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## **A New Academic Year: AAU Launches New Labs and Facilities**

A year ago, Al Ain University of Science and Technology moved from its old campus in Al Towayya to the new campus in Al Jimi, Al Ain, and with the move a new era of academic achievements began. Today, AAU carries on the process it commenced since its establishment in 2004.

As 2013/2014 academic year begins, and for the last year, construction and building works have continued. The new academic year begins with seven state-of-the-art labs in the College of Engineering. The labs have been equipped in line with the most updated international standards to help develop the students' skills. In addition, the College of Engineering now has a Smart-learning Lab, considered to be the first of its kind among universities in the UAE.

On a similar note, AAU has launched a number of other buildings and classrooms fully equipped with interactive learning tools.

In this regard, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, pointed out that the new buildings and labs are a translation of the directions of the UAE leadership with regard to providing the best support possible for educational institutions in the country on all levels. It is also the result of the intensive follow up by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, namely Shekih Hamdan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, to provide the necessary support for the students and the educational process.

Atatreh detailed that the new campus offers, in addition to the colleges, scientific labs fitted with the latest equipment as well as computer labs that serve to support the learning process. For extracurricular activities, the new campus holds facilities and auditoriums to provide space for the students to carry out their activities.

Moreover, Atatreh reiterated that in order to further enrich AAU, the University has appointed new faculty members who hold degrees from highly-reputed universities around the world.

It is noteworthy that AAU offers fifteen undergraduate programs through its five colleges: the College of Engineering and Information Technology, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Law, the College of Education, and the College of Business Administration. In addition to that, the University offers an MBA, two Master in Law programs (Private and Public), an MA in TESOL, as well as a Professional Diploma in Teaching program. All undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

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