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جامعة العين تنضم إلى تحالف كليات إدارة الأعمال للاستدامة في المنطقة (MEBAS)

Al Ain University has joined the MENA Business Schools Alliance for Sustainability (MEBAS), marking a new step in advancing its role in promoting sustainability and responsible management education at both regional and international levels.

This membership reflects the University's strategic commitment to embedding sustainability principles within its academic and research frameworks, particularly through the College of Business, while strengthening collaboration with leading business schools across the MENA region.

As part of this milestone, Al Ain University has been featured on the MEBAS interactive map, reinforcing its position among prominent institutions dedicated to sustainable development and responsible business education.

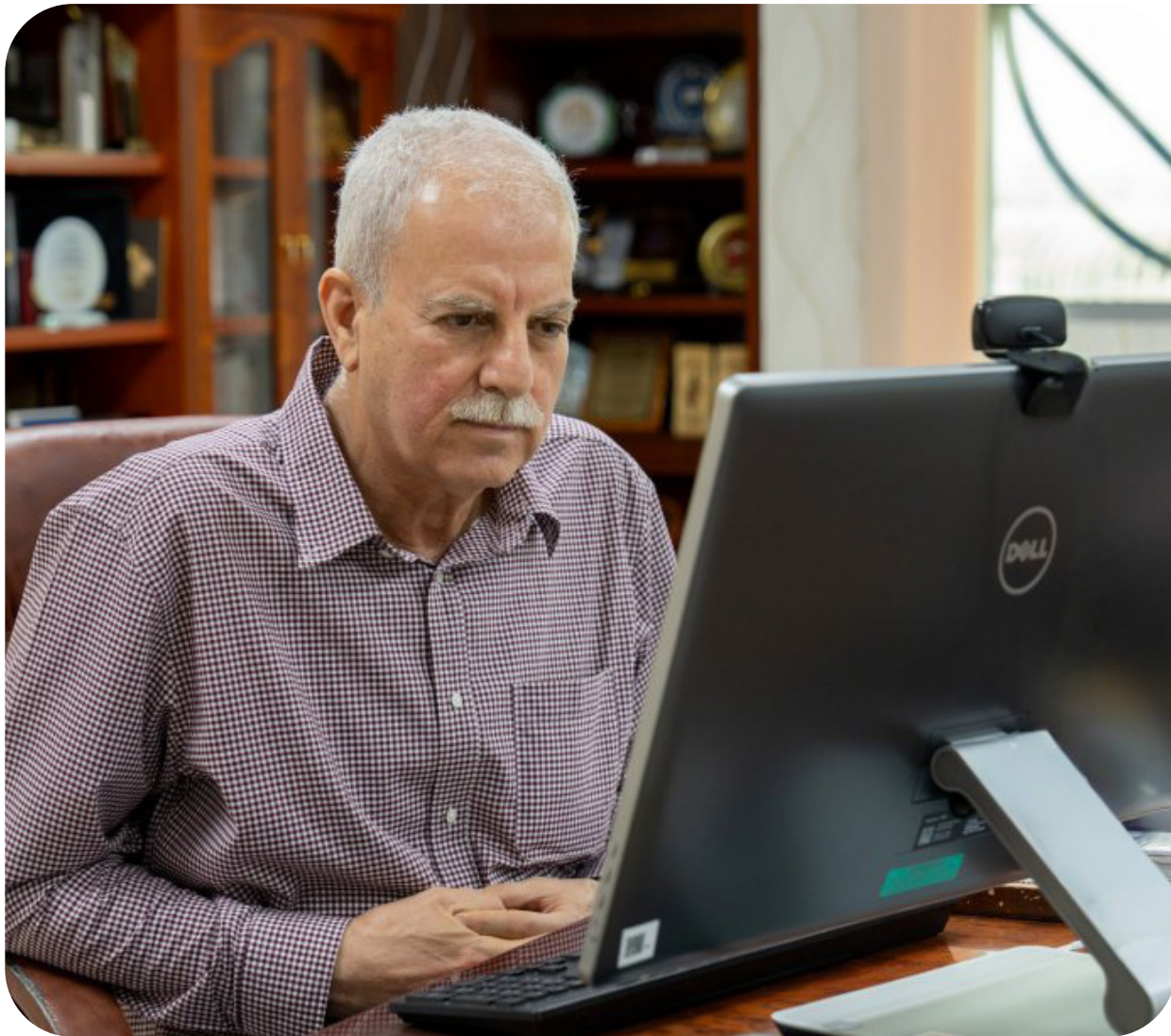
Through this partnership, the University seeks to expand impactful academic collaborations, support the integration of sustainable business practices, and enhance the engagement of faculty

members, students, and the wider community in initiatives that address regional and global sustainability challenges.

