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## AAU is ranked 14th in the Arab world according to "Times **Higher Education" 2023**







The "2023, Times Higher Education (THE) Arab University Rankings" has ranked "Al Ain University (AAU)", 14th in the Arab Region.

Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh, (Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees), said, this achievement proves that AAU has a prestigious global reputation through its locally and internationally accredited programs, scientific research, future studies, and vital initiatives. He pointed out that, there is a lot more to achieve as every step is a learning process and AAU will continue giving its best in terms of quality along with the support of all AAU stakeholders. He also expressed his gratitude towards THE for the recognition.

Prof. Ghaleb El Refae (AAU President), expressed his appreciation for the remarkable reception of securing AAU's place in the Arab region. He added, AAU will be working on this benchmarking analysis and would improve in the upcoming years.

Dr. Nazih Khaddaj Mallat (VP- Accreditation & QA) expressed his happiness about the distinguished position achieved by AAU in the "THE Arab Region Ranking", especially from being ranked '27th in 2021', '15th in 2022' to '14th in 2023'. He also stated that such result reminds AAU's commitment to render the community with its best services to enhance the quality of education for the development of society.

It is worth mentioning that THE methodology is based on World University Rankings, along with some new metrics which are included to reflect the features and missions of universities in the Middle East and North Africa. Universities are sorted across all their core missions – teaching, research environment, research quality, international outlook, and society to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons.

















#### Honoring People of Determination for their participation in the 52<sup>nd</sup> National Day







Al Ain University honored its participating students with disabilities in its celebration of the 52nd UAE National Day at its Abu Dhabi campus. These students demonstrated creativity and excellence in organizing this national event. Their participation involved teaching members of the academic and administrative bodies, as well as visitors, sign language to convey congratulations to the United Arab Emirates.



#### Collaboration between Al Ain University and the UAE Volunteers platform to enhance volunteer work



A collaboration between Al Ain University, represented by the Deanship of Student Affairs (Abu Dhabi campus), and the UAE Volunteers platform, aims to enhance volunteer work. The university seeks to broaden the scope of volunteer activities, instill the concept of social responsibility, promote a culture of volunteerism, and contribute to building a better and more advanced society. This collaboration involves encouraging initiatives and events organized by the university for the benefit of the local community in the United Arab Emirates in general, and specifically for the students. This collaboration stems from Al Ain University's commitment to enhancing the role of its students .



















### AAU ranks 5th in UAE and 228th in Asia by QS Ranking for **Sustainability 2024**



Al Ain University has achieved a new milestone by securing the 5th position within the United Arab Emirates, 228th in Asia, and 821-840 worldwide, according to the QS World Universities Ranking for Sustainability 2024. This ranking assesses the ability of global universities to achieve sustainable development goals.

The ranking assesses universities, performance against the complete set of 17th United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It includes three main dimensions: firstly, the environmental impact, encompassing five indicators: equality, knowledge exchange, educational impact, employability and opportunities, and quality of life for universities. Secondly, the social impact, includes three indicators: sustainable institutions, sustainable education, and sustainable research. And thirdly, governance.

This ranking reflects Al Ain University's initiatives and efforts to address

environmental and social challenges. It underscores its commitment to contributing to achieving sustainable development goals across all areas, demonstrating its dedication to preparing new generations to confront climate challenges and provide advanced ideas and solutions in this field.

Dr. Noor Al-Deen Atatrah, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated, «The importance of sustainability-focused rankings lies in the fact that environmental sustainability is a central point of interest at the local, Arab, and global levels. This has been evident in the United Arab Emirates, with its significant focus on climate issues and sustainable development, prominently showcased in recent times through hosting COP28 at Expo Dubai. This achievement is a clear testament to Al Ain University's strategy and commitment to sustainable development, aligning with the wise leadership's directions in the country towards comprehensive development.»



















#### Distinctive participation of Al Ain University at COP28







Al Ain University participated in COP28 conference, hosted by the United Arab Emirates at Expo Dubai from November 30 to December 12, as part of its strong commitment to environmental issues and climate change. The university's participation included conducting four sessions addressing climate issues, environmental challenges, and green education; as the following: The first session was titled: Empowering K-12 Educators in Greening Education, and was presented by; Dr. Eman Zaitoun, Director of Postgraduate Professional Diploma in Teaching (Al Ain Campus), Dr. Sherin Abushamon- Assistant Professor, and Mrs. Hanadi Rawagah.



### **AAU concludes the Year of Sustainability events with** a beach cleaning initiative





Al Ain University concluded its series of events for the Sustainability Year 2023 with a beach cleaning initiative under the slogan "Together for Our Sustainability." The initiative was organized by the Deanship of Student Affairs (Abu Dhabi Campus) in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi City Municipality, and it involved the participation of a group of volunteer students. The volunteers undertook the cleaning of the public beach at Al Bateen by collecting litter on the ground and categorizing it into paper, plastic, cans, and other materials.















