



A new partnership with Abu Dhabi University

Abu Dhabi University (ADU), a leading academic institution in the United Arab Emirates, and the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (ENPC), a prestigious “Grande Ecole” in Paris have signed a collaboration agreement to jointly offer a dual MBA degree focusing on International Business. Students joining the MBA program at ADU will be able to earn within 18 months two degrees: a general MBA degree from ADU and a specialized MBA degree from ENPC. The dual degree program is part-time and will start in summer 2007.

Dr. Philippe Courtier, Director of the ENPC, and Dr. Tawfik Jelassi, Dean of the ENPC School of International Management, concluded the agreement with H.E. Ali Bin Harmel Al-Dhaheiri, Chairman of the ADU Executive Board of Governors, and Dr. Mohamed Khalifa, ADU Provost. “Abu Dhabi University is committed to develop a wide network of partnerships with prestigious educational institutions worldwide. This partnership will further contribute to the University’s global presence”, said H.E. Ali Bin Harmel Al-Dhaheiri.

“This agreement will provide the MBA students at Abu Dhabi University with an enhanced value proposition. In addition to earning a locally accredited degree from ADU, students opting for the dual degree program will also earn an internationally accredited degree from the prestigious ENPC”, commented Dr. Mohamed Khalifa. “Throughout its 260 year history, the ENPC has demonstrated its research and teaching excellence in several disciplines as well as its strong contribution to the economic and social development in France and internationally. Today’s partnership with Abu Dhabi University is a significant addition to the ENPC worldwide network of partner organizations and a first step towards a fuller cooperation between two leading academic institutions in Europe and the Gulf region”, added Dr. Philippe Courtier. “In this era of increasing globalization, the MBA program in International Business will provide highly differentiated learning value and business networking opportunities. Participants enrolled at Abu Dhabi University will benefit from an up-to-date management curriculum, applied content, world-class faculty, and the ENPC MBA programs in Paris, Shanghai, Casablanca, Philadelphia and Edinburgh. This joint MBA program will be a unique life-changing experience for managers and entrepreneurs”, said Dr. Tawfik Jelassi. “The admission to the dual degree program has already started. Our current MBA students have responded with great enthusiasm to the dual degree opportunity”, concluded Dr. Yoser Gadhoum, Director of the MBA program at ADU.