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# AAU ranked 2nd in UAE and 169 Worldwide by “UI GreenMetric Ranking”



Al Ain University (AAU) secures ranks, 2nd in UAE, 12th in the Arab region, 169th worldwide among the 956 listed institutions, by the “2021 UI GreenMetric World University Ranking”.

Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, said that AAU is very interested in sustainable development and clean environment standards which is in-line with the directives of the UAE's wise leadership, which support the sustainability projects and address the environmental problems. He added that this achievement proves the progress of AAU to improve its position among the Arab and international universities. Also, he was overwhelmed for AAU in improving its previous year achievement from rank 250 to 169 in 2021, acknowledges AAU's continuous efforts and commitment towards excellence.

Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, expressed his pride in this excellent achievement, as it was a set target in the university's strategic plan. He stated that AAU has also considered the environmental issues and their applications among its priorities for

promoting quality culture and sustainable environment.

Dr. Nazih Khaddaj Mallat, Vice President for Accreditation and Quality Assurance, stated that AAU is always keen to progress in terms of all qualitative aspects and is also equally committed towards a sustainable future. He added that these results have benchmarked AAU with a great stand among all healthy competitors and he thanked the “UI GreenMetric World University Ranking” for their recognition”. He also stressed that this achievement results from as a collective effort and remarkable contributions of all AAU stakeholders”.

The criteria and indicators used to rate the universities includes: collection of basic information of the size of the university and its zoning (urban, suburban, or rural) profile, degree of green space, electricity consumption to link with carbon footprint, transportation, water usage, waste management, setting & infrastructure, energy & climate change, education & Research and how the university is responding to or dealing with the issues of sustainability through policies, actions, and communication.

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## “Presentation on “The Art of Academic Honesty



The Khalifa Library at Al Ain University (AAU) organized a presentation on, “The Art of Academic Honesty”, with special focus on plagiarism. The presentation was conducted by Ms. Samantha Bennett, from ProQuest, Dubai, and moderated by Dr. Abdoulaye Kaba, Library Director.

The presenter discussed the nature of plagiarism and its impact on academic performance, recognizing guidelines and applying the best

practices to avoid plagiarism. She also demonstrated to the participants how they can use the ProQuest platform to enhance scholarly writing and avoid academic misconducts.

The attendees for the presentation included; Deans, Deputy Deans, faculty members, students and admin staff.

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## A virtual workshop on the World Banking Day



Coinciding with the International Day of Banks, the College of Business in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs organized a virtual event entitled; The Impact of COVID-19 on the Banking Sector, was presented by; Mr. Basil Jawad Mohammed (Branch Manager - Bank Al Etihad, Jordan), and Mr. Nader Daou (Head of Treasury - Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, Dubai, UAE).

The event discussed various subjects about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on banks and the banking sector, the challenges faced and the precautions that have been taken to coexist with the pandemic in order to overcome the negative effects of the epidemic and continue its role in supporting the development of the economy in the country.

Also, students of the Banking Day Competition which organized previously presented two-minute videos reflecting the Corona pandemic impact on the banking sector. And, five winning videos were broadcast and awarded at the end of the event.

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