35 countries across six continents.

Dubai Duty Free has become one of the biggest single airport retail operations in the world, achieving record sales and a steady growth rate.

## Dubai Civil Aviation Authority (DCAA)

Under Sheikh Ahmed's leadership, the DCA underwent an organizational restructuring in April 2007. This led to the creation of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority (DCAA) as the local regulatory body and Dubai Airports as the operator of Dubai's airports – DXB and Dubai World Central (DWC). Sheikh Ahmed became the President of DCAA and Chairman of Dubai Airports.

The fact that Dubai is now firmly established as the region's leading tourist destination and business, trade, and transport hub is due in no small measure to Sheikh Ahmed's efforts. Under his leadership, DXB has developed into the world's busiest airport for international passengers and among the largest cargo hubs, with a network of more than 200 destinations across 90 countries served by more than 80 international airlines. This was enabled by the hub's timely and progressive expansion, including the opening of DXB's Terminal 3 in October 2008; the opening of Concourse A, the world's first purpose-built A380 facility, in early 2013; and the opening of Concourse D in February 2016.



### flydubai

flydubai was established in 2008 to support Dubai's thriving aviation hub, with Sheikh Ahmed as the Chairman. Since its launch, flydubai has been committed to creating free flows of trade and tourism, enabling more people to travel to more places more often. Over 14 years of operations, flydubai has built a network of more than 115 destinations, 77 of which were previously underserved or had very few direct air links to Dubai. Today, flydubai is the second-largest carrier operating out of DXB and has enabled more than 80 million passengers to travel conveniently across the region. The carrier operates one of the youngest and most efficient fleets in the skies, with more than 70 Boeing 737 aircraft.

### Honorary Sash of Mohammed bin Rashid

In January 2019, Sheikh Ahmed received the Honorary Sash of Mohammed bin Rashid. This was for winning the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Government Excellence Award for his leadership in aviation.

Outside of aviation, Sheikh Ahmed holds several government positions and plays an increasingly pivotal role in leading the emirate's finance and energy sectors.

In November 2019, Sheikh Ahmed was appointed to temporarily oversee Dubai Holding and Meraas, and in June 2020, Meraas merged under the umbrella of Dubai Holding, with Sheikh Ahmed confirmed as its chairman. In March 2024, real estate companies Nakheel and Meydan also merged under Dubai Holding.

In January 2020, Sheikh Ahmed was appointed to the newly formed Dubai Council as the Commissioner General of Dubai Economy pillar to oversee the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing, and Dubai's free zones, airports, ports, and

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customs. In November 2021, the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing were merged, resulting in the establishment of the Department of Economy and Tourism (DET).

Sheikh Ahmed is also Chancellor of the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, a position he has held since 2016.

Sheikh Ahmed is a patron of many charitable and humanitarian organizations dedicated to bolstering health, education, and enhancing the lives of individuals across numerous regions worldwide, particularly in marginalized and developing communities. He has also received numerous accolades from various governments and multi-nationals in recognition of his supportive efforts across various sectors.

Sheikh Ahmed has a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver, Colorado, USA. He is well known internationally for his contribution to the development of regional aviation. The Royal Aeronautical Society, one of the industry's oldest and most respected professional associations, honored his achievements in aviation with a fellowship of the Society at the 1994 Farnborough Air Show, UK. In May 2013, he was presented with an honorary Doctor of Science from City University London – Cass Business School in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the development of professional sectors including aviation, finance, banking, and entrepreneurship in the UAE.





His Highness Sheikh  
**Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum**

### **Addendum to Biodata**

1. President, Dubai Civil Aviation Authority (DCAA)
2. Chairman and Chief Executive, Emirates Airline and Group (including dnata)
3. Chairman, Dubai Airports
4. Chairman, flydubai
5. Chairman, Dubai Duty Free
6. Chairman, Dubai Supreme Fiscal Committee
7. Chairman, Dubai Supreme Council for Energy
8. Chairman, Dubai Integrated Economic Zones Authority (DIEZ)
9. Chairman, Board of Dubai World (DW)
10. Chairman, Free Zones Council of Dubai
11. Chairman, Expo City Dubai Authority
12. Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dubai Academic Health Corporation
13. Chairman, Emirates National Bank of Dubai (ENBD)
14. Chairman, Alliance Insurance Company
15. Chairman, The British University in Dubai
16. Chairman, Dubai Air Wing
17. Chairman, Dubai Aerospace Enterprises (DAE) Ltd
18. Chairman, Emirates Literature Foundation
19. Chairman, Dubai World Trade Centre Authority (DWTCA)
20. Deputy Chairman, The Executive Council of Dubai
21. Board Member, Investment Corporation of Dubai (ICD)
22. Board Member, General Civil Aviation Authority of UAE
23. Board Member, Strategic Affairs Council
24. Chancellor, Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences
25. Chairman, Dubai Holding
26. Commissioner General of "Dubai Economy" Pillar, Dubai Council
27. Board Member, Dubai Council

