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## Welcoming the World to ADU: Record-Breaking Inbound Exchange Cohort Arrives for Fall 25/26

Today, I had the pleasure of personally welcoming our inbound exchange students from **UIBE Business School** (China), **NEOMA Business School** (France), and the **Burgundy School of Business - BSB** in (France), an inspiring group of future leaders joining **Abu Dhabi University** for a full semester through our growing student exchange program.

This session, organized by the Office of Internationalization, marks a record-breaking milestone for ADU's inbound exchange efforts. It reflects our internationalization progress and the confidence our global partners place in the quality of education and student experience at ADU.

This semester, we are hosting nine undergraduate students from the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in China, who will be enrolled in the College of Arts, Education and Social Sciences (CAESS). Additionally, seven postgraduate students from NEOMA Business School and one undergraduate student from the Burgundy School of Business in France have joined the College of Business (COB).

Inbound exchange plays a vital role in building a truly global academic ecosystem. These students gain more than academic learning, they immerse themselves in a new culture, engage with diverse values, and develop global perspectives that shape their personal and professional growth. Equally, we learn from them. Their presence enriches our classrooms and fosters mutual understanding across cultures.

I would like to sincerely thank Dr. **Hamad Odhabi**, Vice Chancellor for AI and Operational Excellence; **Professor Barry O'Mahony**, Provost; Prof. **Jean-Paul Arnaout**, Dean of the College of Business; Dr. **Sreethi Nair**, Dean of the College of Arts, Education and Social Sciences; Dr. **Shakib Farhat**, Dean of Student Affairs; and Mr. **Bassam Mura, MBA**, Executive Director of Marketing, Enrollment and Registration, and their teams for their presence and continuous support.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Office of Internationalization for organizing this program. I commend **Prof. Sherine Farouk** for her strategic leadership, Mr. **Ibrahim Odhabi** for his dedication in coordinating these exchanges, and Ms. **Kholla Sikandar**, along with the teams from COB, CAESS, SA, and Registration, for their ongoing support in advancing ADU's internationalization vision.

At Abu Dhabi University, we believe global learning must flow both ways. While we proudly send our students abroad, we are equally honored to welcome students from around the world. These exchanges help shape globally aware, culturally agile, and professionally prepared graduates.

For student exchange opportunities or international collaboration, contact: [global@adu.ac.ae](mailto:global@adu.ac.ae)

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