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## **Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development**

Al Ain University of Science and Technology signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development at the AAU campus in Abu Dhabi, on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, whereby AAU joins the UAE National Index for Libraries, the first national project to establish a library database in the UAE to serve researchers in various fields. This memorandum contributes to the promotion of the national cultural identity in the UAE in order to achieve the goals of the national strategy and serve the common interest of both parties.

The memorandum was signed on behalf of AAU by Dr. Nouredine Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, and by HE Bilal Al Budour, Assistant Undersecretary for Culture and Art on behalf of the Ministry, in the attendance of Dr. Habib Ghulom Attar, Director of Cultural and Community Activities, Mr. Abdullah Al Nuaimi, Director of the Coordination and Initiatives Department, and Mr. Ahmed Al Hadabi, Head of the Libraries Section and the Project Manager of the UAE National Index for Libraries, in addition to the directors of AAU library in both Al Ain and Abu Dhabi campuses as well as a number faculty members at the University.

The memorandum supports and strengthens the role of Al Ain University and the Ministry in the promotion of national cultural identity by contributing to the exchange and the preparation of research studies that relate to the support and development of academic work in all fields in addition to providing library services to the largest possible segment of society.

The Chancellor of Al Ain University expressed how keen AAU is on extending bridges of cooperation and communication with the Ministry through applying the best methods and practices in order to raise the cultural and community level in the UAE. He also promised to provide all the services and tools required to link the University library to the UAE National Index

for Libraries.

On the other hand, HE Bilal Al Budour stressed that the memorandum comes within the Ministry's strategy for the years "2011 - 2013" to maintain the national identity and promote its components in addition to raise the level of cultural and community awareness and strengthen partnerships between the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development, and academic institutions in the country to achieve the advancement of culture and community development.

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