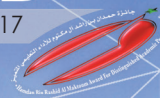


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Introduction



Hamdan Award .. Excellence Icon

- It has become exactly as envisioned by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, an international, interactive and sustainable award, having an Emirati identity, authentic values, modern knowledge, and unlimited generosity. Over its 19-year march, the Award has presented a number of educational initiatives, and devoted most of its energies to providing quality education, be it intellectual adaptation, cognitive skills or technical tools, altogether enabled Hamdan Award to become an icon in the plans for the development of education, outstanding performance programs and sponsoring giftedness and innovation, as well as supporting academic initiatives. As such, the Award supported the drives of reform and development in the educational community, and helped the efforts of official institutions to attain their objectives.
- These axes formed the bases for the work of injecting educational awareness in the community with the incentives of change for the best through a number of modern concepts of modern education, which is aware of the magnitude of challenges and involves the solutions to the problems. In this way, the visions and goals harmonized and met in the form of strategic partnerships concluded by the Award with major international organizations and educational institutions, most importantly, UNESCO, ALECSO, ISESCO, the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States and the Ministry of Education, in the form of open doors for the Award services in order to reach the world as one of the leading educational initiatives in the United Arab Emirates.
- At the local level, excellence was also the theme adopted by the Award which has become an expertise house in measuring and creating educational excellence, discovering and sponsoring talented people, spreading the culture of innovation, and supporting and adopting innovators. Thanks to the applied projects, Hamdan Award has attracted many educational planners and developers from different institutions, locally and from fraternal and friendly countries to maximize its benefit. The Award organized academic programs for teachers of talent, in addition to enrichment and counselling programs, which included hundreds of teachers, arbitrators, students and their parents, not to mention the Award's interaction and response to the annual initiatives launched by His Highness the President of the UAE, and His Highness the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. In the Year of Reading, the Award's specialized library was launched. In the Year of Innovation, the quality Fab Lab UAE project (Fabrication Laboratories) came into existence. In the Year of Giving, many charitable programs were launched, most notably the Initiator Educator prize which was aimed at encouraging and appreciating voluntary efforts in educational institutions.
- Today, the Award concludes its 19th session, honoring 137 winners from different sectors of the educational community locally, in the GCC states and in the Arab world, in addition to the institutions supporting education. Here comes the end of a successful session, which may be seen as a tribute ceremony, but actually it has an added value to the UAE quest towards leadership in education.

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Officials in the Saudi Ministry of Education: **Hamdan Award is Added Value and Race Field to Upgrade Arab Education**



Dubai - Dareen Mahmoud

Officials in the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia stressed that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance is considered a race field that supports educational excellence, whose positive effect is reflected on the sublimity of education, through an effort that leads to enlarge the excellence circle among the different categories of the society at and outside school. It contributed to preparing an ideal intellectual climate for all the elements of the educational system towards openness on the sciences of quality and creativity, and developed its performance towards excellence.

On the occasion of the closing ceremony of the 19th session of the Award, they added that His Highness the sponsor of the Award, granted this Award to the educational field, which has become an added value that the distinguished students take keen care to interact with its contents and invest its standards in building the effective educational intellect. They indicated that the efforts of his Highness enhanced the approaches of excellence, giftedness, creativity and sponsoring the real opportunities of the gifted and innovative students through Hamdan Center for Giftedness and Creativity.

Educational Incubator

Mr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Balghanaim, the Director-General of Education in Al Ahsa province, KSA said, "Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance represents an educational incubator that is getting much more glower day after day to hold the flag of directing the latent creativity aspects, and invest the potential and smooth them, in such a way to be more skillful in coping with the accelerated changes in the quality realm, through constructing a strong building and superior original standard conformed with the needs and expectations of the beneficiaries."

Balghanaim added, "His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum realized the leading role of quality in drawing the map of the educational excellence march, thus, he granted the educational field this award, which became an added value, that the distinguished students take keen care to interact with its contents and invest its standards in building the effective educational intellect. All this contributes to achieving the qualitative performance of the education sector."

He indicated that all the Arab countries work on making education interesting and coping with the requirements of the twenty-first century. Thus, they invested the quality system in upgrading education according to effective institutional frame. It is no doubt that quality awards are very important in drawing the future of education and improving the competency of the workers, which would be reflected on the quality of outputs.

