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Introduction



Excellence Reaping

* In the reaping of its 14th session, 182 distinguished were rewarded by Hamdan award. They clinched the excellence they aptly deserved by the inferences of their dignified participations which reflected the generosity of professional awarding, discipline of work and high quality of performance. This reward is ornamented by the celebration of nominating Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak (Mother of Nation) as the Distinguished Personality of the Year; this nomination increases the elegance of honoring and the value of the work of the award, as Her Highness is one of the prominent women that excelled in educational, cultural and professional extended practice, leading the Emirati and Arab women's contemporary renaissance.

* Education is community business, and educational institutions will not be able to fulfill their function, obligations and objectives unless they find real support from the community. Academic and educational process constitutes complex system of inter-relationships; while alternation of roles is conducted within wide philosophical scope where visions, ideas, ways and means vary to be integrated in the balanced methodology that performs education function. Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance is proud to be one of the supporting institutions of education. Out of its specialization and mission in making and measuring academic excellence, the award is well aware of the strong points and the importance of community support for education. All schools that achieved excellence over the 14 cycles of the award had met the standard of interaction with the local community and the standard of management of resources and projects. These schools were characterized by the close association with the surrounding around and received support from some institutions or individuals. This support certainly would not be received without the pursuit of schools' administrations, along with the faith and conviction of these institutions of their obligation towards education. This is the logical relationship that we hope to prevail between the two parties (the pursuit of one and the response from the other). It is a combination that requires creating and disseminating an advanced administrative culture that rectifies some of the concepts that we believe to be lying behind the culture of recession and surrender to the reality.

* Congratulations to all distinguished winners... Wishing to meet again at the fifteenth cycle.

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التفويض :
Sheikha Fatima in an exclusive interview with the
**Education process, led by Khalifa
and Mohammed bin Rashid, witnessing
qualitative changes**

Interview by: Zahir Hussain

Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, the Head of the General Women's Union, Chairperson of the Family Development Foundation, Chairperson of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood (Mother Of Nation), and Distinguished Personality of the Year" asserted that, under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the State, along with the efforts of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, the march of education has witnessed qualitative and quantitative changes both at the level of development and the increase in the number of schools, teachers and students.

Performance of
Sheikh Zayed vision
that "citizen always
comes first and
as main goal and
major spring" is
the greatest award I
receive

Women achieved
the aspirations of
the UAE





Her Highness, in an exclusive interview with «Attamauz News» magazine appreciated efforts of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, Patron of the award; these efforts which were invested by the people of the United Arab Emirates in their good work and production.

“Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has presented over 14 years a scientific approach towards the development of academic and educational process out of the belief of His Highness in the importance of education and knowledge role as an effective tool in the progress of economic and social development”, cited Her Highness.

Her Highness stated that the performance of vision of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah rest His soul in peace, that “the citizen always comes first as a main goal and major spring” is the greatest award Her Highness receives. Moreover, Her Highness mentioned that women have achieved the aspirations of the UAE; and that they have aptly proved their competence to hold leadership positions.

Text of the interview:

Your Highness have realized the importance of knowledge, and lived with the first moments of construction of the United Arab Emirates, with the company of the founder and builder of UAE renaissance, the late His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, how do Your Highness see the education process and the achievements made over the march of the auspicious Union?

Since foundation, United Arab Emirates has shown great interest in education. Education experienced great development in the era of the late founder of UAE, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah be merciful to him. This development is still continuous under the auspices and interest of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of State, may Allah protect him.

Academic and educational process witnessed qualitative and quantitative changes both at the level of development or the increase in the number of schools, teachers and students by virtue of the prudent leadership, that considers human development as the basic objective in the development strategies, and that education is the outcome of activation of these strategies. For many years, Federal and Local Governments have allocated great and increasing budgets in order to support education. Thus, we, in the UAE, are proud of all what has been achieved and what still being achieved as a result of the auspices of the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the State, and the efforts of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and the follow up their Highnesses Rulers of the Emirates. These achievements have been enhanced by the presence of increasing and successive numbers of graduates who have become a key tributary for supporting the economic and social development.

We appreciate Hamdan bin Rashid efforts that were invested by the people of the UAE in their good work and production

Hamdan Award presented scientific approach towards the development of academic process

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The wise leadership harness all the potential to make people of the UAE achieve development objectives

Community institutions advance the development and the raise of the UAE rank

Principal Partner

Education is the basis of building societies, and as a result of Your Highness's favor, Emirati women have got the chance of education equally as men. Because of that, women have become a source of many national achievements and have acquired their role in teaching generations. From the viewpoint of Your Highness, how far is women's actual participation with men in the formation of the future of society?

Government of the United Arab Emirates was keen to give prominent attention to women, allowing them to become major and principal partners in the march of the evolution and development of society. Women are now actually found in various fields in accordance with the development ideology pursued by the UAE with the aim of achieving sustainable human development.

UAE also tried to integrate the concept of gender equality and to promote women's position within the comprehensive development programs in the country. Women's issues have got great political and material interest and support at the highest official and civil levels- seven national mechanisms were allocated for the execution of strategies aimed at improving the status of women and children. In addition, the UAE has topped of Arab States in gender equality index issued by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

I am confident that the women were able to utilize all the available opportunities both at the level of general education and higher education, which contributed to making them gain advanced status in the labor market and decision-making centers; women are now working in all sectors.

We have worked for women, who in turn, reflected this concern and action, and proved their merit and capability in the utilization of education and training. They succeeded in changing a lot of social concepts, proving to the world their ability, success and excellence in work and participation at all levels.

Human Development

By virtue of the interest and support of Your Highness, nowadays women are holding the highest positions which were confined to men such as membership of the Federal National Council and Ministries, has Her Highness Sheikha Fatima satisfied Her aspirations in the field of women's empowerment?

In the first place, I must thank Allah who gifted us our wise leadership, which has spared no effort to harness all the potential to make people of the UAE achieve development objectives. I believe that women have achieved the aspirations of the UAE; because we basically adopted the approach of human development and providing women with all their rights in education, culture and participation in political life. Women are part of this development, which all of us have struggled to achieve. I think that women have aptly proved their competence, whether in the membership of the Federal National Council, the Cabinet or in all other institutions.



We adopt the approach of human development and providing women with all their rights

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Conservation of Family

The Issues of women, childhood and family acquired special attention by Your Highness, Your Highness's support has exceeded the borders of the United Arab Emirates to the Arab and Islamic nations, how does Her Highness Sheikha Fatima foresight to the future of the Arab family in accordance with the cultural and social current facts?

The Arab family is facing many economic, social and cultural challenges and difficulties; and I attach great hopes and expectations that women are going to defeat these challenges. Educating and empowering women along with improving their capabilities and skills represent the corner stone in the development, protection in addition to supporting for security and stability of the family.

We all need to consolidate our work, and to exert a lot of efforts for the sake of conservation of the family. Families are the basic foundation of society, if they are good the whole society will be good. Thus I am sure that the woman who teaches and takes care of her children can utilize all the opportunities and the actual facts in order to strengthen her family's immunity to be able to overcome the challenges with determination and steadiness. As that, I assume that the future

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Educational institutions adopt an effective policy to bring about the permanent development

Educational institutions are very effective in advancing the development and the raise of the UAE rank

We are keen that citizen comes first as a main goal and major spring

of the Arab family will be safe and encouraging to the preparation of promising generations that will be the supporters of the development process.

