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ADU welcomes a delegation from the University of Pennsylvania

It was a pleasure to welcome a delegation from the **University of Pennsylvania** —ranked 11th globally in the 2025 QS World University Rankings—to **Abu Dhabi University** as part of their study abroad program in collaboration with **Amideast** Led by Prof. **Amel Mili**, Professor of Arabic at University of Pennsylvania. The delegation included three outstanding undergraduate students specializing in Artificial Intelligence: Ms. Dina Daas, Ms. Maria Ulayyet, and Mr. Said Zanati. Their visit fostered a rich academic and cultural exchange with our faculty and students.

We are grateful to our partners at Amideast, especially Ms. Sara El-Dallal, Country Director, and Ms. **Hiba El Jardali**, Senior Program Manager, for their continued collaboration and support in fostering global academic engagement. A heartfelt thank you to Prof **Mohammed Ghazal**, Director of the Research Institute for AI and Emerging Technology, for delivering a thought-provoking session titled "Artificial Intelligence in the UAE: Towards A Generation of AI-Powered Graduates." His insights into the strategic use of AI in preparing future graduates aligned perfectly with the UAE's forward-looking vision for innovation and education.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Dr. **Hamad Odhabi** Odhabi, Vice Chancellor of AI and Operational Excellence, and Dr. **Shakib Farhat**, Dean of Student Affairs, for their presence and warm welcome to the students.

This session was proudly organized by Abu Dhabi University's Office of Internationalization, led by **Prof.sherine Farouk** and Mr. **Ibrahim Odhabi**, as part of the International Professional Development Certificate Program.

During the visit, we had the opportunity to discuss with the students and faculty their potential participation in two of our flagship international conferences:
- ICASF 2025: **https://lnkd.in/dthafvET**
- ISAP 2026: **https://lnkd.in/dDBWvnGZ**

We look forward to more such opportunities that bridge institutions, cultures, and ideas.
If you would like to collaborate with Abu Dhabi University, kindly get in touch at **global@adu.ac.ae**.

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