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## Ministry of Culture and AAU Organize Cultural Fair

The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Community Development, in cooperation with Al Ain University of Science and Technology, organized a cultural fair entitled “Our Culture, Our Pride.” The event aimed at raising awareness of Emirati culture, and highlighting the Ministry’s role in fostering the youth’s activities in all fields and encouraging creativity on all levels. The fair included literary workshops, calligraphy workshops, as well as cultural and poetry contests. Mr. Saeed Al Ameri, Deputy Director of Cultural and Community Activities at the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Community Development, attended the event in addition to Dr. Abdelhafid Belarbi, AAU Vice president, along with representatives of the ministry, AAU Deans, and students.

Mr. Al Ameri said that the Ministry of Culture is committed to meeting with the students to update them on the Ministry’s publications, and introduce them to its various activities. This aims to enhance their cultural understanding and uncover their talents and abilities. The cultural fair at AAU comes in line with the goals of the Ministry where the Ministry introduced its services, showcased its publications, in addition to distributing gratis copies of books.

We sought for the cultural fair to include a comprehensive range of activities related to the different fields of culture. These included a calligraphy workshop, “My Literary Talent” workshop, a drama workshop, and cultural contests. Moreover, the fair included an “Employees Creativity Exhibition”, folk shows, and fine arts exhibition, he added.

Dr. Abdelhafid Belarbi, AAU Vice President, highlighted that “the Ministry of Culture’s initiative to hold the Cultural Fair at AAU shows how the Ministry is adamant to meet all segments of society to discover the youth’s talents and support their capabilities. The size of the activities organized at the event reflects the great effort exerted on the local cultural arena. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Ministry of Culture for their effort, and reiterate that AAU is always keen on working hand in hand with them to connect with the students.”

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