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Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University, Past President ...  
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## Renewal of Contract

I am pleased to share that my contract as Chancellor of **Abu Dhabi University** has been renewed. Many thanks to our visionary Chairman, Dr. Ali Bin Harmal Aldhaheri, Ph.D., for the trust he has placed in me. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such an inspiring leader over the last two years. I am grateful to our Board of Directors, VC Dr. **Hamad Odhabi**, Provost **Professor Barry O'Mahony**, Ms. **Khulud Abdallah** (Executive Office Operations Manager), the senior leadership team, all colleagues, students, alumni, collaborators, Liwa College President, **Prof. Mohamed Dhiaf**, and colleagues of LC, my family, and LinkedIn friends for their support and encouragement.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work of our **Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research**, the **Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA)**, the **Department of Education And Knowledge - ADEK**, and the **Knowledge & Human Development Authority**, in transforming education and higher education in the UAE 🇦🇪. We are all committed to their visions and state-of-the-art guiding strategies.

## Notable and Proudest Achievements as Part of a Great Team:

- We have provided our students with the best learning experience they deserve.
- In the THE World University Rankings 2025, ADU is ranked 191 globally and 3rd in the Middle East and Africa.
- In the Times Higher Education THE World University Rankings by subjects 2025, Business and Economics is ranked 62nd in the world and first in the Arab world.
- ADU won two awards at the THE Awards Arab World 2024: the Leadership and Management Team of the Year Award and the Teaching and Learning Strategy of the Year Award. In 2023, we won the International Strategy of the Year.
- In the QS Arab Region Rankings 2025, ADU achieved a rank of 12th.
- The MBA program is ranked 151-200 in the QS Global MBA rankings and 8th in the Arab region.
- In Business Administration, ADU is ranked 200-300 in the 2024 Shanghai Ranking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS).
- The number of patents has reached 31.
- We have increased the number of **Advance HE** fellows, senior fellows, and principal fellows.
- ADU has successfully achieved reaccreditation by EQUIS and **RIBA**.
- There has been a healthy increase in student enrollment, publications, and funding.
- We have had 15 new academic programs approved by the CAA, including 2 PhDs in Law and Education.

Looking forward to more achievements for ADU!

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