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An MOU between AAU and Staffordshire University in the fields of research and Artificial Intelligence

The Artificial Intelligence Research Centre at Al-Ain University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Staffordshire University's Smart Systems, AI, and Cybersecurity Research Centre (UK). This collaboration aims to advance research and development and promote knowledge exchange and technology transfer between the two Centres.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Ghaleb El-Refae, President of Al-Ain University, and Prof. Elhadj Benkhelifa, Director of the Smart Systems, AI and Cybersecurity Research Centre from Staffordshire University. The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Haythem Bany Salameh, Dean of Research and Director of Al-Ain AI research center and Dr. Qutaibah Althebyan, the Dean of the College of Engineering.

Under this MoU, both institutions will collaborate on joint research projects and explore avenues for research staff and student exchange to develop between the two research centers. The

collaboration will also involve joint workshops, seminars, and conferences to disseminate research findings and promote knowledge exchange among the academic and industrial communities.

Prof. Ghaleb El-Refae, President of Al-Ain University, said: "We are delighted to partner with Staffordshire University's Smart Systems, AI and Cybersecurity Research Centre to drive innovation and research in these cutting-edge fields. This collaboration will enable us to share knowledge and expertise to develop cutting-edge solutions that will benefit society and industry. This MoU is a significant step towards enhancing research collaboration and knowledge exchange between the two institutions. "

Professor Haythem Bany Salameh, Dean of Research at Al-Ain University and the Director of the AI research center said "It was a great pleasure to Host Professor Benkhelifa at Al-Ain University, UAE. During his visit, we discussed a number of areas for collaboration, some of which are already in action."

Professor Elhadj Benkhelifa, Director of the Smart Systems, AI and Cybersecurity Research Centre, said: "We are thrilled to collaborate with Al-Ain University, one of the leading institutions in the UAE, to advance research and development in the field of Smart Systems, AI and cybersecurity. This partnership will enable us to leverage our expertise and resources to develop innovative solutions to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing the world today." Professor Benkhelifa continues "This MoU is a first step toward exploring University-to-University partnership in research as well as in teaching and learning".

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