Rashid bin Hamdan on the Occasion of Honoring the Winners of the 26th Educational Awards:

## **Inspired by Mohammed bin Rashid's Vision Hamdan Foundation is Committed to Spearheading in Supporting Distinguished Educational Initiatives**

- Our educational awards play an indispensable role in fortifying the framework of excellence and innovation in education
- We are satisfied with the outcomes of the educational awards, and we extend our appreciation to all partners, entities, and individuals who contributed to the success of this cycle
- The 26th cycle's encouraging results are motivating us to introduce more programs in education and society



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- We are optimistic that the winning projects will advance educational development and push its boundaries to new heights
- Technical reports underscore the positive impact of the participants' performance and the judging processes
- To the winners, your triumphs are a testament to your commitment to enhancing the quality of education and fueling innovation in society
- Educational awards are acknowledgment of the caliber of quality and excellence. They bolster the culture of celebrating pioneering practices

## Dubai - 'Akhbar Al Tamayoz'

Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, reiterated the Foundation's dedication to spearheading educational initiatives, excellence, and innovation. This commitment is fortified by the visionary leadership and generous support of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. With a steadfast focus on celebrating achievers and introducing pioneering programs, the Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to elevate the quality of education and foster its development.

In an interview marking the success of the 26th cycle and the commendation of the educational award winners, Sheikh Rashid emphasized, "The results of this year were inspiring, motivating us to expand our educational programs and initiatives further for the benefit of education and society at large". He expressed optimism that the winning projects would significantly contribute to advancing educational development and pushing its boundaries to new heights. He extended his heartfelt appreciation to all partners, entities, and individuals whose contributions were instrumental in the success of this cycle.

He added, "These awards play a vital role in fostering a culture of excellence and innovation within the educational landscape, not only locally but also regionally and globally. They serve as a beacon of recognition for quality and excellence in education, thereby strengthening the culture of celebrating pioneering practices."

Directly addressing the winners, Sheikh Rashid commended their dedication and diligence to achieving excellence in the educational realm, emphasizing that their victory epitomizes their invaluable contributions to enhancing the quality of education and innovation within society.

# Interview



Below is the detailed interview:

**First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Your Highness on the remarkable success of the Foundation's educational awards cycle. Over the years, it has firmly established itself as a beacon of educational excellence, nurturing gifted individuals both locally and globally. Your Highness, in your esteemed opinion, to what extent has the Foundation succeeded in fostering a culture of quality and excellence in the educational domain?**

With the grace of Allah Almighty, today we witness the fruition of the seeds sown by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, in education. His vision, crafted 26 years ago, was inspired by the foresight of the late founders, Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid, may their souls rest in peace, who believed in the transformative power of education as a driver of development and sustainability. This early recognition of the paramount importance of educational excellence laid the groundwork for the establishment of an advanced methodological framework, which aimed to equip educators with the requisite skills and knowledge to enhance their performance, while also rewarding their efforts.

The unlimited support of the government, pertinent institutions, and society at large has been instrumental in the cumulative construction of educational excellence. It has paved the way for the Foundation to expand services, increase the number of distinguished students, and diversify its programs and activities aimed at the enhancement of education. Thanks to the earnest dedication and support of the late patron, there have been significant strides towards achieving our goals, particularly in fostering a culture of self-competition that drives mastery and excellence in performance.

Today, we stand poised to continue the legacy initiated and nurtured by the late Sheikh Hamdan, with support from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice



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President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. Through the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation, we remain steadfast in our commitment to be pioneers in supporting distinguished educational initiatives, celebrating achievers, and introducing innovative programs that elevate the quality of education and contribute to its advancement. By directing our attention and appreciation towards initiatives and individuals dedicated to enhancing the education process, and by encouraging innovation and continuous development in this field through our awards, we aim to maximize and leverage our partnerships with local, regional, and international organizations and institutions. This collaborative effort is instrumental in supporting the country's endeavors to build an educational system of the highest quality.

