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ADU Welcomes Future Innovators through the ADU STEMStar International Summer Program

As part of **Abu Dhabi University's** ongoing commitment to global engagement and early talent development, our Office of Internationalization, as part of the International Professional Development Certificate Program, proudly launched the Future Leaders: Exploring AI, Innovation, and Sustainability in collaboration with STEMStar Shanghai, China.

Over three days, we welcomed a bright group of middle school students from China to our campus, where they engaged in an immersive certified program focused on Artificial Intelligence, Leadership, Health, and Sustainability. This initiative offered a dynamic blend of academic learning, cultural exchange, and personal growth, reflecting ADU's mission to inspire and empower young global citizens.

Participants took part in hands-on workshops and interactive sessions, exploring topics such as:

- What Is AI? Teaching Computers to Think
- How Robots Work: Building the Helpers of Tomorrow
- How to Be a Young Leader and Make a Difference
- Eat Smart, Feel Great: Your Guide to a Healthier Life
- Green Jobs for Sustainable Futures
- Lights, Camera, Communicate! and more.

We are deeply grateful to our exceptional ADU faculty and staff who delivered these inspiring sessions with passion and expertise: Prof. Fauzia Jabeen PMP, PhD, FHEA, **Dr. Kiran Nair**, Dr. **Avanthi Prabhakar**, Dr. **Nada Heggy, M.Ed., Ph.D**, Eng. **Marah Alhalabi**, Ms. Mona Abdallah, Mr. **Cizar Alsankari**, and Ms. **Corazon Agripa**. Their contributions embody the values of excellence and innovation that define Abu Dhabi University.

I would also like to acknowledge the presence and support of two valued colleagues: Dr. **Hamad Odhabi**, Vice Chancellor of AI and Operational Excellence, and Mr. **Bassam Mura, MBA**, Executive Director of Marketing, Enrollment, and Registration. Your engagement further reinforces our institutional commitment to internationalization and youth empowerment.

A special thank you to **Prof. sherine Farouk**, Ms. **Khulud Abdallah**, and Mr. **Ibrahim Odhabi** for their leadership and coordination of this program. Under their guidance, the Office of Internationalization continues to build meaningful bridges across cultures and generations.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership with the STEMStar team and expanding future programs that connect global learners, institutions, and bold ideas.

Abu Dhabi University is always keen to join hands with like-minded institutions to shape the future of global higher education. To explore collaboration opportunities with ADU, please reach out to us at global@adu.ac.ae.

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