

# University of Manchester hosts 2014 MBA graduation ceremony for the Middle East

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DUBAI, 20th November, 2014 (WAM) -- The University of Manchester today held its 2014 MBA graduation ceremony for students of Manchester Business School (MBS) Middle East Centre, at Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai.

The presiding officer at the graduation ceremony was the Dean of MBS, Professor Fiona Devine, and the ceremony was conducted in the presence of Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development. Sheikh Nahayan also addressed the audience.

83 graduates were awarded University of Manchester MBA Degrees at the ceremony, which was attended by family members, VIP guests, students and alumni of Manchester Business School. 37 students graduated with Merit, and three with Distinction (including a married couple). In addition, the MBS International Awards for Best Individual Student, and Best Individual Project and Best Group Project, were presented to graduates from the Middle East.

Part of the University of Manchester, Manchester Business School was one of the first business schools in the UK and is Europe's largest campus based business school. MBS opened its Middle East Centre at Dubai Knowledge Village in 2006 and today it is the largest and fastest growing of the School's network of seven centres around the world.

Randa Bessiso, Director - Middle East, Manchester Business School, commented, "The University of Manchester graduation ceremony is the highlight of the year and we have now graduated more than 500 MBA students from the Middle East.

The quality of our students is a feature of the region and our students do very well in a very tough and demanding MBA programme. We are very proud that we have some of the top performing graduates across the MBS international network in 2014. MBS was especially honoured and delighted that Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan generously granted his patronage and personal support to this occasion." The MBS Middle East Centre supports more than 1,700 part-time MBA students of 90 nationalities, many residing in the UAE, and has a community of around 2,000 alumni in the region. In the Middle East, the School offers the part-time Manchester Global MBA programme and the new Global Executive MBA programme. All the MBS MBA programmes are triple accredited and are consistently ranked amongst the world's top ranked programmes.