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SCAD concludes 1st training course of Young Fellows of Statistics

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The Statistical Training Institute (STI) of Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi has concluded the first course of Young Fellow of Statistics training program that was designed for Emirati students from the age of 15 to 18 years. The four-week program (from 27 June to 29 July) gave its participants a chance to take a virtual trip to Khalifa University where they knew about the subjects of statistics and data science.

The course provided an overview of SCAD's key role that serves policy-making and development in Abu Dhabi. Also, it covers the roles and responsibilities of some local, regional and international statistics organisations in addition to an introduction to statistics as a science. Furthermore, the training program encouraged participants to engage in activities such as presentations on statistical projects planning, data collection, surveys versus polls comparisons, form designs, and data analysis. The participants learnt how to develop their leadership and presentation skills, and effective communication through e-learning platforms.

His Excellency Ahmed Mahmoud Fikri, Director General of Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi, said: "This training program aims to raise awareness among Emirati pre-college students about the importance of statistics and data science. It encourages them to be the future data experts that their country needs." He added: "these fields of study are fundamental and overlaps with other disciplines and other fields, such as the artificial intelligence which would be the engine of economic and scientific revolution today and in the future."



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The Director General said: “Developing the national statistical competencies is a strategic objective of the Statistics Center - Abu Dhabi.”

Khalifa University supports the training program by organising a virtual trip to the participants to encourage them to study data science and artificial intelligence, given the increasing demand in the labour market.

Rabaa Mohammed Saleh Bani Yas, Director of the STI, managed the virtual visit, which dealt with the advantages and conditions of study at Khalifa University that ranks first in the region and the 30th in Asia among the best universities in the world. She said that the STI will continue to work to give students the future skills required for the labour market in statistics and data science, and future fields of work after graduation.

SCAD has launched the ‘Abu Dhabi Young Fellows of Statistics’ as part of the initiatives of STI, established in 2011, as one of the strategic initiatives of SCAD, to enhance and develop statistical work skills in Abu Dhabi, given the importance of statistics and accurate data in developing plans and policies in various fields. The STI provides high-quality training courses for entities and individuals in Abu Dhabi for all technical levels.

It is worthy to note that all training courses and programs at the STI are accredited by internationally recognised academic institutions.

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Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD) was established in 2008 in accordance with Law No. (7), to develop and organise statistical work in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular and the United Arab Emirates in general. SCAD's purpose is to produce statistical information that is consistent with the Emirate's orientation towards sustainable development and strategic plans under the supervision and with full support of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Being the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the centre assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programmes that serve the emirate's wider development programmes, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage, analysis and dissemination of official statistics and the release of the results of social, demographic, economic, environmental and cultural surveys.

The activities of the centre encompass all areas relating to social conditions in accordance with relevant international standards and ethics, such as independence, professionalism, impartiality, objectivity, confidentiality, cost effectiveness and quality of statistics.

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