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## AAU ranked 1st in the UAE by 'THE Impact Ranking 2022'

Al Ain University (AAU) is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in UAE, 10<sup>th</sup> among the Arab region and 201-300 Worldwide by, 'THE Impact Ranking 2022'. This achievement is considered vital by AAU as this ranking is one of the biggest of its kind by including 1,524 universities from 110 countries/regions.

'THE Impact Rankings' are the only global performance tables that evaluate universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (no poverty, zero hunger, good health & well-being, quality education, gender equality, clean water & sanitation, affordable & clean energy, decent work & economic growth, industry, innovation & infrastructure, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities & communities, responsible consumption & production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace & justice & strong institutions, and partnerships for the goals).

Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh (AAU Chancellor), said that AAU is very much proud of the ranking results which would not have been possible without the continuous efforts of all its (internal and

external) stakeholders. More importantly, a ranking that is based on the SDGs makes it more special. As the leadership of the UAE's agenda also focus more on a sustainable future, AAU also continues to be a part of the sustainable development.

Prof. Ghaleb El Refae (AAU President), thanked the 'Times Higher Education' for their recognition and all the efforts of the AAU family. He also said that this time AAU has been ranked in 6 SDGs out of 17 SDGs, but in the upcoming years, AAU would also be concentrating on being ranked in more SDGs as they help to build a more sustainable atmosphere for AAU.

Dr. Nazih A. Khaddaj Mallat (Vice president, Accreditation & QA), stated that, AAU has pushed itself from 2<sup>nd</sup> rank acquired in 'THE Impact Ranking 2021' to the 1<sup>st</sup> rank this time in 'THE Impact Ranking 2022' in the UAE, and this is a remarkable achievement which is to be celebrated. Also, more exiting results have been showcased for 2 SDGs- 'Quality Education (SDG4)' and 'Gender Equality (SDG5)' and in which AAU has attained Top 80 and Top 70 worldwide, respectively, is a splendid achievement. He also added that, such results especially related to sustainability provides a way more constructive pavement for the progressive future endeavors.

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