"The family of the Education Department in Al Ahsa province is keen to participate in the Award annually, based on the faith in its importance, strength of its standards and the quality of its effects in the participants. The participation comes based on the directions of the Minister of Education, Dr. Ahmad bin Mohammad Al Issa, who pays every effort to encourage and adopt the quality practices, to get use of them in making the educational system."

He extended the sincerest congratulations to the winners who Allah granted them success to harvest the giving journey, recommending to continue the march of excellence and publish the stories of their success, and continual attainment from the spring of quality to build a creative and effective generation. He invited all the beneficiaries from the categories of the Award to participate, so as to be assistant to them in performing the mission distinctively.



The efforts of Hamdan bin Rashid enhanced the approaches of Arab excellence and creativity

The Arab countries work on making education interesting and coping with the requirements of 21st Century



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Making Excellence

Dr. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Uqaibi, Director of Education Yanbu'a, KSA said, "Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance is considered a race field that supports educational excellence, whose positive effect is reflected on the sublimity of education, through an effort exerted to enlarge the circle of excellence among the different categories of the society at and outside school, beside to making scientific excellence, sponsoring gifted students, qualifying a distinguished group of students and educators, exploring the hidden aspects of their creativities, and potentials, and offering them to the educational field." He indicated that the efforts of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum enhanced the approaches of excellence, giftedness, and creativity, and sponsored the real opportunities of the gifted and creative students through Hamdan Center for Giftedness and Creativity.

He indicated that the Award contributed to spreading the culture of competition in the educational field well, in which it adopted the approach of building the noble values and implanting them at school, and harvesting tens of creative students every years, of whom their schools get proud on the podiums. In this way, it spreads the culture of excellence and enhances the concepts of educational competition, and contributes to building strong educational approach, in addition to acquiring experiences, exchanging them among the Gulf Countries and opening new horizons for the workers in the educational field with high quality standards, besides to developing the culture of documentation of achievements.

He concluded, "It is my pleasure to convey my congratulations to the winners of the Award in all its categories, which came as a result of fruitful efforts and hard work, whose positive effect is reflected in dessiminating the soul of competition and exerting more distinguished efforts in the educational field."

Encouraging Incentives

Mohammed bin Sulaiman Al Freih, Director of Education in Onaiza Province, KSA said, "Endeavoring to open the chance before the ambitious teachers and students to participate in Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance as a GCC and Arab Award at an outstanding level, besides to the financial and encouraging incentives, along with what the participants gets use of the items of the competition, where it sets off with him towards quality and excellence, we gave our guidance to all the directorates, units, departments, governmental and national schools (boys and girls) to circulate for the participation in the activities of the Award, which is considered one of the highest educational awards assigned for the GCC Countries. It is held every year with its categories: (Teacher, Student, School, and Highly Distinguished Teacher). The winners are nominated to the Department of the Award in the United Arab Emirates."



Dr. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Uqaibi



Mohammed bin Sulaiman Al Freih

The Award supports educational excellence and distinguished students are keen to interact with its contents

He added, “Due to the importance of the Award in spreading the culture of excellence and encouraging this field, all the staff of education should have a look at its standards and notify the parents of the students to participate. The mission of receiving the participants has been entrusted to the Department of Comprehensive Quality in its two divisions, each according to its specialization, so as the arbitration committees in the administration can evaluate the participants and refer the winners to the Ministry.”

“The Ministry of Education, represented by His Excellency, Dr. Ahmad Al Issa, the Minister of Education, comes on top of the supporting entities to improve the outputs of education, achieve excellence in the educational practices and upgrade the standards of education to the international levels.”

New Horizons

On the other hand, Dr. Abdulrahman bin Abdullah Al Abdul Jabbar, the Director of Education in Al Kharj Province, said “Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has an important role in spreading the excellence culture through upgrading the educational levels through acquiring the experiences and exchanging them among the Gulf Countries, and opening new horizons for the workers in the educational field with high quality standards, besides to developing the documentation culture.”

“The contributions of the Award sponsor, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum have the most prominent role in the sustainability of the work and continuity of the status that the Award reached to, through enhancing the concepts of educational concepts and sponsoring the gifted students at the local and regional level.”

He continued, “The existence of such award is important for enhancing the culture of excellence in the educational field, and preparing ideal intellectual climate for all the elements of the educational system towards openness on the sciences of quality and creativity, and developing their performance towards excellence to enhance the opportunities of upgrading the education level, and pushing it to achieve its goals and objectives.”