Uninterrupted Noble Deeds

Your Highness conferred to establish and sponsor of the first women's association in the UAE, to establish a General Women's Union, and adopted many high quality initiatives and projects aimed at educating women, and raising society's awareness of their status and role, How do Your Highness see the role of society institutions, especially academic and media entities in the service of this target?

With the establishment of State of the Union, and since the foundation of these academic and media institutions and other service-providing institutions that have their continual positive role in the course of development march, with great efforts have emerged from the reality of development strategies developed by the Federal Government; since then we notice that these institutions play an effective role in the performance of the mission and vision of the government for the sake of upholding the people of the UAE. These institutions adopt an effective policy to bring about the permanent development. They develop action plans that are compatible with the needs and developments in each stage, not forgetting that they enhance their role by means of appointing the appropriate people, men or women, in the position of responsibility and leadership for the implementation of these strategies, plans and programs.

That is why these institutions are deemed to be integrated in the provision of services for citizens; they are also very effective in advancing the development and the raise of the UAE rank among nations.

Mission Performance

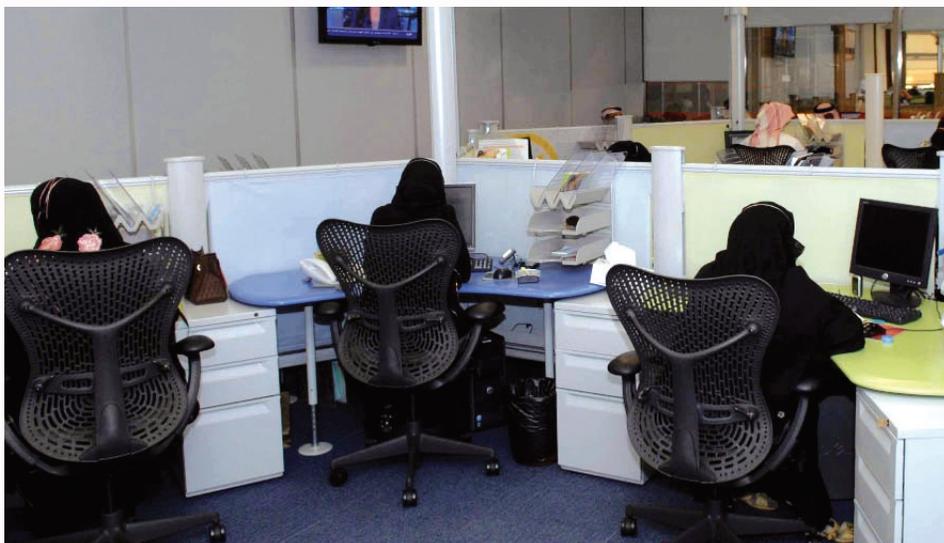
Well-deserved for it, a lot of local, regional and international organizations and agencies competed to honor Your Highness on many occasions, what does this appreciation mean to Your Highness?

No matter how great prizes and awards, our major concern is that every citizen gets all the opportunities offered by the prudent leadership within the framework of strategies of comprehensive development, and to keep faithful our covenant with the march of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah rest His soul in peace, that the citizen always "comes first as a main goal and major spring".

Our performance for this vision is the greatest award I receive ... May Allah bless the UAE and citizens of the UAE.

Constructive Efforts

On the other hand, Your Highness personally sponsored, and launched several awards and prizes; as well, the UAE has become a concourse for many awards- some of them elevated to international standards, including the award Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum



Presided by Khalifa, UAE is keen to occupy the eminent scientific and global status by the hands Emiratis

Educational institutions take the responsibility to prepare tomorrow men and women

Once our development is based on distinguished education, we achieve sustainable development

Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, which is specialized in targeting improvement and excellence of education, how would (Mother of the Nation) rate Hamdan Award after 14 years of its launch?

At the beginning, I would like to appreciate His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance and Patron of the Award, in return of his most valuable efforts that lasted for decades, these efforts which were utilized by the people of the UAE in their good efforts, work and production.

The award comes as modest part of His Highness's constructive and supportive efforts in the process human development in the UAE. There is no doubt that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has presented over 14 years a scientific approach towards the development of academic and educational process out of the belief of His Highness in the importance of education and knowledge role as an effective tool in the progress of economic and social development, especially as this award has included new groups of distinguished people in the educational and academic system in each cycle.

This renovation and development of Hamdan Award was also accompanied by the expansion of status and scope on the international level. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Inter-

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national Prize, which was announced in cooperation with UNESCO in 2009 under the name 'UNESCO-Hamdan Bin Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers' is the best evidence of the deep development thought by which this award was founded, in addition to the dimension that is devoted towards quality and modernization. His Highness motivates individuals and institutions in the education system to contest in order to attain the desired excellence promoting the academic work to the best level.

Global Status

the United Arab Emirates has witnessed innovative initiatives in various aspects of life; these initiatives have affected the economic, social and cultural life of the people of UAE. Moreover, This country has made many achievements in various spheres all over the world. What is the future vision of Your Highness in relation to education in the State as education is the basis of sustainable development in light of the growing interest of the political leadership?

I emphasize once again that the keenness of the wise leadership presided by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan (may Allah protect him) that the UAE shall occupy the eminent scientific and global status that we deserve among countries of the world, by the hands



Emiratis, women and men. This keenness is reflected in paying the greatest attention to education and acquiring knowledge and technology, and developing strategies and action plans in support of achieving this interest in the educational process.

In this sense, the institutions of general education along with the institutions of higher education and scientific research have the responsibility to pursue to create and prepare tomorrow men and women who will be able to take the responsibilities in the society of the future.

I believe that this is our gateway to achieve the future vision of advanced education and scientific research. Once our policy of development is based on distinguished educational and academic system, plans of improvement of scientific research, and progress in the course of localization of technology; then, certainly, we will accomplish our vision, in which I see the right and best route in order to achieve real gains and sustainable development.

Finally, “Attamauz News” editorial express their sincerest thanks and the deepest gratitude to Your Highness for granting us this exclusive honor, and for providing us with the chance to be acquainted with Your Highness’s vision about the process of sustainable development in UAE. May Allah grant Your Highness long fruitful life to remain the supporter of the nation.

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Education and teaching officials in Saudi Arabia for «Attamauz News»:

Hamdan Award has provided a great service for education and its family

Dubai . (Dareen Mahmood):

Education and teaching officials in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia stated that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance gave a large great service for education and its family, through His Highness' award for distinguished educational performance, and that HH is one of the forerunners and symbols of global educational movement.





They added to «Attamauz News» magazine on the occasion of the end of the fourteenth session of the Award: «The award criteria play a major role in refining and improving many of the practices within the field of education to the learner, the teacher and the educational environment», pointing out that the award has created a fair competition between education and teaching employees through training and high professionalism in performance, and attempting to search for the global science and knowledge for elevating the field of education, and utilizing them for male and female teachers excellence in performing their educational and teaching message.

Hamad Bin Mansour Al-Omran, Director General of Education in Hail District, asserted that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance contributed to the dissemination of excellence doctrine among all groups (school, teacher, student), for the criteria of its are the best proof and reference for excellence seekers, because it acquainted them with the importance of planning, monitoring, evaluating and documenting all works, and also it acquainted them with the importance of renovation and development, and spread the spirit of fair competition between male and female employees of education in all school districts of the Gulf States in order to obtain excellence, and so improving the educational process will be to the highest levels in the Arab world.

