

ADCED receives a student delegation from Singapore

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Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development (ADCED) received a student delegation from the Singapore Management University (SMU) and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), who is currently touring the GCC States as part of their Business Study Mission Middle East (BSM). The mission is aimed to strengthen relationships between the GCC States and Singapore through the study of the business and cultural environment in these countries.

ADCED's officials welcomed the 66 member delegation from SMU and NTU, which was headed by Professor Caroline Yeoh. A presentation about the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030 was delivered for the delegation. In addition, the presentation highlighted the growth and development of a number of sectors of Abu Dhabi's economy such as energy (oil & gas), aerospace and defense, media, tourism, education, financial services, and healthcare. Following the presentation, a Q&A session was held where students asked questions about various aspects of the economic development in Abu Dhabi, and the nature of work at ADCED. Many students expressed their admiration of the development which they have witnessed in the emirate.

Commenting on the delegation's visit, H.E. Fahad Saeed AlRaqbani, ADCED's Director General, said: "It is our pleasure to welcome students from Singapore Management University and Nanyang Technological University at ADCED. It is indeed a great opportunity to exchange knowledge with the students for the fourth time and to introduce Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030. In this regard, I wish the students a successful academic year, and urge them to work harder in order to achieve the best results, which will allow them to make their higher education choice with much ease and confidence."

Speaking on behalf of the Singapore delegation, Professor Caroline Yeoh remarked: "SMU President Professor Arnoud De Meyer and Provost Professor Rajendra Srivastava would like to express their deepest appreciation to H.E. Fahad Saeed Al Raqbani, ADCED Director General for hosting our students. We thank ADCED for being supportive of SMU's study missions, and open in their sharing with our students. We know that our relationship with ADCED will be a mirror of the relations between Singapore and the United Arab Emirates, and we look forward to future partnerships and collaborations."



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The visit came in line with ADCED's programme of educational and professional development, where opportunities are made available for students and interns to join ADCED and benefit from on-site training and internship.