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Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Al Ain University organizes Cybersecurity Day



Under the patronage and in the presence of H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Chairman of the UAE Cybersecurity Council, Al Ain University organized AAU CyberX Day, a flagship cybersecurity event aimed at enhancing digital security awareness and strengthening collaboration between academia, government entities, and industry partners.

The event served as an interactive platform that brought together leading cybersecurity experts, government representatives, industry leaders, academic and administrative staff, as well as university students, fostering knowledge exchange and discussions on the latest digital challenges and cyber threats.

In his keynote address, H.E. Dr. Al Kuwaiti emphasized that cybersecurity is a fundamental pillar of national security. He noted that the United Arab Emirates ranks among the world's most advanced countries in this field, thanks to its proactive vision.

Al Ain University and National Media Office Strengthen Media Cooperation



As part of strengthening institutional partnerships and supporting the national media ecosystem, a delegation from Al Ain University paid an official visit to the National Media Office, headed by Dr. Noor Al Deen Atatreh, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al Ain University. The University delegation was received by Mohammed Saeed Al Shehhi, Deputy Chairman of the National Media Office. During the meeting, both sides discussed ways to enhance joint media cooperation, exchange expertise, and establish strategic partnerships to advance the national media sector. The discussions also addressed potential areas of collaboration in media training, content production, and digital media, with

the aim of aligning the applied academic programs of the College of Communication and Media at Al Ain University with labor market requirements and supporting the preparation of qualified media professionals equipped with both professional skills and academic knowledge. Both parties emphasized the importance of strengthening integration between media education and professional practice, and highlighted the pivotal role of academic institutions and national media entities in preparing a new generation of media professionals capable of keeping pace with rapid developments in the media sector and contributing to the production of purposeful, responsible media content.



The 8th season of the Cultural Excellence Competition concludes with Al Dhabyaniya Private School taking first place



Al Ain University concluded the eighth edition of the Cultural Excellence Competition at its Abu Dhabi campus, with 25 secondary schools from across the capital participating. The competition spanned two months, during which students

engaged in a series of challenges across scientific, cultural, and recreational fields, within a competitive environment designed to foster creativity and enhance knowledge. This provided students with a comprehensive experience.