Al-Omran said: «H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance gave a great service for education and its family that is encouraging staff working in the field of education, and elevating educational development on the level of the UAE and he even exceeded to the level of the other Arab countries, these contributions encouraged teachers and learners to innovate, follow up, and consolidate the values of creativity and excellence».

He added: «excellence and quality are the true future of education and therefore it is necessary to find awards similar to Sheikh Hamdan Award in all Arab countries, to be the incentive for presenting distinguished advanced education for the sons and daughters of the Arab homeland».

He noted that the Kingdom has participated in the award in many occasions, and in all groups, and it is competing for taking part and getting the valuable award, and the evidence of this competition is that two schools in the Saudi Hail district received for two consecutive years the Distinguished School Award.

He congratulated the award winners, and blessed them their win and excellence, wishing them further progress, success and leadership in their fields, calling for workers in the educational field to attend and participate in the award in the coming years, because it is one of the awards that motivate upgrading the educational and teaching process, and contribute to the educational renaissance of the Arab homeland.

The Doctrine of Excellence Seeking

Jalloway Al Kirkman, Director General of Education in Asir Region said: «Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has contributed significantly to spreading the doctrine of seeking excellence in the performance of the educational work, and has created a fair competition between the employees of education through training and high professionalism in performance, and attempting to search for the global science and knowledge for elevating the field of education, and utilizing them for male and female teachers excellence in performing their educational and teaching message.

He added «The contributions of His Highness the patron of the award have received importance of a global nature, for advancing education to the better, upgrading the educational process, and increasing educational communication and exchange of experience between sons and daughters of the Gulf».



Hamad Al-Omran

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 Hamdan bin
 Rashid one of
 the pioneers
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Salem Al Dossary

He pointed out that the availability of incentives and motivations forms an influencing factor in self-development, and the pursuit of all that is new and changing. Reward and punishment are both incentives for change and development, and seeking to prove attendance in society, and distinguished partnership in delivering the message and achieving the institutional vision.

Al Kirkman stated that in line with the rapid development the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia witnesses in the field of education, and what the project of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz aims at a project of development which contributed significantly to the excellence of the Saudi participation at the level of all categories: Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished School, Distinguished Student, where there is clear contrast between previous years' participation and the works of the current session and the coming is better.

Al Kirkman asserted that reaching the top is easy, but maintaining it is a difficult equation needs to adapt and develop the self, for the world today has become a small screen, and development is rapid in all aspects and respects, and science is witnessing rapid change in parallel with the hands of technology and new discoveries, and rushing technology is not regulated but by science, and escorting it with science and knowledge.

He called for self-development, and disseminating the idea of education, so that benefit will prevail and science will be of use, urging everyone to look for every science that provides global competitiveness in all areas.

Refining and improving practices

Salem bin Mohammed Al Dossary, Director of Education in Al-Qaryat said: «The accurate criteria of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award have a major role in refining and improving many of the practices within the field of education to the learner, the teacher and the learning environment, which are the three categories of the award (Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished School and Distinguished Student) in which the public schools of Gulf take part. When establishing these criteria to the previous parties, and working diligently to accomplish them on the highest degree of quality, this will reflect positively on the level of the work presented in the field, and contribute significantly to the positive change we are looking for in accordance with the words of the Messenger of God peace be upon him: « God loves that if one of you does something, he does it well ».

Al-Dossary also asserted that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance is one of the pioneers and the symbols of the global movement of education, and the contributions of His Highness are very many in this field which builds the Man who is the real wealth of his country and his nation, and the program of cultural pluralism and academic qualification and leadership skills that is held in Al Maktoum School for Arabic and Islamic Studies in Dundee, Scotland is the best example for building Man, and this reflects the extent of His Highness' interest in educating women « nuclei of society», and qualifying them academically and cognitively.

He pointed out that the awards of excellence contribute to creating an atmosphere of competition among the innovators of our world, and they present them and honor them, and make them an example in their communities, because the distinguished is the one who can adapt to the educational changes, and diligently employ them for the interest of national development, and excellence in educational performance creates a distinguished community, which is the pursuit of those who bore the responsibility of the renaissance of the Arab nation and its return to lead, and going out from the local to regional makes the competition even stronger, which results by the grace of God in distinguished of high perfection and ex-



cellence, as is the case in the Award of Excellence which both the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom and Hamdan Bin Rashid Award for Distinguished Educational Performance provide .

Al-Dossary also mentioned that the Ministry of Education in Saudi Arabia live its paramount prosperity through the plans and programs for improving education adopted by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, God bless Him, for He financed them with the highest budgets, and provided them with the finest leadership competencies, so the result was that the students and teachers of the Kingdom won from the first to the fourth ranking, and schools won the first three rankings, and this achievement reflects the extent of ministry's interest in Hamdan Bin Rashid Award, and its importance and prestigious status in the educational field, and the extent of development education in the Kingdom witnesses in all aspects.

Al-Dossary said: «Winning the award is the beginning of the way for the winners to be the geniuses of this nation who will illuminate the way for those following them through their service to their homeland and nation, and we are looking forward to their contributions and the difference they will make in the ways of shift towards the society of knowledge».

And he addressed those who wish to participate in the award in the coming years, and said: «We are giving you our hand to overcome all difficulties to attain excellence whose dowry is perseverance and dedication in the untraditional work, for the true distinguished overcomes circumstances and obstacles no matter how big by the innovation that is in him».

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Dr. Mohammed Al-Sudairy

Society and education outputs

Dr. Mohammed bin Abdul Aziz Al-Sudairy Assistant Director-General of Education in Riyadh region said: «Countries are racing to pay attention to education, and are keen to support it financially and morally, because the constitution of society is the product of its outputs, so everyone seeks distinguishing these outputs, and the efforts of the community combine for elevating and improving education. Therefore, Excellence Awards in their various aspects were an effective and prominent tool in the momentum of this educational movement». He added: «Educational Awards made the Arab communities mobilize to challenge themselves in order to reach excellence, not for itself but to be pioneers in the field of education in the Arab homeland, and Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance shortened a lot of distances in educational communities, so that it had a leading role in spreading the doctrine of excellence and drawing the road map towards it».

Al-Sudairy referred to the continuous contributions of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, which play a prominent role in developing education at the local and global levels, and elevating it and raising spirits for it, so he was a material and moral support, and therefore he received numerous international awards, and was selected in a number of government and private organizations as the best personality for several years in several areas including education.

Al-Sudairy congratulated the award winners for their blessed efforts that brought them to excellence, and showed the fruit of their works, and to make this award an incentive to them to provide more tender and development, and there is still chance for everybody to compete for the award in the coming years, since the potential is there and the human resources have the ability to provide the best.



Jamal al-Fayez

Excellence and leadership

Jamal bin Musa al-Fayez the coordinator of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance in Saudi Arabia (males) asserted that: « the award seeks to deliver our education and its staff to excellence and leadership, to take pride in our educational output on the level of our Arabian Gulf, it also bears educational responsibility, and tries to adopt the issues of education in word and deed, to get to the highest standards of excellence that are practiced, and brought about a qualitative shift in addition to its methodological and scientific standards which confirm the requirement of knowledge richness, and how to convert tender to providing services, and highlighting the impact of this science on others». Al-Fayez further added: «H.H. the patron of the award recognized the importance of strengthening and improving the educational work in all its elements, so he adopted the global vision of sustainability of education, to get to the society of knowledge that the decision-makers in education seek, and H.H. realized that the investment in building Man and his knowledge and keeping up with all international developments, and enabling our educational community to master them is the purpose and indefatigable pursuit of H.H. ».

