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A Message from Dr. Richard Dare, Rector of International Leadership University, Myanmar

Please read this message from Dr. Richard Dare, PhD, Rector of [International Leadership University](#), Myanmar, expressing gratitude to Abu Dhabi for the UAE's rescue efforts following the earthquake in Myanmar. I have never met Dr. Richard, but we are friends on LinkedIn. Dr. Richard summarizes the essence of what the UAE 🇦🇪 stands for.

Dear Dr Ghassan Aouad,

This is sort of out of the blue, but I always read your cheery and thoughtful comments on LinkedIn, so wanted to share something back to you from the other side of the world.

Here in Myanmar, we had a 7.7 earthquake last week. Thousands of buildings in our capital city collapsed, and many thousands more are dead.

Our university is okay. But our hospital collapsed during the earthquake last Friday, killing most everyone in it--patients, doctors, nurses, family members. So we've spent the last week trying to dig people out.

Unexpectedly, one of the tremendous blessings we had was to be joined by rescue teams from Abu Dhabi who flew in everything from men, to trucks, to busses, to heavy equipment, to a really fierce determination to help.

I'm not aware of ever having met an Abu Dhabi person one-on-one until this week at the rescue site here in Myanmar (although I have passed through Bahrain a time or two). But if these fellows are representative of the country you're leading a university in, well my hat is off to you all! They are really a friendly, kind, hard-working, and inspiring crew. I hope you can do a good job for them as Chancellor!

We are really so thankful for Abu Dhabi's help during this crisis. I hope to visit there someday to pay respects in person.

That's all. Just wanted to share my thankfulness to some of the folks from your side of the world.

Warmly,
Richard

Thank you, Dr. Richard, for your kindness and gratitude. I wish your country a swift recovery. You are most welcome to visit Abu Dhabi and ADU.

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