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AL Ain University receives Educational Visitors from South Africa

In the context of its commitment to the educational, technological, and economic development of the country, the region, and international connection, Al Ain University of Science and Technology hosted two visits from South Africa International education institutions; Crawford College and St Peter's College. Approximately 60 students with staff members from both colleges visited AAU, College of Business and College of Engineering, to enrich the students culturally and educationally with those interested in IT, Business Studies or Engineering. Through the visit, representatives from both colleges provided an overall picture about the college experience in teaching, research and community engagement activities. Where the two visits have been organized by the Professional Development Unit (PDU), Al Ain university of Science and Technology.

Both groups of students and staff have received a warm welcome from Prof. Ghaleb El Refae –AAU President, Prof. Abdulhafid Belarbi –AAU Vice President (Al Ain Campus), Dr. Amer

Qasem –AAU Vice President (Abu Dhabi Campus) and Dr. Adel Ahmed, Director of Professional Development Unit.

Prof. El Refae welcomed the students and the faculty members from both South African colleges, stressed on the university's keenness to consolidate its relations with international institutions. He added that the university seeks to provide all facilities for international students to enhance their learning experience at AAU, Where it also seeks to offer its students an opportunity to travel to other countries as part of exchange culture and learning experience. Also, Prof. Belarbi wished for continued friendly and cooperative relations between AAU and South African institutions.

For his part, Dr. Adel was pleased with these visits and praised the importance of the international connections for the students and faculty members stressing on that one of the most important features of life at Al Ain University of Science and Technology is its truly multicultural environment. He added: "We are extremely proud of the fact that we have different nationalities from different countries studying in our university, and we are ready to support all students and provide everything they need to, qualify intellectuals and a conscious generation who are looking to the future".

Dr. Adel added that one of the professional development's aim for AAU's students and faculty members is to provide them with as many exchange opportunities as possible which includes sending and hosting visiting scholars, aiding faculty members in arranging international study tours, developing exchange agreements with universities around the world and also, internship program to provide students with wider internship opportunities.

At the end of the visit, the student's delegation from South Africa expressed their interest to stay at Al Ain and to study with AAU.

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