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JCI selects HBMSU to improve quality and safety of Healthcare

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Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University signs strategic agreement with Joint Commission International (JCI) to complement UAE's global leadership in international accreditation of health institutions



With aim to contribute to the UAE Vision 2021 by developing a health system consistent with global standards, Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU) signed a pilot agreement with Joint Commission International (JCI).

The partnership intends to develop educational programs that support efforts to improve the quality and safety of healthcare, complementing the top global ranking achieved by the UAE in terms of the number of JCI-accredited healthcare establishments in the country. The UAE is home to almost 20% of total accredited health establishments in the world.

"We are pleased to collaborate with Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University to expand the delivery of our customized Quality and Patient Safety curriculum to healthcare practitioners," says Dr. Marwa Zohdy, JCI's Vice President Global Consulting Services. "The University's infrastructure and commitment to transforming professional development is closely aligned with our mission to improve patient safety and quality of care in the international community."

This agreement falls in line with the HBMSU leadership's directives to promote Dubai's and the UAE's reputations as global destinations for healthcare services. Dr. Mansoor Al Awar, HBMSU Chancellor, said: "The collaboration with a leading international accreditation entity for quality in the healthcare sector is a new milestone in our pioneering efforts to establish strong partnerships based on the principle 'Together We Grow.' These efforts dovetail our commitment to work under the guidance of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, President of the University, to promote the quality of healthcare and therapeutic services, to make headway against the health challenges of the future considering its priority for the UAE and Dubai."

Both parties agreed to provide a joint training program according to a methodology based on an innovative and participatory approach. A constellation of academics, consultants and experts from the University and JCI will participate in the development of the Quality and Patient Safety curriculum, timetable, learning technics and tools and the assessment systems according to the JCI international standards. The University intends to employ its advanced technological infrastructure and expertise in smart learning and quality, as well as its innovative curriculum development tools to cope with the rapid development and growing needs of the local and regional healthcare sector. The study table also includes the implementation of quality improvement projects in healthcare institutions by medical and health professionals participating in the program.