Prof. Ghaleb Al Refae, President of Al Ain University, emphasized that the University's membership in MEBAS represents a strategic step that reflects its strong commitment to sustainability and its role in preparing graduates capable of meeting the demands of sustainable development and the future job market. He noted that this partnership contributes to expanding academic and research collaboration and to exchanging expertise with leading educational institutions in the region, in support of the UAE's vision of building a sustainable knowledge-based economy.

This step aligns with the United Arab Emirates' efforts to promote sustainability and innovation and to reinforce the role of educational institutions as active partners in achieving sustainable development goals at both the local and global levels.

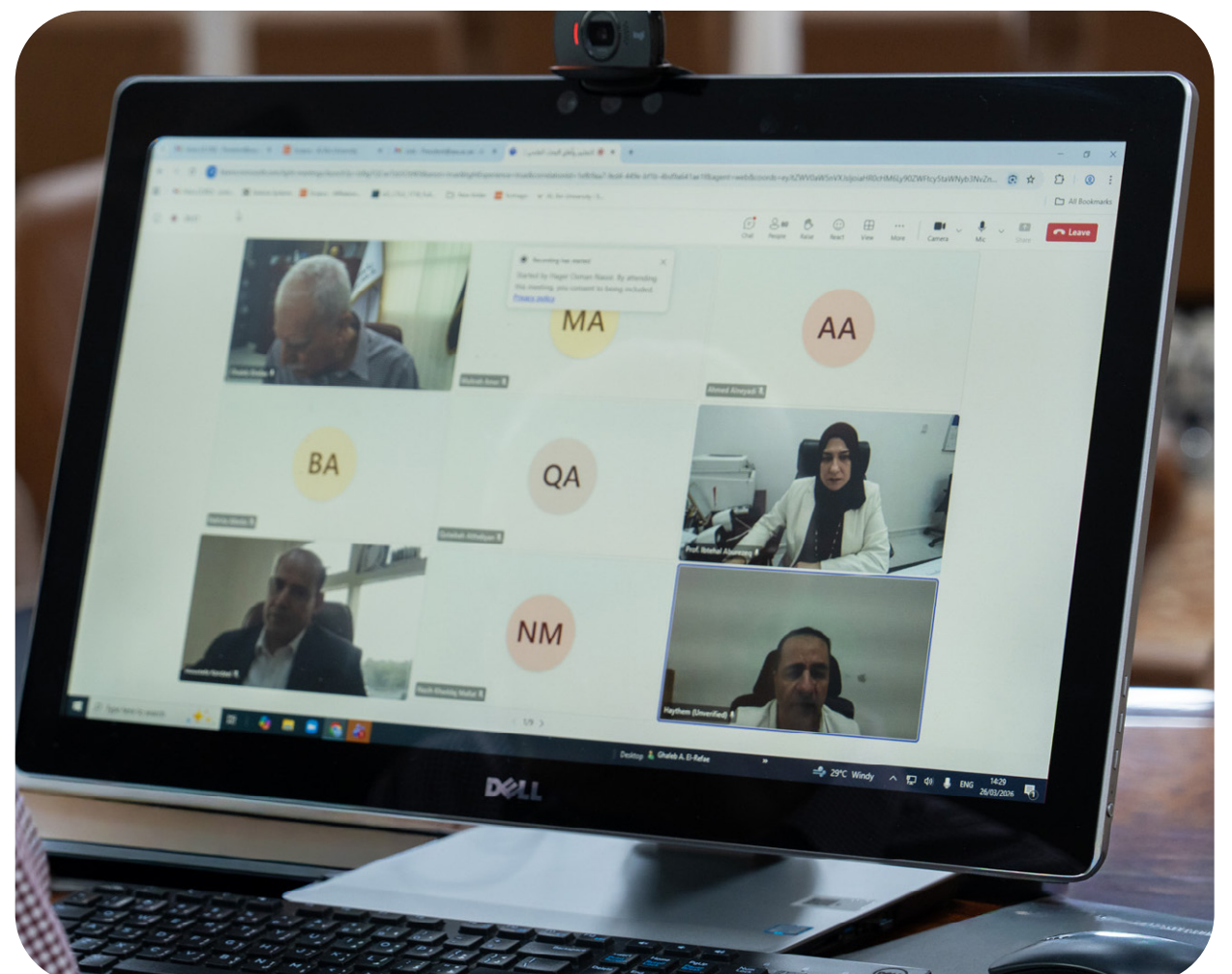
Panel Discussion Explores the Future of Education and Scientific Research



