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AAU Signs an MOU with BITS Pilani University

Al Ain University of Science and Technology signed a memorandum of understanding with the BITS Pilani University – Dubai Campus in order to enhance the provision of library resources and services between the two sides.

The MOU was signed at BITS Pilani-Dubai campus by Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President and Prof. R. N. Saha, Director of BITS Pilani – Duabi Campus, in the presence of Mr. Abdoulaye Kaba, AAU Library Director, Ms. Lina Abu Libdeh, Library Supervisor (Abu Dhabi Campus), Mr. R. Sivakumar, and Mr. Jayadev P. Hiremath, Librarians for BITS Pilani Dubai Campus.

The MOU is aimed to promote and expand inter-library cooperation between the two institutions. The agreement allows both sides to exchange visits to the library by patrons of both institutions; to extend all library facilities to the visiting patrons from both institutions; to exchange reference

information; to exchange scholarly published materials; to exchange scholars for lectures, talks etc.; and to share ideas related to the library and information and other fields of knowledge.

Prof. El Refae said that the agreement comes in line with AAU vision and mission and reflects its strategy in making strong collaboration with academic institutions, enhancing academic resources and services.

According to him, this MOU for library services can be expanded in the future by the two institutions to include collaboration in teaching, scientific research, training and development.

For his part, Prof. Saha said that the agreement is an important step for both institutions to support learning, teaching, and scientific research. He said, the MOU should help the two sides in achieving national and international recognition, providing quality information resources and services to meet the information needs of faculty members and students. Prof. Shaha also expressed his recommendation for expanding this MOU to include other departments and colleges.

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