

UAE University and EADS Defence & Security sign MOU

Al Ain, 26th May 2010: In a significant move that will see closer cooperation to increase the intellectual capital within UAE, as well as the exchange of ideas and sharing of knowledge between the nation's premier educational institution and a global leader in aerospace, defence and related services, the United Arab Emirates University and EADS Defence & Security signed today a Memorandum of Understanding to increase cooperation in several areas of common interest.



The MOU envisages collaborations in various areas such as internship opportunities for UAEU students in European EADS facilities and possibilities to align exchange between UAEU and other European universities to foster opportunities for graduates to join EADS DS in GCC based assignments. Other parts of the agreement include EADS sponsorships of appropriate undergraduate and postgraduate candidates and the possibility of participating in joint research projects that aim at supporting and revitalizing technological development.

Speaking at the announcement of the MOU, **Dr. Abdullah Saad Al- Khanbashi, Vice Chancellor of UAE University**, said: "In today's world, where success is often the result of a combination of theoretical knowledge with sound, practical skills in the real world, this step we have taken today, I am hopeful, will result in richer, broader experiences for our students, preparing them better for the corporate world once they graduate."

Briefing on the agreement, **Mr. Franz Peraus, Chief Executive Officer Middle East of EADS DS** said: "We know about the importance of higher education and exchange in a globalized world. We feel it our responsibility to support the next generation of national workforce, enabling them with latest know how and also, growing local talent to take up responsibilities in an international corporate world."

Instrumental in this new collaboration agreement, the UAEU Internship & Work-Integrated Learning (iWIL) Center will play a major role in taking this MOU forward and coordinating internship and graduate placement activities with EADS DS. Mr. Michael Rjeily, Executive Director of the Center, stressed on the importance of international internships at leading multinational organizations like EADS DS that would provide national students with unique hands-on experiences and increase their employability skills.



About EADS DS

EADS Defence & Security is a systems solutions provider for armed forces and civil security worldwide. Its portfolio ranges from sensors and secure networks through missiles to aircraft and UAVs as well as global security, service and support solutions. In 2009, DS – with around 21,000 employees – achieved revenues of € 5.4 billion. EADS is a global leader in aerospace, defence and related services. In 2009, EADS generated revenues of € 42.8 billion and employed a workforce of about 119,000.