### **How does Your Highness assess the impact of the Foundation's educational awards on bolstering excellence and innovation within the educational sphere, locally, regionally, and on a global scale?**

Undoubtedly, the educational awards bestowed by the Foundation play an indispensable role in fortifying the framework of excellence and innovation within the educational domain, spanning across local, regional, and even global landscapes. This role stands as a potent instrument for incentivizing innovation and excellence in education by recognizing and celebrating outstanding individuals and institutions. These accolades serve as catalysts for creative initiatives and distinguished projects, thereby amplifying the opportunities for dissemination, emulation, and replication, ultimately fostering a culture of creativity and excellence.

Indeed, educational awards serve as symbols of acknowledgment for the caliber of quality and excellence attained in education. This, in turn, bolsters the culture of celebrating pioneering practices, therefore enhancing the awardees' recognition and prestige. Moreover, it solidifies their standing within the sector, positioning them as exemplary models worthy of emulation.

## **What is Your Highness's assessment of the 26th cycle outcomes, and what particularly stood out amidst this year's results?**

By the grace of Allah Almighty, we are immensely satisfied with the outcomes of the Foundation's educational awards this year, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all partners, entities, and individuals whose invaluable contributions were instrumental in the success of this cycle. The Foundation is currently spearheading numerous ambitious projects and initiatives poised to enrich educational endeavors, particularly within the gifted and distinguished sector. Moving forward, our focus lies on forging synergistic partnerships with global entities to bolster the UAE's endeavors to support global education. I would commend the level of cooperation and support that the Foundation continues to receive from its esteemed partners.

Furthermore, the technical reports underscore the positive impact of the participants' performance and the judging processes on the success of the awards program. Noteworthy features, such as creativity, innovation, and excellence, alongside the availability of empowering skills and knowledge aimed at enhancing performance quality, were evident throughout. Additionally, the distinguished initiatives and projects showcased during this cycle directly address the enhancement of the educational system.

In summary, I am pleased to highlight that the outcomes of the 26th cycle were not only encouraging but also inspiring, motivating us to redouble our efforts and introduce more programs geared towards the educational field and societal betterment. We remain optimistic that these projects will significantly contribute to advancing educational development and pushing its boundaries to new heights.

## **Could you outline your future vision for advancing the journey of leadership within the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, particularly in fostering educational excellence, nurturing talent, and driving innovation?**

In brief, the future vision of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences is centered around perpetuating its mission of excellence in the educational and medical sectors. Our aim is to consistently anticipate opportunities for ongoing development, thereby cementing a legacy of excellence for future generations. We are committed to collaborating with the Foundation's Board of Trustees to establish standards of excellence aligned with educational goals and future expectations.

Furthermore, we will continue to innovate educational programs and initiatives that bolster educational excellence and elevate quality standards within the educational landscape. Collaborating with local and international partners will enable us to stay abreast of the latest developments and trends, benefiting educational decision-makers and communities alike.

Additionally, we will continue to champion innovation in educational fields and foster local and international cooperation and partnerships with leading entities, institutions, universities, and companies. By leveraging shared capabilities and experiences, we aim to sustain the Foundation's leadership status



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and position it as an Arab, Emirati advocate for global educational excellence.

We will continue to launch programs that support talent, cultivate environments conducive to achievement and leadership, and provide resources to foster innovation and excellence. Engaging with the community will remain a priority, enhancing the Foundation's role as a strategic partner in educational development and contributing to sustainable development. Looking ahead, we are eager to continue achieving success and advancing our journey towards supporting educational excellence and nurturing gifted and innovative individuals. Our commitment is directed towards providing assistance to educational institutions and delivering specialized services for discovering and nurturing talent.

