Abu Dhabi University and Unilabs Collaborate to Boost Students' Health Sciences Knowledge

In line with <u>Abu Dhabi University's (ADU)</u> commitment to delivering high-quality educational experiences to its students, ADU's <u>College of Health Sciences</u> signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Unilabs, one of Europe's leading medical diagnostics companies, offering a complete range of laboratory, pathology, genetics, and imaging services to patients across four continents.

Through this collaboration, ADU's College of Health Sciences seeks to empower its students with significant opportunities to enhance their educational and practical experiences as well as knowledge in the healthcare sector. Furthermore, leveraging their distinctive expertise, both parties will roll out training programs for student's faculty and staff and organize conferences, workshops, and seminars, that delve into and present the latest developments and best practices in the health sciences field.

The MoU was signed by Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of ADU and Mr. Mohammed Daoud, Chief Executive Officer at Unilabs Middle East, in the presence of Dr. Sofyan Maghaydah, Acting Dean, College of Health Sciences at ADU and Mr. Omar Nazmy, Chief Finance Officer at Unilabs Middle East.

The MoU will focus on various key areas in the field, including consultancy, academic studies, institutional support, and human and administrative developments. In addition, ADU's students will have exclusive access to Unilabs' state-of-the-art medical diagnostic laboratories, providing them with the chance to engage with experts in the fields of public health, diagnostic medicine, laboratory medicine, molecular and medical genetics.

Sofyan Maghaydah, Acting Dean of College of Health Sciences at Abu Dhabi University (ADU), said: "In collaboration with our prestigious partner Unilabs, we are committed to investing in scientific research opportunities to elevate our students' knowledge and skillsets. At ADU, we continuously encourage our students and faculty members to engage in the latest programs and training offered to them to further excel in their respective fields and prepare for their innovative future careers. We look forward to witnessing the success of our collaboration in the field of health sciences to magnify our students' academic journey and enhance the wellbeing of our community at large."

Mr. Mohammed Daoud, Chief Executive Officer at Unilabs Middle East, said: "We are proud to play a role in supporting the work of ADU's College of Health Sciences to advance the knowledge and capacities of its students, boosting their practical training in a state-of-the-art environment and providing them with experience in diagnostic and laboratory medicine and molecular and medical genetics."

"This MoU paves the way for an effective partnership characterized by fruitful cooperation with the prestigious Abu Dhabi University," **Daoud added**. "We, at Unilabs, want to empower university students to develop their practical skills by providing them with training at our specialized laboratories that bring together European and Middle Eastern expertise, with a network of 210 laboratories in 15 countries. Our labs are working to leverage their experience and the capacities of their facilities and staff to further the knowledge and capabilities of medical students. By supporting the training of the healthcare professionals of the future, we take a significant step in our commitment to building a healthier tomorrow

and impacting the health of millions of people worldwide, enabling them to embrace life to the fullest."

The College of Health Sciences was established in 2018 and aims to exemplify and build on the ADU's mission to be a leading and innovative academic and research institute in the UAE and the region. The College has had a very successful start due to the diligence of the university's faculty in providing competent and personalized teaching in public health, environmental health and safety, nutrition, and biomedical sciences.