He pointed out that educating the efficient and distinguished leaders of the future is a big responsibility, and to do the job well, we should look beyond the world which passes before us, and have a look at the untouched future world, as we have to abandon obsolete approaches, that date back to ancient days, and to implant in the elements of the educational process (Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished School and Distinguished Student) instead of this 3 things that characterize modern learning, they are the spirit of anticipation, adaptation, and adventure, and this will happen in its best form in serious and focused learning environments on the one hand, which are at the same time enjoyable places forming a source of inspiration, and operate in accordance with the latest that education science and knowledge have reached, and creating such environments would be the main task of the leaders of educational work.



He also mentioned that the schools distinguished in the quality of performance receive good reputation, for their tiring efforts, hard work and distinct benevolence in which the spirit of joint teamwork prevails, and it is characterized by competence and effectiveness in all administrative and educational aspects with distinct performance, and it is a true work free of defects and errors, and rises to the level of the expectations and desires of clients (the recipients of services provided by the school), the renewable in tender, the committed to the standards and indicators of the quality of performance, and the calling for the achievement of the core of quality as the basis of excellence, which requires a change in educational teaching thought. Al- Fayeze said: «The award in this session was received by a group carved its magnificent inscriptions in previous years in a way that suggests that the next is better and more beautiful, and they are role models in the field of their work, congratulations to them for what they presented, and for their colleagues, their administration and their homeland, and congratulations for all of us in this wonderful team of our educational output. And that in rewarding them we know we will not reach to meet what they did, and our consolation is that they do not ask from us or from others to appreciate their efforts, for their pursuit is superior to that which is satisfying their Lord, achieving the service of their country and community in which they work and live. Al-Fayeze addressed the work leaders from the educators, managers, and directors and he said: «Your colleagues and students have the right that you to express your thanks to them, and to motivate them and those who see and work with them by presenting them as role models, and perhaps we will see in the next session a competition that matches the outstanding efforts exerted, that will prompt our schools, teachers, and students to compete in what we love, because they follow those who initiate upbringing and educating them.

He also congratulated the administrators of the winning schools on the talents of leadership they have, and that made the school going with the management system and in the spirit of responsibility, and congratulated the winning teachers who made of their distinctiveness the beacons of goodness and a light for their students, and he proceeded to congratulate the winning students, and said: «You have drawn a clear path for your life, and contributed with your teachers in the adoption of societal issues, and were keen to build yourselves, and you have achieved excellence over your peers, and put a mark in your scientific and practical life, we are proud of you as bright models of our educational output ».

And he concluded: «I do not forget the people of virtue and the bridges extending in good, tender and care, the unknown soldiers from the leaders of work in the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia starting with His Highness the Minister of Education and his deputy, his two deputies for boys and girls affairs, Secretaries of the ministry, especially for education , general manager of student activity, managers of education, members of the central and regional panels, and the coordinators of the award in all departments of education, and especially those who contributed to spreading the doctrine of excellence in the field of education, Thanks and appreciation for all for giving, benevolence, advice and guidance ».

Distinct Award

Fatima Saeed Laheq, Assistant for Educational Affairs in Asir region said: «we have always dreamed that the employees of Asir region would win Hamdan Award, why not, and it of the distinct awards whose winner will feel that he has gained the fruit of his effort rightfully, and that its importance lies in the interest of His Highness the patron, for his belief in the importance of education, which measures the states, and his encouragement of scientific progress, innovation and self-development, until it became a key objective, and an event waited by the distinguished, congratulations for this elite for this outstanding award and congratulations to His Highness the patron of it for what he gave of interest, support and care to promote the doctrine of excellence in the education sector in the countries of the Arabian Gulf ».

Al-Sudairy:
Educational
Awards mobilized
Arab societies in
order to challenge
themselves
in pursuit of
excellence

Al-Fayeze: Hamdan
bin Rashid adopted
the global vision
of sustainability
of education to
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Abdullah Aldhirman

Aldhirman: the award made innovation and excellence as an institutional and individual framework for excellence seekers

A Unique Methodology

Abdullah bin Isa Aldhirman General Assistant of Education for Educational Affairs in the province of Al-Ihsaa said: « Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award presented through its high-quality standards a unique methodology for excellence, which complied with the needs of the field, and made creativity, excellence, learning and continuous improvement as an institutional and individual framework for each of the aspiring to enter the encyclopedia of excellence in the award, so the award had interacting echoes in the educational field, and the participation in the province of Al-Ihsaa became an indicator of evident growth, and this refers to a culture the award had bestowed on the field ».

He added: « His Highness' patronage for this award, and his great caring for it, and its entry every year to the track of development and improvement, and restricting it to the educational field at all levels, provide a significant support to the quality at the level of educational institutions or individuals, and this is an initiative that history will attest on what it presented of qualitative shift on the level of performance and trends ».

He also pointed out that what educational awards raise of enthusiasm and regional competition will make the participants from throughout the Arab homeland concentrate on the system of that award, the attempts of others the holders of excellence posts will become the meeting point which will join directions, and will draw codified steps for the homes of excellence and educational innovation, so the award dominated Arab homeland par excellence, and has become expected procession every year. Aldhirman said: «from the reality of analytical vision of the participation which competed on different categories and levels, we see it one of the great competitions, in which the potential judgment whether it is flourishing or not is feared, but we were assured in watching the final results; because of the extent of personal attention it has received from its people and the great support from those supervising it». He concluded: «We congratulate the privileged, and we ask them to faithfully deliver and serve science and spread the culture of the award in loyalty and loving for it and generosity to the homeland», revealing the administration's pledge to support and qualify all participants in future sessions.

Organized Integration

Haifaa bint Abdul Aziz al-Bashir, director of students' activity in Al-Ihsaa said: «The role of Hamdan Award has exceeded raising the level of educational performance to be a road map whose minute standards are followed by the innovators and the distinguished of the sons and daughters of the Kingdom including the students, and who teach them of male and female teachers, and who lead them of managers and directors, so the result of this orderly integration will be a distinct educational environment of all three groups and seek diligently to be a beacon that guide the rest of schools ».

She added: «The contributions of the patron of the award HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and its equivalents of awards are considered a national set off that reflects the responsibility of the citizen loving his people and his country, and the extension of this award from the UAE to countries of the Arabian Gulf made it a rich motivating and competitive resource that harvests annually categories of excellence, to be an educational, administrative and teaching reference and so consolidating all cities, provinces and villages of the Kingdom under the umbrella of excellence ».

She noted that the Arab homeland is rich with its children and lovers, and abounds always with the dedicated distinguished people who will leave the imprint that make their names symbols and by-words as soon as they get the chance, we say that not to correct a defect or to adjust imbalance, but to



make these awards a national right that the rightful distinguished deserve, all the contestants and winners of the award did not work for it, but they were originally distinct and honoring them and caring for them is the real incentive for excellence seekers.

She also congratulated the winners and their families and supervisors, and those who supported them to get to this award entitlement evidenced by all the standards that were observed accurately and objectively by the panel of the jury in the UAE, calling school principals to encourage their employees and students who have the signs of excellence to participate with confidence and determination backed by the sustained efforts of work teams.