### **What would Your Highness say to the educational award recipients this year?**

To the winners of our 26th educational awards, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Your triumphs are a testament to your constant commitment and diligence in striving for excellence. Your invaluable contributions not only enhance the quality of education but also fuel innovation within our society. Thanks to your tireless efforts and creative endeavors, the hope for a bright and promising educational future shines ever brighter. It is important to recognize that your victory is not merely a personal accomplishment but a collective achievement, symbolizing our shared commitment to building a better future for all. We take immense pride in your accomplishments and have full confidence in your ability to continue achieving great success in your educational and professional endeavors. I encourage you to persevere, harness your talents and skills, and actively contribute to the growth and prosperity of our communities. Your dedication serves as an inspiration to us all, and I look forward to witnessing the remarkable achievements that lie ahead on your journey of continued success and fulfillment.



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## Active and Distinctive Engagement in a Prestigious Award

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In recent years, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has emerged as a prominent presence on the international stage, leaving an indelible mark across various fields. This significant achievement owes much to the remarkable performance of Saudi students and teachers in esteemed international competitions, a testament to the unlimited support provided by visionary leadership towards education.

The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Education is tirelessly working to improve educational outcomes in alignment with the ambitious Saudi Vision 2030 and the human capacity development program. These concerted efforts are aimed at fostering globally competitive students, poised to excel on the international stage. Central to the pursuit of educational excellence is the recognition and celebration of distinguished individuals within the educational system. Such accolades play a pivotal role in enhancing system efficiency and bolstering competitiveness. This, in turn, fuels growth and development in educational practices, fostering a positive environment conducive to the pursuit of knowledge and education.

Today, we stand in solidarity with our Gulf and Arab brethren as we participate in the prestigious 26th edition of the educational awards of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences. We are keen on active and distinctive participation in this esteemed award and would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our counterparts in the UAE for their support, care, and sponsorship of this educational event.

### **His Excellency Dr. Saad bin Awad Al Harbi**

Deputy Minister for Educational Programs at the Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



## Appreciating Prominent Figures to Encourage Creativity and Advance Education

Honoring distinguished people stands as a pivotal strategy for educational institutions to inspire and empower achievers in serving society and fostering a culture of excellence, locally, regionally, and globally. By raising awareness in the realms of talent and innovation, institutions bolster the educational landscape with professional programs and prestigious awards aimed at promoting excellence. These initiatives are crucial in advancing the educational process, nurturing creativity, fostering teamwork, and facilitating the growth of educational institutions. The participation of Saudi Arabia in the educational awards of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences has been marked by a diverse array of projects, showcasing innovation year after year, and fostering healthy competition among candidates. This reflects the significant efforts of the Ministry of Education towards realizing the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030, particularly in human capacity development.

To the winners of this edition, I extend heartfelt congratulations and urge them to continue their pursuit of excellence, striving to attain leadership positions across all fields. By serving as role models for their peers, they can contribute significantly to the advancement of their countries and communities.

For participants in future sessions, I advise them to recognize and enhance their existing talents and abilities before applying for the award. By leveraging past winners' experiences and increasing their level of participation, they can positively impact the award's progress and contribute to the broader mission of promoting excellence in education.

**Dr. Yousef bin Abdulrahman Al Homoud,**

Director General of the Student Affairs Department at the Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



## Criteria with Profound Impact on the Educational Landscape

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No one disagrees that the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences holds a distinguished position and wields significant influence within the education sector across the Arab world, championing the culture of excellence at the local, Arab, and international levels. Each edition of the awards' robust participation across all categories serves as tangible evidence of its stringent standards, reflecting its profound impact on the educational landscape.

Prizes are essential to refining and enhancing educational practices, ultimately elevating the overall performance levels within educational institutions. This positive effect extends to our students, empowering them to excel in international competitions and enhancing their standing on a global scale. The presence of such esteemed awards within Arab countries holds immense value, as they promote a culture of excellence and position the region prominently on the global map of educational prowess. Over successive award cycles, the participation from Al-Ahsa Governorate and the wider Gulf region has been particularly notable, showcasing a remarkable level of excellence compared to other competitions. It is with great pleasure that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners of this session, recognizing their achievements as beacons of excellence and quality in educational practices.

As we look towards the future, we wholeheartedly encourage and support all those who aspire to participate in the upcoming years, acknowledging the esteemed reputation that this award has garnered within educational communities.

In closing, we express our deepest gratitude to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, for his unshakable support and dedication towards fostering excellence in educational performance.

