Press Release:

Empowering tomorrow's Cyber Guardians,

Abu Dhabi University Partners with Anxinsec to Elevate Cybersecurity Education Among Students

UAE, Abu Dhabi, 23 January 2025: Abu Dhabi University (ADU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Anxinsec, an Abu Dhabi-based leading cybersecurity product and service provider, aimed at empowering students and enhancing their career prospects in the dynamic field of cybersecurity.

ADU's College of Engineering offers a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity engineering, an emerging field focused on the protection of computer systems and ensuring secure online communication. This program comes in line with the National Electronic Security Authority (NESA) and the Dubai Cybersecurity Strategy's vision for a cyber-smart nation. To further address the rising demand for skilled professionals in this dynamic sector, ADU has recently introduced an MSc in cybersecurity, equipping graduates with advanced expertise to excel in this critical domain.

The strategic MoU was signed on 21 January 2025 by Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of ADU and Zheng Li, Co-founder of Anxinsec, in the presence of senior representatives from both entities. The collaboration will focus on amplifying awareness around cyber safety and digital security among students and the wider community through innovative initiatives designed to bridge the gap academia and industry. Specific initiatives include workshops, guest lectures and other research activities.

Professor Ghassan Aouad, Chancellor of Abu Dhabi University (ADU), said: "Through our collaboration with Anxinsec, we are not just advancing the UAE's cyber resilience, but also preparing for the next era of digital innovation and security. In an age where cyber threats are increasingly sophisticated and pervasive, the importance of cybersecurity cannot be overstated. Abu Dhabi University is committed to equipping students with cutting-edge skills and expertise that are essential for safeguarding our digital environment and ensuring a secure future. By

empowering the next generation of cybersecurity professionals and leaders, we strengthen not only our institutions but also the nation's global competitiveness."

As part of the MoU, Anxinsec will organize annual cybersecurity events and offer internships to three outstanding ADU students each year, providing invaluable hands-on experience in the dynamic cybersecurity landscape. In addition, both entities will conduct tailored workshops that aim to deepen students' knowledge in the field and facilitate meaningful interactions with cybersecurity experts.

Zheng Li, Co-founder of Anxinsec, said: "We are excited to partner with Abu Dhabi University to nurture the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. This collaboration highlights the importance of industry-academic partnerships in building a secure and innovative future."

This strategic partnership aligns with ADU's recent academic expansion, which introduced 11 innovative programs designed to equip students with future-ready skills. This includes four bachelor's degrees in International Relations, Psychology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Engineering and Renewable and Sustainable Energy Engineering. In addition to the introduction of six master's degrees in AI, Cybersecurity, Financial Technology, Digital Communication, Strategic Digital Transformation and Cyberlaw and AI, as well as a PhD in Law.

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