The Deanship of Student Affairs – Al Ain Campus – organized a panel discussion via Microsoft Teams titled “Education and the Prospects of Scientific Research,” with the participation of a distinguished group of academic leaders and student researchers, as part of efforts to promote academic dialogue and exchange of knowledge. The session featured the participation of Prof. Ghaleb Awad El Refae, University President, and Prof. Haythem Bany Salameh, Dean of Scientific



Research and Graduate Studies, along with student researcher Bakhita Al Ketbi from the College of Communication and Media. The session was moderated by Prof. Ibtehal Mahmoud Aburezeq, Vice President for Development and Follow-up and Dean of Student Affairs. The discussion highlighted the institution’s role in supporting students and developing their research skills by showcasing key initiatives and programs that enhance their capabilities in scientific research.



Distinguished Participation of Al Ain University in the International Model United Nations in Rome 2026



As part of its ongoing commitment to strengthening its academic presence on the international stage, Al Ain University announced the participation of student Muhammad Imad Ullah Khan from the College of Engineering – Abu Dhabi Campus, in the Future We Want Model United Nations (FWWMUN) – Rome 2026, Italy.

The conference is considered one of the prestigious international educational initiatives organized by the World Council for Youth and Diplomacy, a non-governmental organization based in New York and affiliated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications. The event brings together hundreds of students and young leaders from more than 130 countries to simulate the work of the United Nations through dynamic discussions addressing global challenges aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This contributes to enhancing participants' skills in diplomacy, leadership, and international collaboration.

Mr. Khan was selected to serve as a Committee Chair, a

distinguished leadership role that reflects his advanced capabilities in managing formal debates, coordinating among international delegates, and facilitating dialogue and mediation. This selection highlights both his academic excellence and personal competencies, as well as the university's commitment to equipping its students with global skills and leadership capabilities. In this context, the Deanship of Student Affairs – Abu Dhabi Campus provided full support to facilitate the student's participation in this international event, ensuring a distinguished representation of the university on a global platform.

Al Ain University emphasizes the importance of participating in international events due to their significant impact on students' personal and professional development, enhancing their cultural awareness, and empowering them to become active global citizens. This participation aligns with the university's vision of preparing a generation of leaders capable of engaging with global issues.

AAU Students Secure Top National Honors at the UAE Compiled Hackathon



Students from Al Ain University achieved a top national ranking during their participation in the UAE Compiled Hackathon hosted by the Transpose platform. Team Kanban from the Abu Dhabi campus Awaiz Ahmed, Mohammed Umar, and Bilal Feroz secured third place in the competition, which brought together more than 150 participants from across the United Arab Emirates.

The AAU team was selected as one of only three winning teams from 60 final submissions. Their achievement earned them a cash prize of USD 2,000, in addition to valuable opportunities for mentorship sessions and recommendations from Y Combinator (YC), the renowned Silicon Valley startup

accelerator. The team presented their innovative project, DeedFlow, an AI-powered platform designed to simplify and modernize fractional and tokenized real estate transactions. The system transforms what is often a complex and manual process into a structured digital workflow that ensures regulatory compliance while maintaining a transparent audit trail.

This recognition from leading global startup mentors highlights the strength of the team's solution and reflects Al Ain University's commitment to hands-on learning, empowering students to develop innovative solutions and build both technical and entrepreneurial skills.