He indicated that the Award succeeded in making the culture of scientific excellence, and contributed to modeling the practices of educational quality, and building real opportunities for the students, teachers and the academic leaders. He extended congratulation to the distinguished students, and called the staff of education to participate in the Award of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum for Distinguished Academic Performance, to complete the march of excellence that the Administration seeks to achieve and to raise the soul of honest competition among the educators, by offering the best educational practices to upgrade the level of performance by participating in the categories of the Award (Distinguished student, Distinguished Teacher, Highly Distinguished Teacher, and Distinguished School / School Administration).



Dr. Abdulrahman bin Abdullah Al Abdul Jabbar

Quality awards are very important in drawing the future of education and improving the competency of the educators



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Coordinators of Hamdan Award in the GCC States: Hamdan bin Rashid Created an Atmosphere of Competitiveness Among Talents & Innovators



Dubai - Faten Matar

Coordinators of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance in GCC countries affirmed that the Award promotes innovation and distinguished performance in the field of education, as well as encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation and excellence in all fields of science and literature. They pointed out that the Award was able to be the focus of attention and aspiration of educators, attracting the interest of educational institutions by its values.

They added, on the occasion of the closing ceremony of the 19th session, that Hamdan Award will remain a guiding light that is sought by all educators and workers in the educational field, by adopting its educational standards as a basis of development and improvement. They stated that the presence of the such educational awards enriches the field of education and enhances its outputs, noting that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the patron of the Award, has contributed to instilling the meaning of enthusiasm in the minds of innovators, and creating a great atmosphere of competitiveness among the talented and innovators.

Diligence & Hard Work

Abdullah bin Zahi bin Ali Al-Qarni, the Award Coordinator in Saudi Arabia, said: Excellence and progress are two gifts granted by the Almighty, and are attained with diligence, hard work, and support to keep pace with science and knowledge. The achievements of our children at the global level, thanks to the Award ranks among international organizations, reflects the efforts of the patron of the Award, and the Award's general secretariat. The Saudi Arabia participation is an extension of the support and follow up of the educational sector in the KSA, and a continuous emphasis on the importance of the educational output, which we can see today as we stand of the podiums in the international and Gulf forums, to witness the creativity of our young children with creations that deserve to be praised in all fields of science in general and Hamdan Award in particular. Not to mention the competition spirit and the search for excellence that were established among young people who are able to represent the KSA in all participations.

He also pointed out that young people of the KSA were able to present a positive image not only in this session, but also in all previous Award sessions and in all its categories, with the full support and patronage of our wise leadership, and under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Highness Crown Prince, and His Highness Deputy Crown Prince. In addition to the continuous follow up by the Minister of Education Dr. Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Issa, the support and encouragement of the Undersecretary of Education for Males Dr. Nayef bin Rashid Al Jabri, and Undersecretary of Education for Females Dr. Haya bint Abdul Aziz Al-Awad. As well as the direct supervision of the Director General of Student Activity, Dr. Abdul Hamid bin Ahmed Al-Masoud, and the Director of the Department of Social Activity Walid bin Fahd Al-Hamoud. "We are proud of the results of this session, which was unique and different from the previous sessions, in order to keep up with 2030 vision of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."

Al-Qarni explained that Hamdan Award achieves the mission of raising educational performance and fostering the talented, through implementing best local and international competition programs and positive cooperation. This contributes to building a distinct educational society, and aims at encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation and excellence in all scientific and literary fields. He also stressed the importance of providing an educational environment that encourages innovation, leadership, and



Abdullah bin Zahi bin Ali Al-Qarni



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excellence, in addition to honoring all entities related to the education sector, from institutions to individuals who provide outstanding achievements in local, Gulf and international forums.

He expressed his thanks and appreciation to the patron of the Award, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and all leaders of the Gulf states, who were part of the success, and to all ministers, education directors, coordinators of the Award, supervisors, school directors, teachers, and students. He also thanked his assistant and colleague Mohammed bin Saeed Barzeeq, and colleague and coordinator of the Award for Females Moudhi bint Ali Almkaiteib and her assistant as well. In addition to giving thanks colleagues in the General Secretariat of the Award under the leadership of the Secretary-General, executive director, arbitrators, and the administration, who are considered the unknown soldiers pushing the Award forwards. He then congratulated all the winners of the Award in all the categories in Gulf States in general and in the United Arab Emirates in particular.

