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VP launches UAE University
Science and Innovation
Park..

Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum today launched the UAE University (UAEU) Science and Innovation Park at the university campus in Al Ain. He unveiled the plaque of the UAEU Science and Innovation Park, a first-of-its-kind research hub and student innovation incubator in the region and also worldwide. Following the launch, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid inspected the projects of students from the UAE University, Khalifa University and Abu Dhabi Police, which were on display during the UAE Innovation Week. Dubai Crown Prince H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; Mohammad bin Abdullah Al Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and The Future; Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education; Dr. Ali Rashid Al Noaimi, UAEU Chancellor; Dr. Mohamed Albaili, UAEU Vice Chancellor; Khalifa Saeed Suleiman, Dubai Director of Protocol and Hospitality, and a number of senior education officials attended the event.

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Speech of his Excellency, Dr. Ali Rashid Al Noaimi, Chancellor of UAEU, on a Day promoting Tolerance ...

His Excellency Dr. Ali Rashid Al Noaimi, Chancellor of UAEU, stressed that the UAE State is a unique model in promoting tolerance and that this has been achieved under the wise leadership of His Highness, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nayan, President of the State. This tolerance is

characterized by values of multiculturalism and openness to others without discrimination or hatred. His Excellency stressed that the State has made great efforts over the years to promote these values in the community, and that this is an integral part of the nature of the UAE people and is recognized worldwide.

His Excellency explained that UAEU is always proactive in spreading the values of tolerance in its diverse community, especially since this value is essential for progress and development. Accordingly, the University has been working to strengthen the sense of belonging students and academic staff have, both to the institution and to the country. He added that this day, which falls on 16th November of each year, comes to support this mission of tolerance.

His Excellency also remarked that the University has its own direct experience in spreading tolerance, given that there are more than 65 nationalities in the University community, from students, faculty and administrators, all living harmoniously and reflecting the State's cultural progress. His Excellency, the Chancellor, stressed that the world celebrates an International Day of Tolerance, and that the UAE nation celebrates the harmony between more than 200 different nationalities on its land in peace and mutual respect.

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Editorial

This issue embraces the concept of tolerance in its events, across social networking pages, and in the words that reflect that the national mother University is a model for its diversified society, harmonious and homogenous in its goals and vision.

The Media and Communications Department was keen to include in this issue a lot of tolerance, love and sincere feelings, conveyed by the University family's dialogue. Since tolerance is part of the established values respected by the University, the department is committed to it at all levels. The Media and Communications Department is equally committed to highlighting community issues and continuous interaction with the government directives and national initiatives, assuming its responsibility towards highlighting institutional identity at the United Arab Emirates University.

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In the presence of the Vice Chancellor:
Her Excellency Sara Al Amiri,
President of UAE Council
of Scientists, inaugurates
the "Educational Creative
Chemistry Laboratory" at the
UAEU..

His Excellency Prof. Mohamed Albaili, Vice Chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University, opened the "Educational Creative Chemistry Laboratory", in the presence of Her Excellency, Sara Al Amiri, President of UAE Council of Scientists. Prof. Ghaleb Al Hadrami, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, Dr. Ahmed Murad, Dean of College of Science, and a number of faculty members and students at the College also attended.

Prof. Mohamed Albaili confirmed that these new laboratories are an opportunity to teach chemistry in an innovative manner that stimulates creativity and innovation among students. He also stressed that the United Arab Emirates University is keen on developing its scientific laboratories. This will support innovation and encourage students to be leaders in their areas of specialization. He added that "UAEU is keen to adopt the best learning methods, so as to raise the quality of education and disseminate knowledge".

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UAEU hosts the Korea
Festival 2016 in Al Ain City
for the first time

Recently, the Continuing Education Center at UAEU hosted the Korea Festival 2016. This was to enhance UAE-Korean cross cultural relations and the event included various activities which focused on the many shared social values of UAE and Korea. This is part of the shared vision of the State and the Government of the UAE. Many dignitaries attended, including His Excellency, Park Kang-ho, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Dr. Ghaleb Al Hadrami, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, and Dr. Nabil Bastaki, Director of the Continuing Education Center. Faculty members and college students were also present, as were members of the diplomatic corps of the Embassy of Korea and the expat Korean community resident in the UAE.

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A dialogue with academic faculty and university students on tolerance ..

Civilizations are built and thrive on tolerance, so the United Arab Emirates University is at the forefront of attracting many nationalities, whether Arab or foreign, who choose to pursue their studies here. Remarkably, these nationalities with different cultures can always live in harmony within the University community. This is due to the direction the UAE government has taken, in instilling values of tolerance and acceptance of others. Hence, a number of the university community have shared their views on this:

Dr. Daniele Mezzadri, from Italy, who works as an Assistant Professor in the University, comments: "cultural diversity is very important in the academic work environment. It opens students' thoughts on the outside world around them, and that is what UAEU seeks to achieve, through developing student exchange programs. These emphasize that the foundation of peace in societies is tolerance."

