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AAU Celebrates Commemoration Day and the 44th UAE National Day

Al Ain University of Science and Technology celebrated the 44th National Day at both campuses, Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, which lasted for three days and included recreational activities inspired by folklore, entertainment and interactive presentations and ceremonial gifts. The AAU Chancellor, Dr Noor Eldeen Atatreh, the President, Prof Ghaleb El-Refae, and the Vice President, Prof Abdelhafeez Belarbi, deans and members of the academic and administrative bodies and university students and a number of guests have attended the celebration.

The ceremony began with the national anthem and recitations from the Holy Quran, followed Prof El-Refae's speech on this occasion. Also, a number of University students' have read poems and sang songs associated with the national heritage, as well as many traditional dances to celebrate this cherished occasion.

On this occasion, the AAU Chancellor, Dr Noor Eldeen Atatreh said: 'On this day we celebrate the spirit of the Union that gave us strength, the willpower, determination, devotion, splendor, hope and security that we enjoy in our lives today as a result of the vision of the leadership and its wisdom.

On everyone's behalf, Dr Atatreh passed his blessings to the patron of our revival of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan God, the State's President, to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President – Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, to fellow members of the Supreme Council rulers of the Emirates, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, to the people of the State of UAE and to the AAU family for the 44th National Day. He ended his speech with prayers for Allah to preserve the State and perpetuates the state's security and prosperity under the wise leadership.

Dr El-Refae emphasized that this celebration in its sense and meaning is to reflect UAE's timeless leadership and its living memory of great shifts that are made of solid and sustained determination of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founder of the UAE Federation and his brothers who have distinguished themselves by their leadership and wisdom as manifested in the present time and bright future.

He has also mentioned UAE' unique economic diversification and development level in all its forms that have become a meeting place for all global institutions, whether economic, cultural or scientific in gratitude to the wise policy and balanced approach of the State that focused on building the human life and keep pace with the evolution and participates in the creation stages.

Finally, Prof Belarbi declared that the celebrations are not just to have a good time, but they are real codes that reflect the wrap around leadership and the people who have attracted people from all the countries of the world.

In addition, he has said that for our part and in the context of the nature of our work in academia and educational work on translating governance directives of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan is to support education and scientific research and the development of curricula in universities to keep pace with innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives, and the effectiveness of the Abu Dhabi Education Council under the leadership of his Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Education Council and Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister Presidential Affairs Vice-President of Abu Dhabi Education Council. He also has appraised the outstanding efforts of his Excellency Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of leading higher education institutions and scientific research through the continuous support for the government and private sectors that resulted in a paradigm shift in the state's educational industries.

Also, the Deanship of Student Affairs organized a celebration of Commemoration Day, honoring the families of martyrs who have sacrificed the most expensive duty that they owned to the

oppressed that has pushed them to their mischief. The ceremony ended with an evening of poetry by poets who applauded the faithful martyrs, and the students of the College of Law performed an expressive play of the martyr and his place in heaven.

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