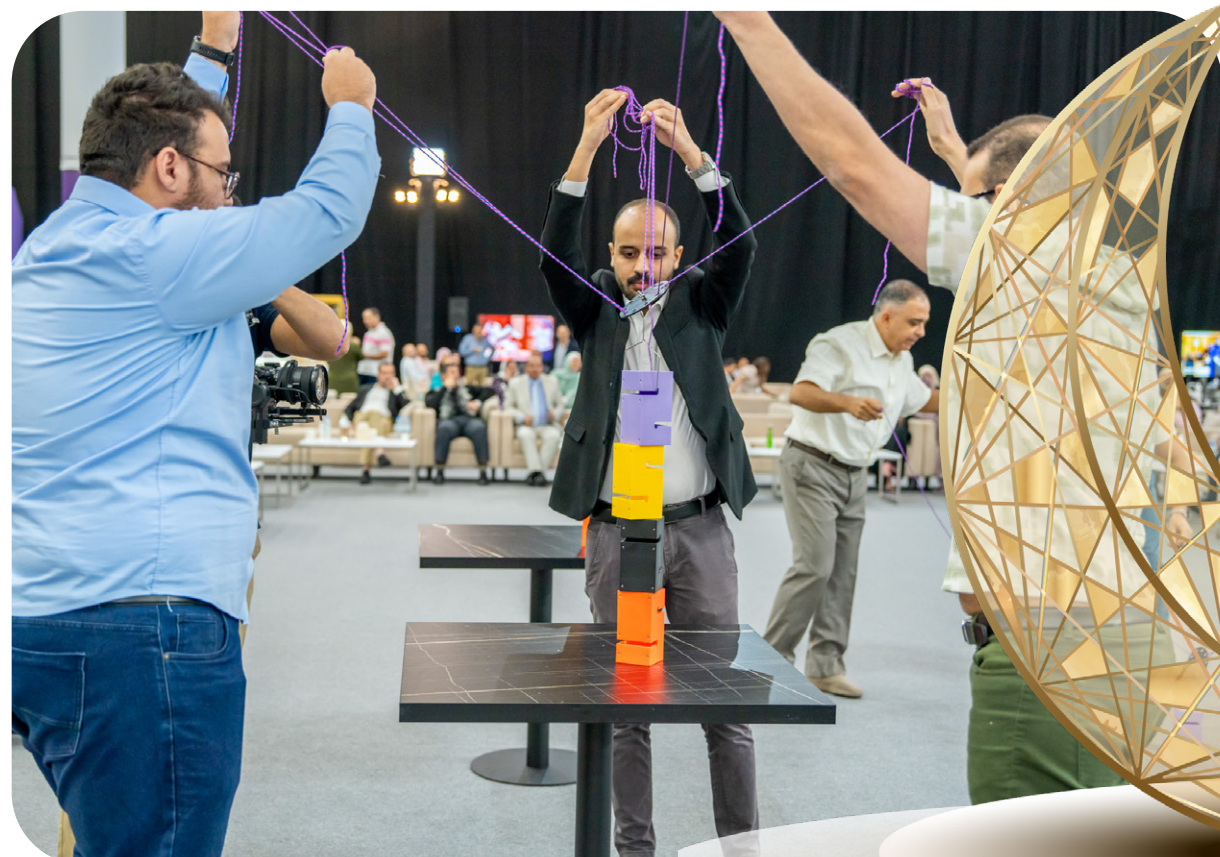


Al Ain University Hosts Ramadan Iftar to Strengthen Team Spirit



Al Ain University organized a Ramadan Iftar at its Al Ain campus, attended by Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Prof. Ghaleb Al Refae, President of the University, along with members of

the academic and administrative staff. The annual gathering reflects the University's commitment to fostering positive communication and strengthening professional and social bonds among its employees.



A collaboration between Al Ain University and Appolonia & Synergy Holding



In a step that reinforces integration between higher education and the healthcare sector, Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi witnessed the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Al Ain University and Appolonia & Synergy Dental Holding Group, aimed at advancing the medical education ecosystem and elevating clinical training standards in the field of dentistry in line with global best practices.

The MoU provides structured, advanced clinical training programs for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Dental

Surgery program at Al Ain University, within the Group's clinical facilities. The training will be conducted under the supervision of specialized, highly qualified medical professionals, enhancing students' clinical competencies and ensuring they are ready to meet the demands of the healthcare sector.

The agreement also covers collaboration on continuing medical education, scientific research, and clinical trials, as well as the ongoing development of academic programs aligned with the latest advances in dental science.



MOU between Al Ain University and Trust Vision Group for Pharmaceutical Training



Al Ain University, represented by the College of Pharmacy, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Trust Vision Group to strengthen the integration between academic education and professional practice in the healthcare sector, and to expand practical training and professional development opportunities for the college's students.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the University by Prof. Ghaleb Awad Al-Refae, President of the University, and on behalf of the Group by Mr. Shadi Obaidat, Chief Executive Officer of Trust Vision Investment Group in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, in the presence of several academic and administrative leaders from both sides.



AAU President Inaugurates the 6th AAU Book Fair 2026



Khalifa Library organized the 6th AAU Book Fair 2026 in Al Ain and Abu Dhabi campuses. The event was inaugurated at the Al Ain Campus by AAU President Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, while Prof. Amer Qasem, Vice President – Abu Dhabi, inaugurated the fair at the Abu Dhabi Campus. The opening ceremonies at both campuses were attended by deans, faculty members,



and students.

The book fair ran at least for three days and featured the participation of leading international publishers and local distributors, including Knowledge-e, Taylor and Francis, Intellect Techcon, The Bookshop, Horouf Publishing, and Little Puffin.

9th Annual Environmental Day Highlights Zero Waste as a Driver of Sustainability and Circular Economy



The College of Business at Al Ain Campus organized the “9th Annual Environmental Day 2026” under the theme “Zero Waste as a Practical Engine for Sustainability and Circular Economy: Insights from Sustainable Development Goal 12,” reaffirming its commitment to integrating sustainability into education and institutional practices. The event was inaugurated by the University President, Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, in the presence of deans, faculty members, administrative staff, and students. In his remarks, he emphasized the importance of adopting practical solutions to reduce waste and advance sustainability. He also toured student-led sustainable SME projects that reflected innovative efforts to support the circular economy. Prof. Zafar Husain, Dean of the College of Business, highlighted the necessity of aligning academic curricula with the United Nations.



Participation Of The College Of Business In The 11th International National Economic Model Congress – Vienna 2026



Prof. Mosab I. Tabash from the College of Business at Al Ain University participated as a keynote speaker at the 11th International National Economic Model Congress, held at the Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien) in Vienna, Austria, on February 7–8, 2026. The conference brought together more than 50 academics and researchers from 21 countries across six sessions over two days, addressing pressing global economic issues. In his keynote address, Prof. Tabash examined critical challenges facing the global economy today. He presented a critical analysis of the capitalist system.



“Pulse of Fashion” Show Embodies National Identity with a Creative Youthful Spirit



The Deanship of Student Affairs – Career Development Office organized the student fashion show “Pulse of Fashion” at Al Ain Campus, featuring Emirati designer Wadha Al Ameri, who presented designs reflecting national identity through a contemporary vision that blends authenticity with modernity. The show also included distinguished participation from

students and alumni who showcased innovative designs inspired by heritage, in addition to Dr. Lamees Al Issmi’s brand specializing in medical apparel. Several students confidently and professionally modeled the designs on the runway.