Fair Competition

Moudhi Almkaiteib, the Award coordinator for Females in Saudi Arabia said: Ham-

The Patron of the Award contributed to instilling enthusiasm in the minds of innovators



dan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance since its start has contributed to the emergence of many aspects of excellence and creativity in the field of education in the GCC, and was able to achieve its objectives through a fair competition to provide its best to the targeted groups. Year after year, the Award was able to achieve a large part of its objective, through motivation and guidance, which resulted in spreading the culture of excellence, thanks to the patron of the Award, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid.

She then added: The Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was honored to participate in this Award, as it encouraged its participants to understand that openness to external events has a positive impact on appreciating innovators, and encouraging them to learn about many experiences and benefit from them.

She continued saying: We are proud of all innovators and creators who participated in this competition. They deserve many thanks and appreciations from education institutions in the Gulf countries, and we are proud of their achievements because they are the future of our countries, and their efforts are helping advance and develop our education towards perfection. She concluded: On behalf of the employees of education in Saudi Arabia, I thank from the bottom of my heart, the patron of the

The Award is the focus of attention and aspiration of educators



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Award, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, who provided both material and moral support in order to aid the Award in achieving its goals.

Joining Competitors

Mansour Al Deihani, General Manager of Mubarak Al Kabeer Educational Zone, and Award coordinator in Kuwait said: Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has been able to be the focus of attention and the aspiration of educators, and workers in the field of education to join the competitors. I do not exaggerate if I say that the Awards goals and competition has become in recent years the focus of conversation and news among target groups in all branches of the Award. This confirms the achievement of what the Award aspires for, such as the spread of culture of competition and excellence among educators, school administrations, and students, and this is what we notice during our frequent meetings with the people in the field throughout the academic year.

Al Deihani added: His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the founder of the Award, has been able to establish a generation of distinguished individuals who could follow his lead and find a way of excellence in science, learning, gaining experience, and entering competitions. These were able to achieve self-realization and skills development, which reflect the quality and uniqueness in the education sectors, from all participating countries, thus influencing the advancement of educational fields in these countries.

According to the Award coordinator in Kuwait, the Award undoubtedly contributed to the creation of important steps towards development in the Arab countries, through the preparations that are carried out by these countries, in order to support participants. This creates an atmosphere of local competition that enriches the educational environment in the fields of science and knowledge, which in turn enhances the curricula of science and learning in Arab countries.

Al Daihani continued: "the state of Kuwait has been represented by the Ministry of Education, which is keen to provide a positive image that is appropriate to the status of the Ministry of Education, and its ability to excel due to its educational talents that are aspiring to compete effectively. This was a result of the continuous support and the guidance from the leadership in the Ministry, headed by the Minister of Education, and Minister of Higher Education Dr. Mohammed Al-Fares, and Undersecretary Dr. Haytham Al-Athari. He also added that the Ministry of Education is always seeking to give the Award great attention, due to the Award's ability to create distinguished people, and refine their educational abilities.

Al Daihani congratulated those who won in the competition in the current session, which confirms their excellence in the fields of their work, and their aim to achieve success with confidence. Then invited all talented Kuwaitis to take part in the Award, which would help eternalize their educational career, and show their abilities, due to the fact that the Award creates a space of international competition that fulfills their ambition to continue to succeed.



Mansour Al Deihani

Visions & Ambitions

Nadia Abdurrahman Sayadi, National Coordinator of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance in the Kingdom of Bahrain, said: Hamdan Award has become the center of attention for educational institutions that are competing in order to improve their educational practice, and develop institutional work, to be in line with the vision and ambition of the patron of the Award, High Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and his efforts to develop education.

She added that Hamdan Award would remain a guiding light for all by adopting its educational standards in the educational process, as a basis of development and improvement. The presence of the Award enriches the field of education and enhances its outputs.

She also pointed out that the activities of the 19th session in the Kingdom of Bahrain included several events through which the national team sought to spread the culture of excellence, encourage the targeted segment, and provide support, advice and training. Eight training sessions were conducted at the local level for all groups, and five other courses were held for Distinguished School, Distinguished school administration, and Educator categories, in cooperation with the Award's administration.

She also mentioned that competition and participation at the local level have increased in comparison with previous years, where 11 public schools, 13 teachers from all levels of education, and 29 high school students have participated. This resulted in the victory of distinguished Bahrainis who have struggled to stand on the podium and brought honor to the Kingdom of Bahrain through the adoption of Award standards and the achievement of best educational practices. This was a result of the continuous efforts, both by the participants and local work forces throughout the school year.

