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AAU Chancellor participates in the Knowledge Summit 2019

Dr. Noor El Deen Atareh, the Chancellor of Al Ain University, participated as a speaker in the 6th edition of the Knowledge Summit 2019 organized by Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for two days at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

Atareh presented a session entitled Empowering People of Determination in sustainable development. The session included four main aspects, starting with the challenges facing people of determination in completing university education, and then how Al Ain University succeeds in implementing the initiative of empowering people of determination by applying modifications to the existing university life in a way that serves sustainable development. While the third aspect touched on the role of educational institutions in meeting the needs of the People of Determination students, he also talked about the media's role in highlighting the initiative and encouraging community awareness, to take care of the people of determination, in engaging them with the community by making them a part of the sustainable development process.

About his participation, Atatreh commented: "I am glad to be a part of the Knowledge Summit 2019, this summit, which starts annually from the land of innovation and creativity in order to create great content from the principles of sustainability." Atatreh emphasized that the initiative of empowering people of determination in sustainable development aims to invest the energies of the university community to create a positive environment that enables those of determination to exercise their educational, functional, cultural, and social rights in line with their capabilities and aspirations towards a more effective role in society.

It is worth noting that the People of Determination Empowerment Initiative is the first initiative at the level of the United Arab Emirates and the Arab world which was launched by Al Ain University in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the UAE Deaf Association, in order to empower people of determination and integrate them with the local community as an effective and productive element, providing them with high-quality education and environment, and qualifying them for the labor market through training and raising their level of competence, in a way that achieves the comprehensive development of society. Where, Al Ain University worked on preparing classrooms specially designed for students of determination while providing faculty who are experts in sign language.

This initiative resulted in the graduation of 30 graduates who were people of determination for the first time at Al Ain University within the graduation ceremony of Al Ain University (Year of Tolerance batch) that was held in October 2019 under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance.

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