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### The International Conference on Education: Pioneering Education's Future (ChatGPT as a Panelist)

Yesterday, the International Conference on Education: Pioneering Education's Future, held under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, and chaired by my esteemed colleague Dr. **Mohammad Fteiha**, the inspirational Director of our Al Ain Campus, kicked off at ADNEC in Al Ain, UAE. Al Ain in the UAE is an amazing inland oasis city on the eastern border with Oman. It is known as the Garden City for its palm groves and natural springs.

We received 250 papers from 25 countries around the world, and 125 will be presented both physically and virtually over two days.

In my welcoming speech, I emphasized that the landscape of higher education is poised for transformational change as we engage with a different generation of digital natives—Gen Z students. The driving forces, including economic, political, social, and technological factors, are changing rapidly, along with the significant role that AI will play. In the future, students will have more options for how they wish to learn, and this flexibility will allow students to personalize their education. I also acknowledged the great support we received from the Department of Culture of Tourism in Abu Dhabi.

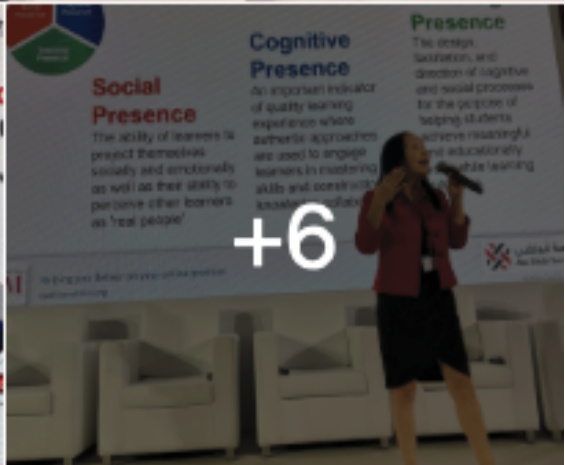
The highlight of the first day of the conference for me was the participation of ChatGPT as a panelist on a session titled "AI and Education," moderated by my esteemed colleague Dr. **Hamad Odhabi**, who is always full of brilliant ideas. ChatGPT provided thought-provoking answers.

"Our place in the future will be determined by education, our status among nations will be shaped by education, and reaping the rewards of development and progress will be made possible solely by education."

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE

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