She then expressed her congratulations to the Kingdom of Bahrain and all Gulf countries, adding that she is looking forward to further achievements in the coming years and sessions.

Creating Excellence

Jaber Al Shawi, Assistant Director of Public Relations and Communication at Qatar's Ministry of Education and Higher Education said: In the light of rapid and remarkable development of education, and the associated plans for sustainable development, I found that Hamdan Award has played a major role in creating excellence that many individuals aspire for. The Award was able to raise the value of talented and creative people who wish to present their creations to the world, and bring their unique achievements in to the light, and to assure that these efforts will not go by without gaining the slogan of success and excellence. Honoring these people will not be a mere honor, but an inscription in the rocks of knowledge, education and culture all together.



Nadia Abdurrahman Sayadi



Jaber Al Shawi



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He then added: “His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the patron of the Award, has contributed to instilling the meaning of enthusiasm in the minds of the innovators, and created an atmosphere of competitiveness among the talented and innovators. In addition, the idea of the Award reflects his belonging to a family living in an atmosphere full of science, culture, and literature. His Highness has contributed to supporting the culture of volunteering, serving the homeland, and scientific research.”

He pointed out that the presence of the Award is a major achievement, because it ensures taking care of talented and distinguished people in the educational field. Taking care of those talented people is considered a treasure to all humanity, and a sign of a successful society, as well as a weapon to the souls. He added that without this Award and similar awards that support excellence, our educational communities will remain dormant, and this is what we should avoid. Through this Award, we were able to discover the distinguished and harness their energies to help them serve their communities according to each category, and according to their orientations, ranging from talented students, teachers, schools, departments, institutions, research and projects, to distinguished families.

He noted that a huge number of students and teachers participated in this year’s session, expressing his satisfaction with the results achieved by the beloved country of Qatar. The winners were a student from Al Wakra Secondary school for boys, a

Hamdan Award achieves its mission of promoting educational performance and fostering talents



student from Aisha bint Abi Bakr Secondary School for girls, a teacher from Al Wakra Secondary School for Boys, and finally a teacher from a number of teachers who participated. This is evidence of the progress and development of the State of Qatar.

Deliberate & Balanced Improvement

Badriya Abdulaziz Al Essa, Assistant Coordinator of the Award for Girls in Saudi Arabia said “Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance is one of the leading awards in the field of education, especially as it targets all aspects of the educational process. The Award does not concentrate on one aspect without the other. It helps to deliberate and balanced improvement, and encourages honest competition so that excellence becomes a feature and of course. “We are pleased with the participation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in this competition, and we are proud of its advanced positions during its previous and current sessions. What the Award offers from meetings and discussions is an opportunity to share experiences and disseminate successful experiences and initiatives, thus contributing to achieving what we aspire to. Our leadership aims to make education in the Arab Gulf countries a model and an example.” She congratulated all those who won or participated in the Award because the participation itself is an honor to be proud of. She delivered a message to everyone saying “that the door to competition and excellence is open and waiting for you, and you are deserve excellence.”

Educational awards enrich the field of education and enhance its outputs



Officials and Coordinators in the UAE:

Educational Awards are Vital Fuel for the Advancement of Education Quality



Dubai - Mohammed Ali

Education officials across the UAE and the coordinators of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance stressed that the Award is advancing the educational process, through supporting educational programs and projects that seek to enhance values and trends of modern education, as well as creating a unique and captivating learning environment. The Award was able to establish the culture of excellence in the field of education, and created an intellectual atmosphere ideal for pushing the educational system towards openness to quality, creativity, and enhancing its performance in order to reach excellence. It has also succeeded in spreading the educational excellence locally and regionally in the Arab World, which created a positive energy that has always been the vital fuel of the advancement of the quality of education in the UAE.

They added, on the occasion of the closing ceremony of the 19th session, that the variety of awards create a challenging environment that enhance growth and economy through creative ideas, and outstanding projects presented by the participants, pointing out that the UAE is experiencing a unique educational leap, which requires a competitive environment that aims at gathering distinguished ideas and choosing among them, and this is where educational awards play their role in highlighting the best of these projects and ideas.

Creative Innovations

Mohammed Salem Mohammed Al Dhaheri, Executive Director of School Operations Sector in Abu Dhabi Education Council, said that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance supports the UAE government's strategies and orientations through establishing ideas that produce a big number of creative innovations. These in turn help in the development process that the country is witnessing, through providing hundreds of outstanding ideas every year, to produce projects that can be adopted.