A Competitive Atmosphere

Munira bint Mohammed Al-Rawsaa the coordinator of girls sector for Education Excellence Award said: «Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance has achieved leadership in excellence, and contributed to the rooting of creativity and granting the field of education the skill of thinking and documentation, and providing fair competitive atmosphere that elevates their capabilities, and provides broader opportunities for creativity and innovation, and encouraging educational practices, and stimulating the improvement and continuous development, and elevating it through the institutional work and the connection of all those concerned ».

She added: «The current era is characterized by fierce competition among the countries of the world in all products and services, and the uniqueness of the product and service became one of strategies that contribute to excellence, and achieve the goals of the institution, and excellence is considered one of the most important issues of interest to administrative leaders that seek to produce a product or offer a service that can compete, and the fact that change is an established fact in any educational work environment, the focus on the holistic view of quality and excellence became a prerequisite in the face of challenges and future changes ».

Al-Rawsaa pointed out that the existence of educational awards in the Arab homeland is evidence of the belief in the importance of the role of education to build a knowledge-based economy that contributes to reaching the position of advanced countries, and achieving future participation of young people in building a developed society in all areas of education.

She mentioned that the kingdom's precedence in the number of winners, and obtaining 11 awards which is ascribed to God, and then the generous patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz to accomplish sustainable development and improving the quality of output in all educational institutions, noting that in each new session the elite excels, and joins the group of the distinguished who have become part of educational and social movement upon which we rely to widen the circle of excellence, and motivate everyone to follow the same method.

Al-Rawsaa also congratulated the winners for this excellence, and said: «We believe their awareness that excellence and creativity do not stand at a border and do not end by winning the award, but they are incentive for more giving and granting and realizing the concept of distinguished institutional work».

And she called the distinguished to participate in the award, because it is a step on the way to excellence, and who is subject to its standards, he will discover himself the importance of its presence because it contributes to and supports his educational goals and message, and draws a road map towards professional growth excellence.

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Educators and academic officials to «Attamauz News»:
**Hamdan Award unleashes potential
and highlights the distinctive competencies
in the field**

Dubai . (Dareen Mahmood):

Educational and academic officials in Abu Dhabi Dubai, Sharjah and Fujairah asserted that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance constitutes a primary incentive for discovering talents, unleashing potential and highlighting the distinctive and creative competencies in the field of education. It created a positive competition in thought and academic and educational arena which seeks to reach the summit of excellence, creativity and innovation.

Multiplicity
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educators





They delivered statements to « Attamauz News » on the occasion of the end the award's 14th Cycle that what distinguishes it most is the utmost accuracy in adjudication of applicants' files, the persistence of providing precise notes about applications, and that, year after year, the award has been keen to develop its performance in line with the surrounding changes it at all levels.

They noted that the ideas, objectives and implications of educational awards have led to the dissemination of excellence culture among the segments of educational process by means of the adopted lucid and specific scientific criteria. These criteria have been followed as a reference by institutions and individuals alike in the state and Arab World.

His Excellency Dr. Mugheer Khamis Al Khaili, Director General of the Abu Dhabi Education Council has affirmed that the keenness the of Patron of the award H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, on the excellence of academic sector rather than other sectors springs from the H.H's belief of the importance of this sector in nation-building through the preparation of a generation that is capable of challenging obstacles that may be faced in the rapid modern style of life. «This concern did not halt at the local level; it included the Arab States and the world through UNESCO-Hamdan Award». He added.

Al Khaili expressed the deepest congratulations and blessings to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance on the great success of the award at its 14th cycle, which crowned the continued successes since the beginning of its inception until this year. It has been set out to cover each aspect of excellence among all elements of the educational process. He also thanked H. H. for the boundless contributions to this aspect, which had a prominent impact in creating success and excellence in the educational field in various scopes.

Al Khaili cited: «This concern of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid on the support of education through the award is pursuant to the insightful vision drawn up by H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, with the help of his brethren, members of the Supreme Council, Rulers of the Emirates».

Educational Awards

H.E. said that the UAE is proud of many educational awards, especially Khalifa Award for Education, Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, Sharjah Award for Excellence in Education, and many others. He added: « Multiplicity and popularity of awards in different parts of the State represent the wise leadership's awareness of the importance of supporting education and educators by all means possible. While the participation of the field in these awards indicates that they achieved their objectives ».

Al Khaili noted to the keenness of Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC) to activate the role of educators to participate in the awards by encouraging them to actively participate by their best; because the awards enrich the academic process. This, of course, will be reflected on students and will achieve the vision adopted by the ADEC ... 'Education First'.

«As a guarantee for the success of initial assessments associated with the award, ADEC was keen on providing the best conditions for the completion of the evaluation in an ideal form. It also provided trained competencies who were supervising the evaluation of the different categories, as well as implementation of many of the courses under the supervision of specialists in this field, which helped to create conditions for the provision of a large number of participations this year, especially in Abu Dhabi Office », stated Al Khaili.



Dr. Mugheer Khamis Al Khaili

Dr. Khaili:
“ADEC” is keen on activating the role of educators to participate in awards

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Aisha Al Khaja

**Ms. Aisha Saif:
 the radical
 development
 of education is
 national demand
 for sustainable
 development**

H. E. Al Khaili congratulated all the winners of the award, and blessed the efforts they have made over the past years, hoping that they utilize their win in their careers, and to be a good role model for their colleagues. Furthermore, he hoped that the students who were not lucky this year to do their best, to continue progress and to develop themselves to be on the stage of honor next year.

Excellence Culture

Her Excellency Aisha Saif Mohammed Al Khaja, Secretary General of the Sharjah Educational Council and Sharjah Award for Excellence in Education, asserted that ideas, objectives and implications of educational award have led to the dissemination of excellence culture among segments of the educational process by means of the adopted lucid and specific scientific criteria. These criteria have been followed as a reference by institutions and individuals alike both in the state and Arab World.

«The importance of educational awards lies in the rehabilitation of distinguished group of students and educators, the discovery of the areas of their creativity and abilities and introducing these to the field of education. These excellent categories have been utilized because we present them as the optimal model of excellence. We have not neglected the outstanding people; rather we have pursued to publish and benefit from their experiences in order to disseminate the desired welfare. Disseminating the culture of excellence among the educational field came by virtue of the educational awards. Thus families have paid more attention to their children and encouraged them to participate in the awards, and even they sought to improve their performance in order to improve the performance of their children to participate in the various awards». H.E. added.

« As I always say, we are lucky in the UAE that we live under the patronage of our prudent leadership. They are concerned with the human element, because they know with certainty that the development of nations comes through human development. Hence, we notice the interest of our leadership in education sector as the first station towards the developed route. So they launched many initiatives that supported and are still supporting education; we find educational award, improvement the school environment, raising the salaries of teacher and educators, and establishment of specialized schools. All of them are varied and unique initiatives, because our leadership is keen to achieve satisfaction and happiness for the members of society ». Al Khaja said.

H. E. added: «That UAE ranked first in the Arab world in the indicators of happiness is the best evidence and the supporting indicator that confirms the interest of our wise leadership in the human element; That is why our leaders are sparing no effort, time nor money in order to provide whatever likely to contribute to the development of community members. Moreover, our leadership attaches great importance to education out of firm belief that progress of nations is the outcome education as it pushes the wheel of development; our prudent leadership spends a lot on education, and launches pioneer initiatives to develop the academic field and to encourage it to continue education journey».

