Nahyan opens Murdoch University campus

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The campus of Murdoch University International Study Centre at the Dubai International Academic City was inaugurated by Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Murdoch University was established this year in Dubai International Academic City, a member of Tecom Investments, to cater to the expanding Dubai media and financial sectors and to support Dubai's ambitions in providing an ongoing reserve of regional graduates connected to the demands of the region's booming industries, say university officials.

At the inauguration, Sheikh Nahyan stressed the importance of opening new universities in the UAE to support the country's efforts to drive higher education in the region to world-class standards.

He said the presence of renowned academic entities will further strengthen Dubai's position as the most sought after destination for advanced studies in the region and help to create and sustain a knowledge-based economy in the Arab World responding and contributing to the needs of the process of cultural and educational and scientific development in the UAE.

The Murdoch University Vice-Chancellor, Professor John Yovich AM, expressing his appreciation to the support the university received from authorities said: "Murdoch University acknowledges the support and foresight of the UAE Government in providing world-class academic infrastructure to encourage the development of quality higher education and training for the benefit of its workforce."

Dr Ayoub Kazim, Executive Director of Dubai Knowledge Village and Dubai International Academic City, said: "Dubai International Academic City continues to work towards promoting an environment that nurtures the delivery of high quality education. The presence of a reputable institute such as Murdoch University in our cluster, alongside other world-class universities, will indeed complement our vision to be the regional base for premier international higher education institutions. We are confident its presence in Dubai will bring us one step closer to the education objectives outlined in the Dubai Strategic Plan 2015."

Based in Perth, Western Australia, Murdoch University ranks in the top eight for research intensity. Also listed in The Top 100 Asia Pacific Universities, Murdoch University was awarded five stars for the quality of teaching by The Good Universities Guide 2008 in Australia. It is also the only Australian University to receive this accolade 13 out of the possible 14 years.