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Why I Am So Proud of ADU

Since I joined ADU in mid-January 2023, I have witnessed remarkable improvements. The university's international rankings have risen significantly, and we have experienced substantial increases in the number of students, faculty, and staff. Our alumni now number nearly 30,000, and we hold 75 Advance HE fellowships. Additionally, there has been a notable rise in Q1 research publications.

We have launched two research institutes: the Research Institute for Sustainable Futures and the Research Institute for AI and Emerging Technologies. We currently hold 30 patents, and our students have excelled in numerous national and international competitions. We've introduced exciting new academic programs and partnered with top institutions and companies worldwide. Furthermore, we have organized many successful conferences in areas such as sustainability and AI, among others, and our "Investing in our Community" online sessions have attracted numerous local and international participants. Our global engagement and industry programs have brought in over 5,000 academic and industry collaborators from around the world.

We have significantly advanced our digitization and automation platform, and we have increased the Emiratization of our staff. Their contributions to the University are truly remarkable.

ADU is accredited by WASC in the US and the CAA in the UAE, and we also hold accreditations from AACSB, EQUIS, ABET, RIBA, and APHEA. ADU is based in the UAE and has branches in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, and Dubai.

All of this reflects the vision of our Chairman, Dr. Ali Bin Harmal Aldhaheri, Ph.D., who has fostered a strong culture of teamwork and empowered us to lead the University with solid guidance and governance. The hard work of our talented team has also played a crucial role (I always refer to our faculty and staff as "talents"). For a university that is only 21 years old, these achievements truly demonstrate why I am so proud of ADU.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous support we receive from our Ministry of Education, the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA), the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK), and the KHDA.

"I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people." -Mahatma Gandhi

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