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➤ Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmed presented graduation certificates to 273 graduates and wished them continued success and prosperity in their professional careers. WAM

Sultan Bin Ahmed attends UoS spring 2026 graduation

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Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmed Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and President of the University of Sharjah (UoS), attended the University's Spring 2026 bachelor's degree graduation ceremony on Sunday morning at University City Hall.

The ceremony commenced with the UAE national anthem, followed by verses from the Holy Quran.

Professor Dr Issam Al-Din Ibrahim Ajami, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah, then delivered a speech in which he expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmed for honouring the graduation ceremony and recognising the graduates.

Addressing the graduates, Dr Issam Al-Din Ajami highlighted the University of Sharjah's achievements across global rankings, saying, "You are graduating from a university that has secured its place among the world's leading institutions, as recognised by the most prominent international ranking organisations."

Dr Ajami also highlighted the University of Sharjah's distinction and that of its graduates, noting that the diversity of academic disciplines

and cultures was not a coincidence but the result of the vision of His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Sharjah, and founder of the university.

He explained that Sheikh Sultan chose the university's motto, "Where Civilisations Meet," long before its student body came to represent 100 nationalities, driven by his belief that civilisation cannot be built by a single mind or a single discipline.

Ajami added that Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmed has carried forward and further developed this vision, enabling the university to establish itself as a world leader in cultural diversity.

Dr Ajami congratulated the graduates on their success and academic achievements and also extended his congratulations to their parents, as well as to the university's faculty members and administration, who dedicated significant effort and commitment to supporting students throughout their educational journey and helping them complete their pursuit of knowledge and learning.

Concluding his speech, Dr Ajami encouraged

the graduates to pursue their professional careers with dedication, perseverance, collaboration, and commitment, reflecting the knowledge and values they acquired at the university.

He urged them to apply the expertise gained from their diverse fields of study to advance human civilisation and improve society as a whole.

On behalf of his fellow graduates, Thani Juma Khamis Al Shehi from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences delivered a speech in which he expressed gratitude and appreciation to Sheikh Sultan for making education a cornerstone of development and progress, and for establishing the University of Sharjah as a beacon of knowledge and learning and a source of inspiration for generations.

He also thanked Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmed for his continued support for the university's journey and his unwavering commitment to providing a stimulating educational environment that enables students to excel, innovate, and realise their full potential.

Al Shehi also expressed his thanks and appreciation to parents for their care and

unwavering support throughout the students' academic journeys.

He highlighted the significant attention the University of Sharjah gives to all its students, particularly those with disabilities, for whom the university has created an inclusive academic environment and provided services and resources that facilitate learning and open pathways to success.

Concluding his speech, the graduate congratulated his fellow graduates and encouraged them to move forward with confidence on their professional and academic journeys, carrying with them the values of knowledge, hope, and dedication, and striving to give back to their nation and its wise leadership.

Ahmed Salem Abdullah, a graduate of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, recited a poem at the graduation ceremony, highlighting efforts to strengthen education in the Emirate of Sharjah and underscoring the importance of knowledge to the progress and development of nations and peoples.

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Sharjah Police recover lost bag in record time

SHARJAH: Sharjah Police, represented by the General Department of Criminal Security and Ports, managed to recover a lost bag belonging to an Arab resident after he had lost it inside a taxi while traveling.

The bag contained all his savings accumulated over five years of work and residence in the country at a time when he was preparing to travel to his country. Following intensive investigations and using the surveillance camera system, the taxi's route was tracked and the bag could be recovered in record time.

Expressing his deep gratitude and appreciation for the efforts made by Sharjah Police, the owner of the bag stated that the bag did not include just personal belongings or a sum of money, but rather included the fruit of years of work and a means to achieve his family's ambitions and goals after his return to his homeland.

This incident highlighted the importance of modern technological systems and surveillance cameras in supporting security efforts and contributing to the return of lost items to their owners, thus enhancing the sense of security and reassurance among members of the society, visitors and residents alike.