He added that the one behind these creations is His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, through his support of education and learning, and one of the most obvious examples is this Award, that has reached its 19th year, as it implements continuous development, to match the needs of the educational field. His Highness has not only supported education within the country, but worked also on the Gulf and Arab level in an attempt to reach the international level, where he was able to build dozens of schools in poor countries that bear witness to his achievements, graduating each year, thousands of active members in their communities. He pointed out that Hamdan Award supports many other awards in the UAE, such as Khalifa Award for Education, to meet the desire of the people and aspirations to reach higher levels, and that these awards are reason behind the development of the country. In addition to the fact that the variety of awards create a challenging environment that enhances growth and economy through creative ideas and outstanding projects presented by the participants.

He pointed out that Hamdan Award played a major role in the excellence of students by refining their skills and highlighting them, and added that Abu Dhabi Education Council began its preparations for the 19th session early this year by limiting the number of participants, and then implementing a number of training workshops for the target groups. The ADEC's efforts were not limited only to supporting the participants in the appropriate manner, in accordance with the policies of the ADEC and the Award, but was also able to support advanced files through forming arbitration team and selecting the best members to work in the committee in accordance with the standards of quality and excellence. The ADEC was also keen to provide all the requirements and needs that will contribute to raising the quality of the files involved.

Everyone is Distinguished



Mohammed Salem Mohammed Al Dhaheri

The contributions of HH the patron of the Award become an approach for innovation in education and scientific research



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He said, “Our joy in the victory of these students is no less than their own joy, and we are very proud of these outstanding people whom we consider to be the ideal example for their peers. This of course increases the burden on them, and pushes them to take responsibility in maintaining this excellence, as well as sharing this excellence with the surround community.”

Al Dhaheri wished success to all those who could not win the Award this year, by coming back next year with determination and full confidence to win, calling out everyone to participate in the Award because everyone is distinguished.

Positive Energy

Fatima Al Marri, CEO of the School Education Foundation at Dubai Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), said, “Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has been successfully, over the past two decades, spreading educational excellence locally and in the Arab world. This in turn has created a positive energy that has always been the vital fuel for the advancement of quality education in the UAE.”



Fatima Al Marri



She added, “We look at each award within different categories as a futuristic story that opened the way for the educational community to share successes, and build new experiences that have been, and continue to be the added value of various efforts to promote excellence in the educational field.”

She then pointed out that the vision of the patron of the Award, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, is an extension of the vision of leader of our country, especially in the importance of development of education, which can be also seen in the keenness to enhance the performance of the Award year after year.

She continued, “With the patronage of His Highness and his adoption of excellence, the Award was launched into the region, starting from the heart of Dubai, which established itself as a regional learning destination. Dubai has become a favorite destination for those seeking excellence in the social development sector, which is evident on the growth in the number of private schools and branches of international universities in Dubai year after year. This in turn contributed to providing the education sector with a variety of options with international standards.”

Hamdan Award promotes the educational process through supporting educational programs and projects that develop values

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She pointed out that educational awards are considered as an incentive for the educational community in order to continue to improve the educational process in the country. Educational awards are important because of their vital role in making every school leadership, teacher, educator, and student a distinctive educational project, and more importantly, a success story for a brighter future that match the aspirations of our wise leadership and achieving national objectives. The UAE was able to make a distinctive leap in this regard, and could establish the culture of excellence in the educational society, turning our country into a model for quality education.

“We, in KHDA, have worked with various teams in order to promote the culture of excellence among the educational community in Dubai. Our students were our objective, in addition to pushing the educational sector towards innovation, which in turn will be reflected on the quality of the participations during the competitions of the current session.”

Al Marri addressed the winners saying, “You are the ambassadors of excellence, and the Award should be a medal on your chest, and a start of success appreciation. You should be able to motivate your peers, not only at the level of UAE, but also at the regional and international levels, in order to share best practices, which is a valuable addition to the educational process in the UAE.”

She finally added: I invite those who are looking for excellence and development to apply to the Award. You must have positive energy and strive to reach the honoring podium, by competing with innovative projects and ideas that promote educational excellence, keeping in mind that students are the goal of every achievement.

Rewarding Prizes

Juma Khalfan Al Kindi, Director of Fujairah Educational Zone (FEZ) said: “Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has topped the list of educational awards that welcome competitors who wish to have a distinctive place in the educational community in the country. It is the award that occupies a unique position in the education field locally, in the Gulf States, in the Arab World, and internationally.”