The development of education

Al Khaja noted that the radical development of education is part of the UAE vision and an absolute necessity for national sustainable development, stressing that the way towards a better future for the state starts from the school. So UAE believes that investment in human development is the most profitable investment, because the outputs of government education is the input to the public education, and the outputs of public education are the inputs to all organizations and entities of different sectors of the state. Thus the (Mohammed Bin Rashid Intelligent Learning Initiative) launched by



His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai on April 10, is the best evidence of the interest of our leadership in education and the provision of the latest information technology in the field of education to our children to keep pace with latest global developments.

Al Khaja expressed congratulations and blessings to the winners at this cycle, saying: «This winning is the beginning of the move towards excellence and creativity, because the train of excellence never stops at one station; rather, it continues to no end. Though access to the top and sitting on the throne of excellence is easy, the harder to maintain it, so I wish them to continue this beautiful journey, and to try to encourage their colleagues for the award, because it, with other awards at the state level, have allocated large budgets to the winners. And this is real support for the distinguished and creative ». «I am pleased to thank the administrative bodies and teaching staff, parents, students and all categories' winners», Al Khaja said noting that those who were not so lucky not to stop since access and participation in the award in itself is a form of excellence, because of the real evaluation by which the student knows what needs to be complemented in some aspects to achieve the optimum image. She also encouraged people willing to participate, advising them to review the forms more carefully and to begin self-assessment since these awards have become a link between people worldwide ».

Nominating «Mother of Nation» as the Distinguished Personality of the Year, honoring the right person

Her Excellency Aisha Saif Mohammed Al Khaja, Secretary General of the Sharjah Educational Council and Sharjah Award for Excellence in Education, asserted that that the nomination of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak (Mother of Nation) as the Distinguished Personality of the Year by Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance means to select and honor the right person. H.H. really deserves this honor; and honoring H.H. is an honor to all UAE. She was the basis of the progress of women in the UAE. H.H. was the greatest support of the girls and women in the UAE out of H.H's commitment to enable their rights in different areas. Mother of Nation stood side by side with the late His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may God rest his soul, in order to raise the UAE girls and women. She worked with Their Highnesses her sisters, spouses of

Their Highnesses Rulers of the Emirates to support women by urging women to be on the coronation stages, and to put their fingerprints on the world map in different areas. So as a result of the wisdom of Her Highness, women were able to enter all fields of work; and by this motivation and continual work, women in the UAE were able to occupy the highest positions, and then the UAE flag was raised in different countries around the world. This is the outcome of the unlimited support of Her Highness, may God protect her. Her Highness is still working to encourage and motivate women to be at the forefront of the world's women. She stimulates and prompts women to get out for education and work. H.H. worked with the father Zayed may Allah have mercy on him to make women assume the prestigious position in society. Congratulations to Her Highness with this honor and nomination.

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Mohammed Salem Al Dhaheri

**Al Dhaheri:
Hamdan Award
develops its
performance
in line with the
surrounding
changes**



Dr. Ahmed Eid Al Mansouri

Development of performance

H.E. Mohammed Salem Al Dhaheri, Executive Director of School Operations in Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC) asserted that Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance is continuously keen to improve its performance in line with the surrounding changes at all levels. In Nurturing the Gifted, Hamdan Award implemented many projects and programs to be a scoop in the region, as well as its great role in nominating the UAE to organize the 12th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness.

« Abu Dhabi Education Council would like to thank His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, and bless those efforts undertaken by H.H. in the development of education, and his keenness to progress the level of distinguished educational performance in various fields. We also congratulate the success of the award members in current cycle wishing for all more giving, prosperity and excellence in future cycles », said Al Dhaheri. He added: «The most important characteristic of the 14th cycle of the award is the accuracy in the adjudication applicants' files and the persistence of providing precise notes about applications, which helps giving the applicants considerable interest in future cycles to do their best and to increase their keenness to participate. The award administration was also keen on the development of application forms for this year so that it can be applied online through the award website. Moreover, most candidates applied online, which supports the vision of the future tendencies of the award that are inspired from the vision of the UAE government ».

He said that the ADEC is keen to develop the performance of employees in the educational field, and is trying hard by all means and methods available to develop all what is beneficial to the field of education, to keep pace with the current developments. ADEC has made a quantum leap in education unprecedented in the region. ADEC has experienced a lot of variables in recent years; the most notable of them is the new model of teaching, which is based on improving the quality of teaching, the school environment, and focus on bilingual education. It has also experienced the invention of a lot of new jobs which would help the field and provide it with the most important elements of excellence and quality, which constitutes a major challenge for the award that is struggling to add new standards for some categories of the award and to develop new categories that did not exist before by its academically and morally qualified support team.

H.E. mentioned that this change comes out of the noble vision drawn up by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and his brother, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Education Council in keeping up with every new technological and academic trend in the world, that will inevitably be the change that aspires everyone living on this dear country.

Excellence: the noblest goal

H.E. Dr. Ahmed Eid Al Mansouri, Director of Dubai Educational Zone stated: «Excellence is one of the highest goals desired and is an honor that has always been the key to everything that would lead to nobility, dignity and the sense of pride of achievement. According to this, we, in Dubai Educational Zone, have dedicated our efforts to support this sense, and to revive this feeling at all levels. We, God willing, are waiting for excellence year after year, maybe in all the days of the year, as we have long been wanted to be in the place of support, assistance and motivation to achieve such



beautiful words».

He added: «Over the past years, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, has drawn up an extraordinary approach and route to cross the bridge of excellence and innovation. H.H. has remained the best stimulator and greatest motivation towards these words which H.H. has long sought personally, to be kept as «Number 1». In this sense, and inspired by role model, we will continue to walk in the way of excellence and creativity that live in “Our Dubai” and “Our UAE” day and night. It is the inherited Emirati story that we will not go beyond ».

He pointed out that back to what Dubai Educational Zone, and Dubai Knowledge and Human Development (public and private schools) were able to get at the level of winning the lion share of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, it is with great pride, humility of reality and the magnitude of our ambition, to announce to the world that this victory is the timid beginning on the road to excellence that we seek in all that surrounds us, in homes, schools, and among managers and officials. We insist more than ever before to uphold this nice feeling to win and stick to «Number 1». It will be easy for us to achieve this ambition as the will leads our work.

Al Mansouri said: «We all know that the Dubai Educational Zone and Dubai Knowledge and Human Development have topped different quality awards with 41 awards in the Distinguished Student category. We topped in the number of participations at the state level with 88, the number of quali-

Dr. Ahmed Eid Al Mansouri:
Hamdan Award is the most prominent figure in spreading excellence culture and motivating educators



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fied candidates of Dubai Educational Zone and Dubai Knowledge and Human Development to the second phase of adjudication 57 including 49 in the Distinguished Student, and the total number of winners 45 winners out of 159 winners at the state level. The percentage of winners of total 88 participations was 51 percent ».

He added: «These great and confidence-providing figures come in a major great award; it is His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, which has always been the most prominent title of spreading the culture of excellence, and motivating educators in different positions in the academic field to learn from this great resource (Excellence). All that in fact was not to have been achieved to the extent and the importance that we see today without the presence and persistence of the patron, supporter and inspiration of the award His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and UAE Minister of Finance, who paid effort, time and money as a gift for his of student children and all the educational field, which is the first nucleus in advancing education and progress in the world. Congratulations to all of us this name, this father and this thought as well».

