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UAEU participates in Academic Symposium in Colombia

HE Dr Abdullah Saad Al Khanbashi, Vice Chancellor of the UAEU and Prof. Sehamuddin Galadari, Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies participated in the International Arabic-Latin Symposium which was held in Cucuta, Colombia under the patronage of the Colombian President, Juan Manuel Santos. The session was attended by the former Presidents of both Colombia and Guatemala.

The event was attended by a number of Arab Ambassadors accredited to Latin America, in addition to Academics and Scientists from Eastern Countries with the aim to discuss the exchange of students, developing academic programs of mutual interest for both regions, and collaboration in the field of scientific research.

HE Dr Abdulla Al Khanbashi, Vice Chancellor of UAEU presented a paper summarizing the achievements of the University in the higher education sector. He presented the renaissance taking place in scientific research and the historical milestones achieved over the past few years in the field of Education within the UAE. He also emphasized the support of the wise leader of the UAE, HH Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and Chairman of the State Education, and the guidance of HE Sheikh Nahyan Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Attendees were made aware of the experience of the UAE in Higher Education, with great interest being shown by participants in the experience and accomplishments of the UAE in female education.



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Notes to Editors:

United Arab Emirates University (UAEU)

- 21st Century research-based university, providing research solutions to support the UAE and, through its global partners, the wider world
- Founded in 1976 by HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan; the UAE's first national university
- Chancellor: His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Ranked # 338 in the 2011/2012 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings
- Nine faculties:
 - Business & Economics
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - Food & Agriculture
 - Humanities & Social Sciences
 - Information Technology
 - Law
 - Medicine & Health Science
 - Science
- 12,279 students enrolled in 2010/11
- First PhD program in UAE national institution commenced in 2009
- Strong focus on providing specific research solutions and benefits to society – the new model of a 21st Century university, furthering research as part of the global network of discovery and innovation
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