Dr. Ali Rafeeq, from the Maldives, an Associate Professor in the Department of Mass Communication, said: "openness to others and living together helps build students' personalities, and this cannot be achieved without diversity in cultures and traditions, and that is what the University offers in one place."

Professor Amal Morsi from Egypt, an academic advisor in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University, observed: "tolerance achieves inner peace and leads to familiarity and safety in communities, and this is what I have felt during the 20 years that I've lived in UAE society. We must take the benefits of other cultures, yet avoid what goes against our own customs and traditions".



Dr. Daniele Mezzadri



Dr. Ali Rafeeq



Professor Amal Morsi

Students and tolerance

The student Hassna Samir Al Zafrani, from Egypt and at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, says: "I have felt tolerance within the University as most students possess the spirit of love, tolerance, cooperation and openness to others, even if they are from different environments." She considers cultural diversity and differences between people is a law in life and a must, explaining: "To communicate with other peoples and cultures brings them closer and erases differences, and that cultural diversity is also very important to stimulate tourism in all countries. For example, there are a lot of countries which I intend to travel to, due to my friends in College who come from these countries; they always tell me what is happening in their country and I am attracted to it."

Inas Orabi, a student from Palestine, who studies at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, says: "Being in a culturally diverse environment is very useful during the university stage, especially as this is when characters are formed. It has changed my outlook on many things, and this variety has helped me present myself to others in a positive way. This is because so many people of different races and religions are under the roof of the University; this is the variety that UAEU has and it instills in our minds different ideas about the outside world."

While Fouad Mufleh, a trainee in the Department of Mass Communication from Palestine, said: "cultural diversity helps in innovation and discovering the different talents."

UAEU student Yara Yusuf, from Syria and who studies in the Department of Mass Communication, says "cultural diversity has served me well in my studies in media, by giving me the opportunity to communicate with people of different nationalities and from countries, and to acquire new languages that have developed my communication skills with others."

Malath Hamzah, from Sudan and a student at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, says: "the cultural diversity in the University has significant benefits, and every student in this University must utilize this diversity positively and gain more friends from all over the world."

The student Hanan Al-Khawaja, from Jordan, is at the third level in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. She feels that "cultural diversity helps to create competition among university students, and that it is also an opportunity to learn about the customs of various peoples by interacting with them in a tolerant campus environment. During my studies, I joined the Korean Club and developed my Korean through mingling with the Korean students who are studying at UAEU."



Gandhi

A message of nonviolence and tolerance

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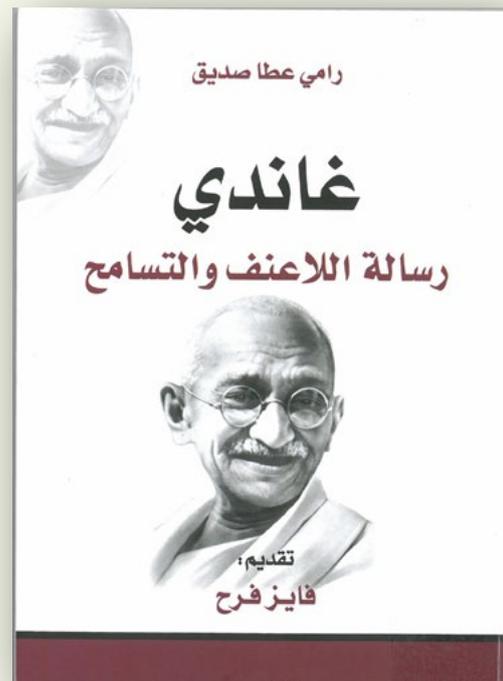
Dr. Rami Atta Sideeq, an Egyptian researcher, writer and academic specializing in media.

About the book:

You cannot mention the word «tolerance» without thinking of the man, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who dedicated his life to spread the concept of tolerance. Gandhi struggled against violence, injustice, racial, class and other types of discrimination. The book «Gandhi is a message of nonviolence and tolerance which highlights the role of Gandhi in spreading a culture of tolerance and his role in strengthening the values of love, cooperation, tolerance, peace, and other values.

The book is an excellent opportunity to learn about Mahatma Gandhi in a simplified form. It is rich in information about this inspiring man, and his journey, struggle and prominent role in India's independence from British occupation through his insightful ideas.

Gandhi is a man that has a big impact on the lives of many, both inside and outside India, in his era and beyond, his ideas have spread through his struggle is internationally appreciated today.



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