He concluded by saying: «According to this, and with this privilege that we live in the UAE, the cradle of excellence and innovation, we must stay motivated and put before our eyes the fact that excellence is not an occasion, but it is an approach and way of life; so we will not stint and will never stop. We will not be late in supporting any ambition rises to the ranks of excellence and innovation, especially those winners of the award, or who were not lucky this year, or those standing neutral; we are with all of you hand in hand to reach the «Number 1».



Awards Map

His Excellency Ahmed Salem Mubarak Al Mansouri, Director of Sharjah Educational Office said: «It is not unusual that Hamdan bin Rashid Award for Educational Excellence to have a special position on the map of awards in the state, because of the generous support and care it receives in various fields, and for the striking change in the culture prevailing in the field of education about the excellence and improvement of performance standard amounts to creativity and innovation, besides the raise the spirit of fair competition, not for victory but for the advancement of work up to the levels of advanced performance. This prompted Sharjah Educational Office of to set up a special unit for competitions and awards, and make it a major focus for the attraction and dissemination of excellence culture and criteria for the various awards ».

«The management of Sharjah Educational Office spurred the field of education to participate in the award different categories through multiple of programs, among them, an awareness and introductory campaign of the award and its terms, urging the field to participate, holding meetings and workshops for candidates of the award to explain the standards, how to deal with them through its file, training them on how to get their files in a credible and objective manner, organization and accuracy of guides, formation of sub-committees of specialists to follow up the files of candidates and provide feedback to them to improve their files and upgrade them, and interviews with applicants for the award and dialoguing about the application file content and how to deal with the central committees of the award in the initial application (personal interviews), and support of all kinds by the Office management for schools and candidates providing all the facilities required to participate and win ». He added.

He pointed out that the attention of the Office administration to participate in the award came out of the fact that it directly contribute to the disclosure of talented and creative people in the field of education, as well as in raising the achievement levels that we seek, which comes at the top of priorities of the Ministry of Education, which raised the participation of public schools and students to apply for all categories of the award.

He noted that all the winners were from the UAE and public schools in Sharjah Office, where we made bridges of communication with them and with their parents, which confirmed the result that we are proud of and we hope to increase it in future cycles, praising the efforts of the award officials and their seeking of the noble goals.

Model of educational quality

Her Excellency Sumaya Abdullah Hareb Al Suwaidi Director of Ras Al Khaimah Educational Award cited: « Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance represents a model for educational quality in the Arab World, reflecting an intellectual sublime pattern of the people in the UAE. It is the top of national bestowal in academic community service; so educators feel proud of the grandeur and sanctity of outstanding achievements that left their mark in the field of education and its performance ».

She added: «Hamdan Award raised determination in minds and ambitions, forming the picture that is considered the spring time of UAE through improving the performance of our students, teachers, and schools administrations by means of a set of excellent planned projects. In addition, the award carried out honest competition among the participants, which, along with documentation of educational activities, has had a positive impact in the methodology of work that forms an incentive to



Ahmed Salem Al Mansouri

Ahmed Salem Al Mansouri: The award changed the dominating notion in the field about excellence and improvement of performance



Sumaya Al Suwaidi

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Juma Khalfan Al Kindi

continue progress and innovation ».

She stated that excellence is a motive for abiding by the principle of quality, meaning the performance of jobs according to specifications contributing to the development and raising of work. Excellence has a significant role in providing planned training opportunities and in investment of cognitive and intellectual capabilities in order to maximize the opportunities to reach the goals and objectives.

She mentioned that Hamdan Award came at a time when there was no award in the field of education with codified conditions, standards and targets, not to mention competition and emulation. It made up integrated pedagogical principles to evaluate the educational process. Thus the field should pay duty of thanks and gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, Patron of the Award, because the award represents excellence of value system, targeting each academic institution as unit of development and educational quality bearing the responsibility of preparation of the generation and future leaders; it represents a global model for academic excellence for each citizen.

Awards strengthen determination

H.E. Juma Khalfan Al Kindi, Director of Fujairah Education Zone asserted that Hamdan bin Rashid Award for Educational Excellence is one of the educational awards that strengthens the determination, gives incentives to engage in the category of talented and creative, and provides with great motivation for its holder, or even who wants to participate and gain one of it. It gives them a sense of a strong need to follow up and continue the effort of outstanding giving. This is what we noticed in the award, it gives the winner a desire to move in the way of excellence, creativity and the continuance in innovation defiant and passing by all the obstacles to reach the summit at the end, to sparkle in the sky of excellence and bestowal.

« Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, occupies a prominent place in educational awards and in the academic arena locally, across the Gulf States, Arab World and even internationally. It became a spot of appreciation from the institutions and educational and cultural organizations, where it is getting brighter and more creative with each cycle. It became major motive of spotting the talent and unleashing the potential, and highlighting the distinctive and creative competencies in the field of education, creating positive competition in thought and education and academic arena which seeks to reach the summit of excellence, creativity and innovation ». Al Kindi cited.

He added: «This effect is created by the patron of the award H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, May God protect him, by launching, supporting and sponsorship of this award. The product came distinguished at the end of the current cycle to crown a set of distinguished winners of the various categories of the award. They were added to the list of successes of the award by virtue of the continuous efforts of His Highness the patron, which is proudly part of excellent giving of His Highness ».

Al Kindi mentioned that the participation of Fujairah Educational Zone in the fourteenth cycle is unique and diverse, where the zone participated for the first time in the categories of Distinguished Social Worker and Distinguished Family in addition to the Distinguished Teacher and the Distinguished Student. We were lucky by winning in the categories of Distinguished Family, Distinguished Teacher and the Distinguished Student.



Al Kindi: Hamdan Award created positive competition in thought and academic and educational arena

«We hope to increase our proportion of participation in all the various categories of the award by the concerted efforts of the people involved in the supervision and follow-up of educational events in our zone, who are sparing no effort in the service of talented and creative people». He said.

Al Kindi congratulated all the winners in this cycle and wished them further success and excellence in their lives, calling not so lucky in winning in this cycle to precede efforts, giving and participation to reach excellence.

Al Kindi invited all groups in the field of education to engage and participate in this academic award seeking to promote the culture of excellence and innovation. The winner in the previous cycles of the category of the teacher has the opportunity to participate in Best Applied Project or Best Scientific Innovation, or to aspire toward Highly Distinguished Teacher. We extend to them our hands with all that we can afford them of support and encouragement to reach the highest peaks of excellence and innovation.

Directorate of Fujairah Education Zone expresses highest thanks and appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, patron of the award for his ongoing support for the distinguished and wishing to excellence and innovation. Thanks to the secretariat of the award and all officials, and all workers in the Zone, whether coordination of the award or adjudication committees, because we could not achieve this success and excellence unless with team-work efforts and keenness of everyone to faithful work, and their willingness to sacrifice time and effort. This is the way they always are, for the sake of spreading the culture of excellence pursued by our beloved country to be one of the best countries in the world by the year 2021.

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The award coordinators in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait: **Hamdan's educational criteria initiated a quantum leap in the Gulf**

The coordinators of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait affirmed that the award has spread the concept of excellence in the educational system through the criteria it adopts and works on developing in accordance with the fundamentals of the educational process and needs of the society. They said to "Attamauz News" magazine on the end of the 14th cycle of the award: "it has initiated a quantum leap in the Gulf region" stressing that the existence of high criteria educational awards in the Arab World is necessary to shed light on individual efforts which need to be put in a framework in order to become models to follow and refer to.