He then added: “The news of winning the Award is a rewarding prize in itself, because of its leading role in supporting and highlighting the best practices and outstanding efforts by teachers and administrative bodies in the field of education. This all is thanks to the efforts of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and his care and determination to cover all educational areas depending on the competition and innovation. The success and achievements of this Award is the most obvious evidence of his dedication in serving the country in the most vital field.”

Al Kindi pointed out that the participation of Fujairah Educational Zone in the 19th session is an important step, where FEZ has participated and won in the usual



Juma Khalfan Al Kindi

and new categories, and that they are hoping to increase the number of participants and winning a greater number of prizes.

He continued, “We here, on behalf of all workers and educators, congratulate His Highness, and all the winners of this session, wishing them more success and excellence in their lives. I invite all those who have not been fortunate enough to win in this session, to continue with their effort, and participate in the coming sessions. I also invite all groups in the educational sector to enter this vital field, and participate in this educational award that seeks to spread the culture of excellence.”

He thanked His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the patron of the Award for his continuous support to the distinguished and those who wish to excellence and creativity. He also thanked secretariat of the Award, those who work on it, and to all the workers in the educational area, from the Award’s coordinators to the arbitration team.

“We would not have achieved success and excellence without the concerted efforts, and willingness to sacrifice time and effort, because these are the most important factors in achieving dreams even if they are distant or impossible.”

Activity & Vitality

Rashid Al Abdooli, Coordinator of the Award in Abu Dhabi Education Council said, “The Award announces today the end of the current session, and the beginning of the 20th journey of excellence. With this announcement, energies are regenerated with the taste of excellence and creativities, to spread happiness and optimism in a society that was raised on values and principles of tolerance and positivity.”

He added that language and mind are incapable of estimating the tremendous efforts made by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum in the service of education, whether inside or outside the country. How many students graduated from the schools sponsored by His Highness?

He added that the UAE is experiencing a unique educational leap that requires a competitive environment aimed at gathering distinguished ideas and choosing among them, and here comes the role of educational awards, which in turn highlight the best of them all.

He pointed out that the office of educational awards in Abu Dhabi was keen to provide the largest number of participations for this year, due to the courses offered by the Abu Dhabi Award Office, which focused on the student and teacher categories. Some members of the Award also attended the training workshops organized by the Award, especially in new categories that were introduced this year.

“I would like to commend the continuous development that the Award is witnessing, especially transferring some categories to the electronic form, which made it much easier for applicants on one hand, and the arbitration team on the other.”



Rashid Al Abdooli



Questionnaire

Al Abdooli congratulated those who won and received the honor to stand on the podium alongside the patron of the Award. He also thanked those who did not have the chance to win this session, hoping that they apply next year with a stronger determination and more distinctive initiatives.

Enhancing Values

Jamila Salem Al Dhaheeri, Senior Extra-curricular Activities Coordinator, General Coordinator of Educational Awards at Al Dhafra Teaching Office, ADEC said, "Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance seeks to promote the educational process by encouraging and honoring the distinguished individuals of the educational process, supporting educational programs and projects that promote the values and trends of modern education, and create a distinctive and attractive educational environment. The Award was able to establish a culture of excellence in the field of education, and created an intellectual climate ideal for all elements of the educational system towards openness to the science of quality, creativity, and excellence, which enhanced the chances of improving the level of education and pushing it to achieve its goals and objectives."

She pointed out that the contributions of His Highness, the patron of the Award, has become a method of innovation in the field of education and scientific re-

The UAE cultural community witnesses a movement that competes with itself and seeks to develop its own tools and programs



search, which depends on the continuous discovery of strengths in the various components of the educational system. Through this approach, we can provide care and support of the talented among students, teachers, and administrators, in addition to ability to launch researchers' potentials through competitive opportunities that allow them to display their creations, through which they can keep up with supporting economy, achieving progress, prosperity and competitive abilities.

These contributions have been a great incentive to highlight the energies and creations, they are also considered a starting point for investing outstanding capabilities, and it will undoubtedly be a great complement to scientific and professional progress, and will contribute to the success of educational institutions.

Al Dhaheri pointed out that the UAE's cultural community is witnessing a movement that competes with itself and seeks to develop its own tools and programs, in order to transform its creative ideas into realities. This is why such awards are important in the UAE. Because a culture that incubates science is, in the mind of the wise leadership, the ideal strategic choice for the establishment of new generations capable of creating a safer, more stable and creative future that combines and balances the requirements of modernity and heritage, and does not take into account traditional concepts that are unproductive.