It also embodied the security and social role played by the security authorities through consolidating the values of safety and trust, reflecting their constant concern for protecting the rights of individuals and their property and dealing speedily and professionally with all reports.

Gulf Today, Staff Reporter



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Novo Nordisk launches Wegovy pill in UAE

DUBAI: Novo Nordisk announced the launch of Wegovy pill (semaglutide tablets) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the first country outside the United States to make the Wegovy pill available to people living with obesity.

The launch marks an important step in Novo Nordisk's ambition to expand access to innovative obesity treatments and broaden treatment options for people living with obesity around the world.

"I am thrilled that Wegovy pill is now available in the UAE," said Emil Kongshøj Larsen, executive vice president, International Operations at Novo Nordisk. "This launch represents an important milestone in our ambition to expand access to innovative obesity care globally. As we look to future launches, our approach will be guided by local patient demand, the readiness of healthcare professionals, and the strength of healthcare and telehealth infrastructure that can support long-term obesity care. The UAE has demonstrated strong momentum across all of these areas, and we look forward to bringing Wegovy pill to additional select countries in the coming months."

Dr Ali Aldibbiat Consultant in Diabetes and Endocrinology, Newcastle Vitality Clinic Dubai while talking to Gulf Today said "It is exciting to bring Wegovy pill to patients living with obesity in the UAE. It offers the well-established efficacy, safety and broader benefits of semaglutide with the simplicity and convenience of a once-daily pill. For many people who are hesitant about injections, this opens the door to a treatment that can make a real and lasting difference. Obesity is a chronic and progressive disease, and treatment must be taken over the long term. Availability of a pill option supports compliance and helps our patients attain and sustain better health."

The Wegovy pill is the first oral glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist therapy approved for weight management.

The approval is based on the OASIS 4 trial programme. It is also mentioned that in the OASIS 4 trial, oral semaglutide 25 mg taken once daily demonstrated -17.8 mean weight loss when treatment was adhered to in adult participants with obesity or overweight with one or more comorbidities.

Jamil Khan, Senior Reporter

'Digital School' plan empowers teachers in Seychelles

DUBAI: The Digital School, one of the initiatives of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, has launched a new phase of its Teacher Preparation Programme in Seychelles, in collaboration with the UAE Government Experience Exchange Programme office and the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development of the Republic of Seychelles. This phase aims to build the digital education capabilities of approximately 100 teachers across 11 schools.

The Programme seeks to empower teachers in Seychelles to integrate modern digital education tools and methodologies into the educational process. With this expansion, the

total number of beneficiaries from The Digital School's programmes in Seychelles will reach 395 teachers.

This new phase embodies The Digital School's ongoing efforts to strengthen digital transformation within Seychelles' education sector by scaling an integrated model that combines hands-on training with flexible digital learning. The approach ensures a practical and sustainable transfer of knowledge. This, in turn, contributes to building educational capacities capable of keeping pace with the rapid transformations in the education sector.

Mohamed Bin Taliah, Assistant Minister of Cabinet Affairs for Government Experience

Exchange Programme affairs, affirmed that this cooperation reflects the UAE government's approach and its ongoing efforts to foster international collaboration and government knowledge exchange, and support education development, digital transformation, and capacity-building initiatives in partner countries.

Dr. Justin Zelym, Secretary-General for Public Education and Curriculum at the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development of the Republic of Seychelles, affirmed that the launch of The Digital School programmes represents an important and timely step within national efforts to enhance education quality through the effective use of technology and to

equip students with future-ready skills.

On his part, Dr. Waleed Al Ali, Secretary-General of The Digital School, affirmed that the expansion of teacher training programmes in Seychelles is part of the School's efforts to enhance its global impact, driven by the belief that teachers are the cornerstone of any sustainable educational transformation.

The Programme falls under The Digital School's efforts to build teacher capacity and enable the use of modern digital education tools and technologies through the Global Digital Educator Academy (DEGA), one of the world's largest multilingual digital teacher preparation initiatives.

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