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## Federal Supreme Court Activates Agreement with AAU

The College of Law at Al Ain University of Science and Technology arranged field visits to the Federal Supreme Court as part of the agreement signed between both parties aiming at exchanging visits as part of the students' practical training. The three-day training program included tours of the court to learn more about its departments and specializations. Judge Ghareeb Younes briefed the students on the specializations of the technical office. In addition, the students attended a court in session. At the end of the training, Chief *Justice Shehab al Hammadi*, who presides over all state security cases at the Federal Supreme Court, addressed the students regarding the principles of the legal profession, the nature of their future tasks, and their responsibilities to develop their knowledge and skills to become qualified, professional graduates.

Dr. Abdelhafid Belarbi, AAU Vice President, pointed out that, based on the cooperation agreement between AAU and the Federal Supreme Court, the Judicial Services Department has set up a training program that will enhance the law students' gain of practical knowledge. The students first explored the different court buildings and got to know the relevant departments. Then they attended a court in session in addition to meeting lawyers. This

enriching, informative visit concluded with a meeting with Chief *Justice Shehab al Hammadi* and included a QA session.

*Dr. Belarbi added, AAU fully comprehends the importance of practical training for the students. We also recognize our role in cooperating with the organizations to ensure our students get the best training available. This begins on campus where we ensure the availability of labs and facilities that would contribute to the students' preparation for their future workplace and careers.*

*It is noteworthy that the cooperation agreement between AAU and the Federal Supreme Court is not limited to practical training, but it also ensures the exchange of knowledge between both parties with regard to experience and relevant academic publications, research, conferences, and symposiums as well as other activities that may contribute to the development of legal knowledge especially through the mutual use of libraries at AAU and the Federal Supreme Court.*

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