She pointed out that the educational awards are always aimed at promoting and spreading a culture of excellence in the field of education, through its various aspects, and urging researchers and educational practitioners to carry out research and educational studies in order to enrich educational programs and projects and create an attractive and unique educational environment.

Al Dhaheri said that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance receives specially interest from students and teachers in Dhafra Education Office, because they are always interested in participating in all categories. The current session has witnessed a great turnout from the Office, despite the difficulty of competition and the distinction of contestants applying for the Award. The Office's participation in this year's session came in line with the Year of Giving, and presented many outstanding projects in a framework full of creative competition. This Award is a focal point that contributes effectively to the achievement of quality among the elements of educational work by providing a comprehensive incentive to achieve excellence.

She finally expressed the most sincere thanks and gratitude to all workers in the educational sector of all levels, and the wise leadership, for the high level of attention and priority given to education. She also congratulated all the winners of the current session, which witnessed great competition, and hoped more projects in the coming years in the framework of creative competition, in order to achieve development sought by those responsible for education and scientific research, and to reassure us once again that education is the key to human development and an effective means of elevating humanity.

Each award is future story that opens the way for education community to share success



Questionnaire



Methodology

Nadia Al Sayed, the Award Coordinator in Sharjah Educational Zone (SEZ) said, "Hamdan bin Rashid Award is one of the most important pillars for spreading the culture of excellence in the field of education. Since its inception, it has developed a map and methodology for spreading a culture of excellence in the field. The Award aspires to improve performance mechanisms for the sake of working in a sound manner, to promote the spirit of competition among candidates, and to spread the culture of excellence, quality and transparency and make them key components in the educational environment."

"The interest given to the Award by its patron, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and the officials in the administration of the Award has the greatest impact on encouraging those who wish to participate towards excellence and creativity in order to promote and improve the educational process. This is obvious by the care paid to the new categories developed in the current session (the category of Distinguished Educator, and Distinguished Educational Administration), to keep pace with the requirements of change and development."

The variety of awards creates challenging environment enhancing growth and economy through creative ideas

She added, “We are not supposed to forget the role of educational awards in spreading enthusiasm and competition in the field of education. It is a positive phenomenon that solidify the principle of reward and plays a role in motivating participants and improving their performance. The number of awards in the UAE has created an atmosphere of enthusiasm in the educational field, encouraging all the players in the field to compete for the podium.”

As for the number of participants in the last session, she stated that the competitions in at the SEZ level amounted to 101 participants, up by 4% from the previous session, and distributed among the various categories of the Award, with lack of some categories to participate such as (Innovation and Highly Distinguished Teacher), hoping to have participations.

She concluded by saying, “Heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of this session, and hard luck to those who did not win.”

First Prize

Maryam Saqr Al Samahi, the Award Coordinator in Fujairah Educational Zone (FEZ) said, “After the recent amendments and developments conducted by the Secretariat of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, that were announced at its 19th session for some categories, as well as introducing new categories that serve workers in the field of education, especially after the emergence of new functions that did not exist in the UAE before, the Award has become at the top of competition pyramid for excellence and educational creativity in the field of education. The Award provided the opportunity for a large scope of educational segments to compete, and was able to include all categories and areas that educators can participate in.”

Al Samahi explained: “Hamdan bin Rashid Award is a prestigious award that was able to reach international educational levels, after spreading in the Arab World and Gulf States, as it established its rules and adopted a pioneering approach to found its basis in this field. Although Hamdan Award has the same conditions as other educational and leadership awards in the Arab World, it was able to have its uniqueness by becoming the desired destination for honest competition and an important factor for success and progress.”

She then added, “the participation of FEZ in the current session was distinct despite the decline in the number of participants, and we still hope that we participate in all categories provided by the Award in the future, as the administration of FEZ and supervisors worked very hard in coordination and commissions of arbitration in order to step on the ladder of excellence.” Al Samahi concluded: “On this happy occasion, I am delighted to pay tribute to this Award and its excellence through its tremendous and continuous journey, thanks to the leadership and patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, and congratulate all educational institutions and individuals who won, hoping that they provide support of their community, and other individuals who seek excellence as well.”

The UAE is experiencing a unique educational leap that requires competitive environment