### **Hamad bin Mohammed Al Issa**

Director General of Education in Al-Ahsa Governorate,  
Saudi Arabia



## Raising the Quality of Education and Improving Performance

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences is a role model of excellence in educational awards, setting a global standard recognized for its unparalleled prestige. Its remarkable standing on the international stage is a testament to its commitment to advancing educational programs and systems, continuously modernizing practices, and ensuring the sustainability of educational development. The Foundation distinguishes itself by providing innovative solutions to award criteria meticulously aligned with the highest international standards of excellence. This dedication enables the Foundation to consistently adapt to dynamic changes in the field.

Since its inception in 1998, the Foundation has been a catalyst for supporting and elevating the quality of education, enhancing educational performance, and reinforcing principles of excellence within the educational community. Furthermore, the Foundation has undertaken the vital task of improving educational practices and outcomes across all stages and sectors. It has been dedicated to honoring individuals and institutions alike who have achieved unique milestones and demonstrated exceptional creativity in education.

Under the directives of the Ministry of Saudi Education and with the support of wise leadership, the Directorate General of Education in the Riyadh Region has been proactive in encouraging competition in various local, regional, and international awards, including the educational awards of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation. Particularly notable is its dedication to motivating and supporting outstanding individuals to participate in the diverse award categories in pursuit of increasing the quantity and quality of annual participation to win such international prizes.

### **Prof. Nayef bin Abed Al-Zari**

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## A Pioneering Example of Educational Recognition Across the Gulf and Arab Countries

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Established nearly 26 years ago in 1998, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences is seen as a beacon of excellence in education awards across the Gulf and Arab countries. The Foundation is based on a firm belief in the necessity of nurturing innovative educational practices in our educational institutions. Awards like the Foundation's not only recognize exceptional achievements but also drive individuals within the educational sphere to strive for the highest levels of advancement, enriching the educational and pedagogical process.

The significance of these awards in complementing education cannot be overstated. The honorable competition and boundless ambition are reflected in the educational performance of all participants, leading to remarkable advancements in their respective fields.

Saudi Arabia's notable participation in the 26th edition of the educational awards is a testament to its commitment to excellence. Securing nine out of 17 awards at the Gulf level, including the prestigious Distinguished School award, underscores the Saudi dedication to educational advancement and innovation.

Excellence remains the ultimate aspiration for all those who diligently work towards their vision and goals. I extend my congratulations to all the winners across the Gulf, whose achievements are a testament to their dedication and hard work. It is my sincere hope that they will continue to uphold this lofty ambition, using it as a guiding principle to excel in the educational and academic fields.

Every participant must embrace the award's criteria as a pathway to excellence, channeling their passion and dedication, whether they be a teacher, student, or school. Together, let us strive for outstanding educational performance and aim to grace the podiums of success in this educational forum's upcoming sessions.

The successes attained by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences over the years are a testament to the visionary leadership and generous support it has received from the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, may his soul rest in peace. This support continued from Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Foundation, whose developmental and motivational vision has laid the foundation for the award's remarkable achievements.

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## An Outstanding Legacy in Education

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences has left an indelible mark on the educational landscape, emerging as a beacon of excellence and creativity across the Gulf and Arab countries. With each passing year, the Foundation endeavors to redefine excellence and innovation in the realms of science, knowledge, and dedicated educational work.

Since its inception under the visionary leadership of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, the Foundation has consistently excelled in nurturing a culture of educational excellence. It has provided an environment conducive to excellence, quality, innovation, and the development of performance, the thing which has led to advancing education level to keep pace with the accelerating nature of current life and challenges.

By offering cutting-edge methodologies and relevant topics, the Foundation has significantly enhanced educational outcomes. It has spearheaded initiatives aimed at diversifying teaching approaches, enhancing school administration practices, and fostering conducive learning environments. These endeavors collectively reinforce the ethos of performance quality, thereby ensuring a holistic and integrated approach to educational advancement.

Through stringent criteria and meticulous oversight, the Foundation endeavors to inspire innovation, leadership, and excellence, hence instilling a culture of excellence and leadership in education. The increasing number of submissions and entries from educational professionals and institutions attests to the credibility and significance of the Foundation's mission, underscoring the educational community's enthusiasm for competitive engagement and pursuit of excellence in education and other fields that aim to build generations. With a focus on highlighting the role of teachers as a strong motivation in running the educational process, the Foundation also appreciates the efforts of school administrations in keeping pace with the continuous development in the field of administration and paying attention to their leadership role in achieving success. Moreover, continuous preparation and planning undoubtedly focus on preparing students properly to engage in fair competition to reach the highest goals in the service of their nations.

