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AAU Concludes First Cultural Excellence Competition

In a competitiveness-charged atmosphere, the AAU First Inter-School Cultural Excellence Competition concluded at Al Ain University of Science and Technology for the academic year 2012 – 2013 in which schools in the eastern region of Abu Dhabi participated. The competition, the first of its kind in UAE universities, was organized to support distinguished high school students in the academic field.

The competition took place at AAU - Al Ain Campus in Yas Auditorium and lasted for ten days. Eighteen schools took part in the competition as they were divided into groups where one team from each group qualifies to the quarter finals, then the semi-finals, and the finals. Accordingly, the top three teams were named. Al Khalil Private Secondary School came first winning twenty thousand dirhams, while Al Khaznah Secondary School came second and received fifteen thousand dirhams, and the third place and the award of ten thousand dirhams went to Al Rif'ah Private Secondary School.

On this occasion, Dr. Noor Aldeen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, mentioned that the competition

springs from AAU's strong belief in its active role in community engagement and the support the university needs to give to excellent students as well as creating a positive spirit of competitiveness among school students. He also underlined that the competition has helped spread the culture of creativity through discovering talented and distinguished students; highlighting their ability for collaboration, planning, team-work, and responsibility; and enriching their knowledge.

Addressing the audience, Dr. Atatreh said, "On behalf of the AAU community, I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the competition namely, Al Ain Education Zone representatives, Abu Dhabi Education Council, participating schools and students as well as coordinators." He added, "There are no limits for creativity, and creative minds require preparation, practice, and intensive effort in training and skills-building in order to be able to shape their thoughts and achieve them in a certain field. Creativity and positive thinking are the key components to success and distinction, and creativity at university begins at school."

The Chancellor concluded stating that AAU is looking forward to your joining as students. In addition, at its new campus, the AAU community is keen on interacting with you as a patron of creativity and distinction through awards, grants, and incentives all directed toward students. Dr. Atatreh finally extended AAU's gratitude to the students' parents. "AAU's mission aims to encourage competitiveness, challenge, and determination. You, the generation of tomorrow, truly kindle the torch of knowledge," he said.

The AAU First Inter-School Cultural Excellence Competition is considered the first of its kind in UAE universities for high school students. Eighteen schools in the eastern region of Abu Dhabi took part, and AAU allocated cash awards for the winning teams.

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