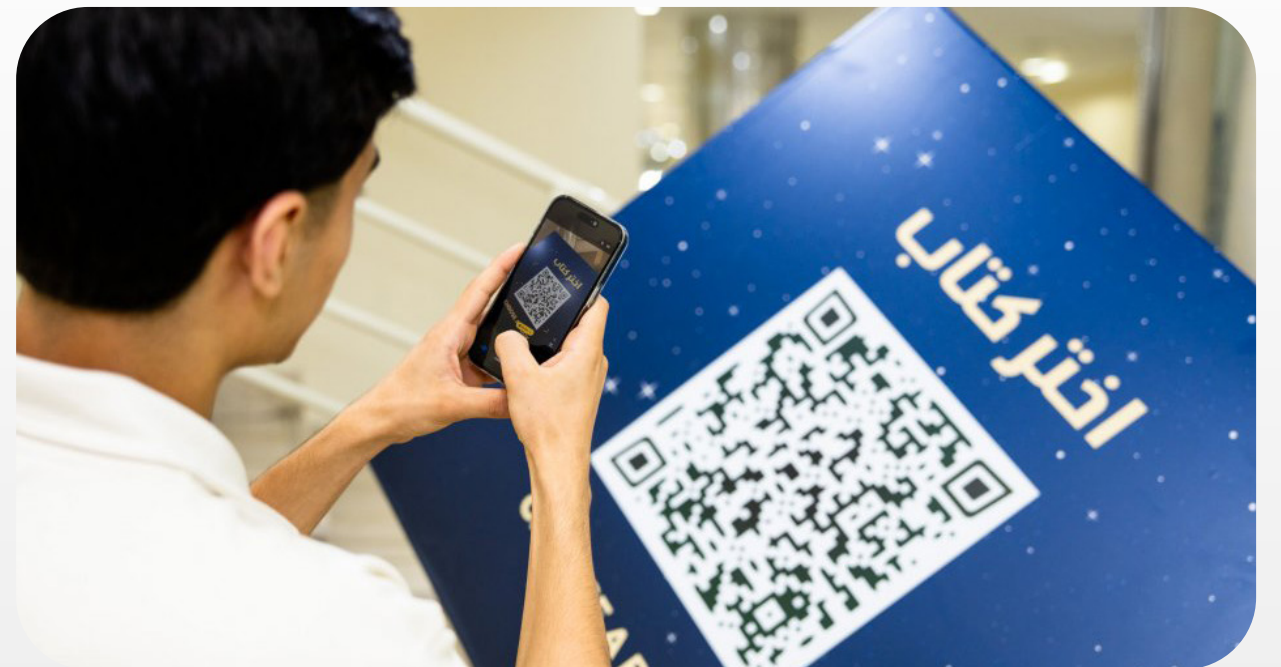
International Women’s Day Celebration Highlights Women’s Role and Contributions



The Deanship of Student Affairs – Al Ain Campus – organized a special event in celebration of International Women’s Day, with wide participation from female administrative and academic staff, alongside strong engagement from female students, in a festive atmosphere that reflects appreciation for the role and status of women in society.

The event highlighted the importance of women’s roles across various fields, emphasizing their impactful contributions and continuous efforts in supporting development and building society. It also underscored that women represent a fundamental pillar of progress and advancement, through their achievements.

“The UAE Reads” Promotes Student Reading Culture



As part of the UAE’s Reading Month activities in March, and under the slogan “The UAE Reads,” the Deanship of Student Affairs at the Abu Dhabi campus organized a distinguished cultural initiative aimed at promoting a culture of reading among university students and embedding it as a daily lifestyle. This initiative comes in alignment with the country’s vision of building a knowledgeable and aware society, as educational institutions strive to launch high-quality programs.

“Read a Book” Initiative Promotes a Culture of Reading and Knowledge Exchange



The Deanship of Student Affairs at the Abu Dhabi campus organized a distinguished event as part of the Reading Month activities, titled “Read a Book, Leave a Book.” The initiative aimed to promote a culture of reading and encourage students and staff to exchange knowledge through an engaging and innovative concept that combines enjoyment with learning. The event was held in the Deanship corridor, where shelves were arranged with a wide variety of books across different fields and disciplines. Participants were invited to take a book and leave another in its place.