Excellence awards unquestionably stand out as one of the primary contemporary methods utilized by esteemed institutions to motivate and foster a culture of healthy competition among their members. The ultimate goal is to elevate individual performance levels and enhance capabilities, all in pursuit of excellence.

The positive impact of these efforts is evident in the continual improvement of educational outcomes across Arab countries, side

by side with improving the quality of outputs and promoting ongoing development.

Education occupies a prominent position in the priorities of all Arab nations, acknowledging its role in shaping individuals, showcasing their talents, bolstering their abilities, and securing optimal outcomes for their youth. This commitment is underscored by the adoption of modern strategies, practices, methods, and tools aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of education. By aligning with developmental imperatives and market demands, these efforts actively contribute to progress across scientific, cultural, technical, and social domains. The steady rise in entries and submissions by competitors serves as a testament to the credibility and significance of the Foundation in fulfilling its mission. Rigorous standards are consistently applied in the selection of top contenders, underscoring the Foundation's commitment to excellence. The demand for participation and the surge in submissions across all categories reflect a rapid escalation. It vividly illustrates the educational sector's fervent enthusiasm for engaging in spirited competitions, driven by a collective aspiration for excellence and leadership. It embodies a collective endeavor to unlock latent potential and push boundaries in pursuit of the highest standards.

Since it is committed to fostering educational excellence and enriching participation in distinguished educational endeavors, the Ministry of Education in Kuwait extends heartfelt congratulations to all participants who have demonstrated excellence and creativity in this cycle. Their outstanding achievements truly deserve recognition and praise. We take immense pride in celebrating this remarkable educational milestone with you.

We commend the dedicated efforts of both the participants and the Foundation's leadership. Our gratitude goes out to all participants: schools, administrations, and students, for their commitment and hard work throughout this session. We offer sincere prayers to the Almighty for success in endeavors that bring joy and satisfaction, and may He bless their endeavors abundantly.

The triumph of distinguished individuals this year serves as a compelling invitation to the entire educational community to actively engage in award competitions. It beckons students, teachers, schools, and administrations to embrace a culture of creative excellence, fostering a spirit of innovation and distinction. This collective pursuit aims to instill a culture of excellence throughout the educational landscape, ensuring comprehensive quality across the sector. We strive to produce skilled professionals capable of navigating the ever-evolving landscape of progress. To those interested in participating in future award competitions, we urge diligent preparation and the earnest study of past winners' experiences.

We are delighted to express our gratitude to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences. Under his esteemed leadership, the Foundation has played a pivotal role in spearheading groundbreaking awards and programs aimed at fostering educational excellence and nurturing talent. This dedication has significantly contributed to the establishment of a high-quality educational system characterized by outstanding performance.

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## **Leading the Charge in Cultivating a Culture of Creativity and Scientific Excellence**

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences plays a leading role in disseminating a culture of creativity and scientific excellence, encompassing all facets of the educational community. It fosters an environment that encourages learners and educational stakeholders to embrace the latest educational methods and practices, thus propelling educational advancement and cultivating a cadre of distinguished individuals dedicated to excellence. This initiative serves as a catalyst for societal development.

Such awards facilitate healthy competition among students and educators, motivating them to strive for excellence by benchmarking against global best practices and adopting the ones that best suit our Arab societies.

There has been significant engagement in nominations for the award, as evidenced by the high volume of inquiries seeking further clarification on the conditions and requirements. We anticipate even greater participation and interaction in the upcoming sessions compared to previous ones.

Congratulations are extended to the deserving winners, whose exemplary dedication and ingenuity have earned them recognition as role models. To prospective applicants, we urge emulation of their commitment and diligence in pursuit of this esteemed award.

For those considering participation, we offer guidance on how to leverage resources such as national coordinators, the Foundation's website, and the Excellence Channel, which provide invaluable insights and support.

We extend our best wishes to all participants and encourage them to thoroughly review the terms and requirements of participation. Additionally, we encourage them to engage with previous participants to glean insights from their experiences. Our heartfelt prayers go out to Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan Al Maktoum, Supreme Chairman of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation for Medical and Educational Sciences, for continued health and prosperity. May the Foundation realize its aspirations in promoting a culture of creativity and success, and may it continue to serve the cause of science and scientists in all its endeavors.

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