Roukayah bint Abdullaziz bin Abdurahman Al- Moubarak the coordinator of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance in Saudi Arabia (for females), head of Awards and Guidance Activities Unit in the General Directorate for Supervising and Guidance in the ministry of education, said:” Hamdan Award over the years has participated in spreading the concept of excellence in the educational system through the criteria it adopts and works on developing in accordance with the fundamentals of the educational process and needs of the society. To participate in the award has become a passion among the different factions of the school community in Saudi Arabia- not only to win the award but also to know their position among the distinguished and preserve it. This has left a positive impact on the quality of their work and on improving the level of their performance in light of these high standard criteria”.

“The sponsor of the award his highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum is a man of wisdom and insight. He has considered nations investments should be in health and education, so he was a forerunner in these fields. He has established many educational centers, created awards, and was honored as a distinguished personality for his interest in health and education. Those blessed moves of his highness have worked towards consolidation of the concept of sustained human development. They have also elevated the output of the educational process”, she added.

She also said that the existence of high-standard criteria awards in the Arab World is necessary to shed light on individual efforts which need to be put in a framework in order to become models to follow and refer to. Awards remain the most suitable mean to bring the big works into being because a gifted person will always need someone who appreciate, scientifically evaluate and gives him/her the moral motive to go on. Awards have also participated in supporting the educational activity and consolidating competition between the distinguished ones.

“The doubling of the kingdom’s shares in its three categories and the launching of a number of training courses in the educational regions has resulted in a geographical diversity in the participations and a better understanding of the award criteria and the documentation mechanics between competitors. Thus how we witness male and female winners from all over the kingdom reflecting excellence in its best form”.

She congratulated the winners who excelled and were able to be among the distinguished saying: “congratulations to you for your achievements, congratulations to our homelands for the likes of you, congratulation to us for the honor knowing you and living with you on your march of excellence. Congratulation to us for sharing you the moments of your glory with hearts full of joy and eyes full of tears of happiness. And here you are on the top and we all hope you stay in the lead to become a beacon for science that illuminates our Arab World with your excellence. You are now a model to be followed in excellence and you will be a role model for generations to come”.

The pillar of sustained development

The award coordinator in the General Directorate for education in Riyadh region Hamad bin Rashid Al Talib said: we in the Riyadh Education took on our shoulder the burden of moving forward in the field of excellence and representing the systematic work in the field of education. And in pursuit of the comprehensive and balanced development, achieving the ministry’s orientation, a flexible mid and long term plan was made that will be put into effect through realistic programs

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Al Talib: the award contributed to the improvement and development of a culture of planning and institutional work.

that answer this orientation. Among these is the exploitation of the excellence awards related to the improvement and development of the educational practices and employing their criteria to improve the environment of education in its all facets”.

Al Talib added: “Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance, the first of its kind in this vital and important field, comes as a vital means to achieve that. Its role in spreading the culture of quality in the educational work has been evident as we felt it in more than one of the institutions participating in the award’s competitions, it did not stop there but went beyond contributing in improving the culture of planning and institutional work among those who work in the field of education and teaching in all their specialties. So competition to reach quality became a goal all those institutions pursue which had a positive impact on the outputs and the marking of the quality and education economics which aim at increasing the product’s efficiency with the least of cost. This, with God’s help, was done through the channel of excellence interested in the educational process”.

Al Talib praised the attention and care his highness Sheikh Hamdan bestows on the field of education as the center and pillar of the sustained development and as investment in the human element. His highness award, which witnesses constant development and expansion since it was first launched and became a global award, has contributed to the development of the educational institutions and stirred up competition among them to achieve the view and message of the award towards the outputs of education.

He referred that to have a glimpse on the future of education in the Arab World we need to observe the potentials and how to employ them in a way that responds to the challenges of the future which laggards have no place in, that’s why it is better for us to perceive responsibility towards our educational institutions and work on strategic plan which enable those institutions of facing their responsibilities to society. Investment in education remains the real measure of the how advance and prosperous a society is. Thank God our educational institutions started to witness a positive educational activity. This appears in the ambitious plans that sought the development of the infrastructure, the curricula and the teacher; and the founding of awards to encourage those working in the field to ride the wave excellence and spread its culture.

He said that the expansion in awards is a demand and a mean to materialize the educational quality in order to be a tangible fact in our schools. Experience has proven the efficiency of giving a variety of motivation channels in winning over workers in the field in the transformation of the current educational processes and practices to a better status. The size of the of the institutions embracing our students needs more than ever institutions concerned with motivation to participate in the progress and development of education in the vast Arab World.

Al Talib addressed the winners congratulating them and reminding them that their real roles in the participation of achieving quality and spreading the culture of excellence has just begun and that they should assume the responsibility towards our schools, our sons and daughters and the added value they have achieved from this award. This makes it a must for all of us to exert more efforts in performing our duties. He reminded those who want to participate that excellence is a demand imposed by the rapid changes in the field of education where the excellence awards of which Hamdan Award is one form a suitable bridge to achieve that.



The Comprehensive excellence

Issa Muhammad Bourahma the coordinator of Kuwait Award, Head of the Directorate of Educational Activities in Moubara Alkabeer Educational region said: "we realize the importance of development and excellence in all fields of life. However, there is a kind of excellence that elevates the excellence of others in their work and as a results leads to a comprehensive excellence. This what we felt from the actual and daily observation of to all of those who worked, participated and won in Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance where the excellence of a student is attributed to him/her and is transported to his/ her colleagues leading to a competition between students over the excellence in class. The teacher as well may spread the basics of excellence among the fellow teachers, the school administration may also be a center of illumination and training for other schools administration willing to excel. All of this is the result of the role of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance in spreading the culture of excellent work and excellence for one's ownself".

"His Highness Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum has made a great number of contributions in the field of education and teaching among which are the spreading of the culture quality and excellent education in the Arab World and the building of schools, orphanages and hospitals all over the world". Bourahma added.

He stressed that the main goal behind the launching of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance is to promote the levels of performance, creativity and proficiency and to encourage the spirit of innovation and creativity in the field of education. Observers of the philosophical theories of education and academic systems and laws should be aware that there is a significant quantum leap in upgrading, development, innovation and initiative in the academic field, especially in exploiting and making use of the electronic technology and the exchange of information as a result of the participations of the workers in the education sector in the many awards launched in the Arab World.

He referred to the fact that during the 14th cycle a media tour was taken to all the educational areas with the beginning of the school year to show the importance of the award and how to participate in it. Positive responses were clear as many sought to participate but this required more and more concentration, following up and modification. This is what we felt during the current cycle.

Bourahma thanked the sponsor of the award his highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum for his thought; expectations; penetrative insight of work in human services in various fields such as education, health, sports and social services; and his concerns about launching the spirit of innovation and creativity in the Emirati and Arab citizens alike.

Bourahma concluded with a thank to the technical and administrative directors in the award's office, all the work team and officials in Kuwait in front of all his excellency the minister of education and the minister of higher education and the undersecretary of the ministry and all officials for their encouraging and facilitating participation in the award, the head and members of the training and arbitration team for their efforts. He congratulated all winners, especially those from Kuwait wishing them good luck. He wished those who didn't win to win in the 15th cycle. He also urged everyone who can to participate in the upcoming cycle to be among the distinguished.



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