The event comes as part of the Career Development Office’s ongoing efforts to support student talents.

Panel Lecture Discusses Personal Status Law Developments in the UAE



The Deanship of Student Affairs, in cooperation with the College of Law at the Abu Dhabi campus, organized a panel lecture titled “Personal Status Issues in the United Arab Emirates,” delivered by lawyer Saeed Al Mansoori, in the presence of a number of university students.

The lecture addressed the latest developments and legal

updates related to personal status laws in the UAE, with particular focus on divorce cases and the rights of both women and men following separation. It also discussed the rights of custodial parents and children, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding the child’s best interests and ensuring family stability in light of recent legislative developments.

DBA Townhall Highlights Research Excellence



A Townhall Meeting was held at the Abu Dhabi campus, bringing together the Deputy Dean, faculty members, and Executive Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) students, as part of the College’s commitment to strengthening academic engagement and supporting students’ research journeys.

The meeting focused on discussing students’ academic progress, the development of their research projects, and clarifying overall program expectations for the upcoming stages. During the session, the College highlighted the outstanding academic achievements of DBA students in the previous semester.

Awareness Workshop Highlights the Importance of Drug Prevention Among Youth



The Deanship of Student Affairs (Al Ain Campus) organized an awareness workshop titled “Drug Prevention,” as part of the university’s ongoing commitment to organizing purposeful initiatives that enhance health and social awareness among its students. The workshop was delivered by Dr. Ahmed Youssef Mohammed, Consultant Psychiatrist at the National



Rehabilitation Center, and was attended by a number of university students. The workshop addressed the dangers of drug abuse and its negative effects on individuals and society, in addition to discussing prevention methods, the importance of early awareness, and the pivotal role of youth in protecting themselves.

Maritime Law Students Visit Khalifa Port for Practical Learning Experience



Students enrolled in the Maritime Law course at the College of Law – Abu Dhabi Campus – conducted an educational visit to Khalifa Port, accompanied by the course instructor, Professor Ramzi Ahmed Madi, Vice Dean of the College of Law. The visit aimed to strengthen the practical dimension of the course and bridge theoretical concepts with real-world application.

During the visit, students received an overview of UAE maritime law and its connection to port operations. They also attended a presentation on Abu Dhabi Ports Group and its leading role in developing the maritime transport and logistics sector at both regional and international levels. In addition.

AAU Signs MoU with Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi to Enhance Library Collaboration



Al Ain University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi during an official ceremony held at the SUAD Library, attended by senior representatives from both institutions. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Bertrand Haan, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, and Mr. Manival Balasubramaniam, Head of the University Library. Al Ain University was represented by Dr. Abdoulaye Kaba, Director of the University Library, and Mr. Wael Ahmed, Library Supervisor at the Abu Dhabi campus.

A Distinguished Community Initiative in Ramadan to Distribute Qur’ans and Prayer Rugs



Al Ain university at the Al Ain campus participated in a community initiative organized by the Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination, coinciding with the approach of the holy month of Ramadan. The initiative involved distributing “1000 Qur’ans and 1000 prayer rugs” to



non-Arabic speakers. The event was held at Al Tuwaia Park, with the participation of university students, academic and administrative staff, as well as representatives from local community organizations. This participation reflects the university’s commitment to promoting values of giving.

“Ramadan: Health and Balance” Promotes Healthy Living During the Holy Month

As part of the University’s commitment to promoting health awareness and fostering a culture of healthy living, the Deanship of Student Affairs at the Al Ain campus organized a health awareness event titled “Ramadan: Health and Balance.” The initiative was held a series of community-oriented campaigns aimed at residents of Al Ain City in conjunction with the holy month of Ramadan. The event began with an engaging panel discussion featuring Dr. Aisha Abdullah Al Mulla, Clinical Dietitian at Tawam Hospital, in the presence of students, academics, and health enthusiasts.



An Enriching Recreational Experience at the Heart of Global Village in Dubai



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University, in cooperation with the Human Resources Department, organized a recreational trip to Global Village in the Emirate of Dubai, with the participation of a number of students and staff members. The trip was part of the university’s

ongoing efforts to strengthen social engagement within its community. The excursion aimed to provide an enjoyable atmosphere that fosters connection and communication among participants, while also offering the opportunity to explore the cultures of various countries.

University Teams Shine in the 2025–2026 University Sports Championship and Secure Top Rankings



The sports teams at the Abu Dhabi Campus achieved a remarkable accomplishment in the second edition of the University Sports Championship for the 2025–2026 academic year, reaffirming their strong presence among leading universities in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and across the UAE.

The football team secured first place at the Emirate of Abu Dhabi level after delivering consistent and outstanding performances throughout the tournament, which included universities from Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, and the Western Region. This achievement builds on the team’s previous successes.