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The Importance of Being on the Road

Quite often, people ask me how I manage to travel frequently while still balancing my responsibilities effectively. The answer is simple: I have strong support from our Chairman, a capable senior leadership team, and a loyal and knowledgeable Office Director. I am also on a mission to make Abu Dhabi University one of the best institutions in the region and beyond. My approach to leadership has always been to avoid being in an ivory tower; instead, I prefer to be on the road or on campus, meeting my colleagues, students, and other stakeholders.

One of my primary roles is to promote Abu Dhabi University by being a good ambassador. When I travel, whether locally or internationally, I deliver keynote speeches, take part on influential policy panels, and meet with potential collaborators, students, parents, alumni, and partners. These interactions help us showcase our academic programs, campus facilities, and the benefits of studying with us. By traveling to different regions, I can highlight what makes our university unique and attract more students to our campuses in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, and Dubai.

Traveling also helps improve our university's rankings. By building relationships with other universities and organizations, we can collaborate on research projects and academic programs. These partnerships enhance our reputation and contribute to better rankings, which are important for attracting top talent and resources.

While I am traveling, I continue to work remotely. Thanks to modern technology, I can stay connected with my team, manage my responsibilities from anywhere, and remain active on LinkedIn. This flexibility allows me to ensure that the university runs smoothly, even when I am away from the office. I can attend meetings, respond to emails, and participate in decision-making processes without interruption, and my Office Director is always in touch regarding important matters.

Traveling can often be exhausting, but I understand that making sacrifices is essential for the advancement of my university. With the support of our leadership team, I can effectively balance these responsibilities, whether I'm at home or on the road. Traveling is not merely a privilege; it is a crucial aspect of our mission to establish Abu Dhabi University as a leading institution.

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