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MoU with e-University to help people study and continue working

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**Dubai** Four students will benefit from full scholarships yearly at the Hamdan Bin Mohammad e-University thanks to a generous gesture by Shaikha Shamsa Bint Suhail, wife of President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, it was announced yesterday.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed setting up the Shaikha Shamsa Bin Suhail Chair of Business and Financial Studies in the e-School of Business and Quality Management, the first to be named after a woman in the Arab world.

The chair provides four bachelors and higher studies students of business and financial studies with full four-year scholarships yearly, as provided by the MoU signed between the Shaikha Shamsa Bint Suhail Award for Creative Women and the University yesterday at Dubai Police

### INITIATIVE DECREE SET UP AWARD

President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan issued a federal decree No 82 for 2010 setting up the Shaikha Shamsa Bint Suhail Award for Creative Women. Hamdan Bin Mohammad eUniversity was launched in February 2009.

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headquarters. The MoU was signed by Dr Mouza Gobash, Chairperson of the award's board of trustees, and Lieutenant General Dahi Khalfan Tamim, Dubai Police Chief and Chairman of the university's board, in the presence of Dr Mansour Al Awar, Chancellor of the university.

Dr Mouza said the idea behind the chair was enhancing the educational march at the higher studies level and expanding the ho-

rizons of remote education, which is highly supported by Shaikha Shamsa as it helps men and women who cannot attend a university to study and earn recognised degrees while keeping their jobs.

### Competition

"Shaikha Shamsa holds a bachelors degree in economy from the University of the UAE, and her seven daughters and two sons are all highly educated," Dr Mouza said, adding that the chair would create competition between students as they all seek to have the opportunity of being selected for it.

Although the MoU provides that four students will be granted the scholarship every year, Shaikha Shamsa instructed that it be kept open for any number of students who may benefit from it, and any Arab student residing in the UAE and studying at the Hamdan Bin Mohammad eUniversity may apply for the scholarship.

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DUBAI // Sheikha Shamsa bint Suhail Al Mazrouei, the wife of Sheikh Khalifa, President of the UAE, is the first female in the Arab world to lead a university scholarship programme, officials said yesterday.

Dr Moza Ghobash, the chairwoman of the Sheikha Shamsa bint Suhail award for creative women, signed a memorandum of understanding with Lt Gen Dahi Khalfan Tamim to begin the scholarship at Hamdan bin Mohammed e-University. Lt Gen Tamim is the chairman of the university's board.

"The grant will provide a free four-year education for four Arab students, male or female," Dr Ghobash said. Applicants will be

chosen based on guidelines set by the university, with preference towards those with financial needs.

"The university has set acceptance standards, but we are also targeting students who do not necessarily excel in their studies to nurture them to bring out their creativity," she said.

Lt Gen Tamim said: "This is a reflection of the UAE's efforts in all levels to continue the growth of human development and that is shown on a yearly basis."

Sheikha Shamsa is an avid reader, said Dr Ghobash, and holds a degree in economics from UAE University in Al Ain.

"Her seven daughters have all graduated from UAE university and the education of her sons, Dr Sultan and Sheikh Mohammed

bin Khalifa, reflect her keenness to promote knowledge and education," she said.

The Sheikha Shamsa bint Suhail award for creative women was established last year. The award is geared to support creative Emirati women and finances their projects. It is a separate award from the scholarships.

Hamdan bin Mohammed e-University is the UAE's first online university and was inaugurated in February 2009.

The university comprises four main colleges: the school of business and quality management, school of education, school of health and environmental studies, and school of continuing education.

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