



## **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO DP WORLD EXECUTIVES**

*45 senior Emirati employees of global port operator to undergo intensive course under Leadership Development Programme*

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, January 24, 2011:** - DP World UAE Region today (January 24) signed an agreement with American University of Sharjah (AUS), under which AUS will provide advanced training in leadership to management executives of the premier port operator.

The partnership deal was signed by Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World UAE Region, and Dr. Peter Heath, Chancellor, AUS, at a function attended by Mohammed Ali Ahmed, Director for Strategy Planning, Human Resources & Business Support, DP World UAE Region, Dr. Thomas Hochstettler, AUS Provost, Dr. Nada Mourtada-Sabah, Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs, Dr Malcolm Richards, Dean of the School of Business Management, and senior officials and academics. The signing of the agreement was followed by an exchange of mementos and a tour of the university campus, including an inspection of the facilities at the AUS School of Business and Management.

The partnership provides for a group of 45 Emirati executives to be given intensive training in advanced management as part of the port operator's Leadership Development Program, which is aimed at preparing them for potential corporate leadership roles in the future.

The 15-course programme, which will run through February and March, is tailored to provide the participants with a greater breadth and depth of knowledge about DP World's core business and equip them with holistic management skills.

**Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World UAE Region,** said:

"At DP World we have always stressed on the importance of investing in human resources. We have a firm belief that our employees are the most important assets of the company. American University of Sharjah offers the finest management training skills to help cultivate the right leadership qualities in our future corporate leaders. We thank the AUS Board of Directors and deans for extending their cooperation to our Leadership Development Program."

**Dr Peter Heath, Chancellor, American University of Sharjah,** said:

"We thank DP World for placing their trust in American University of Sharjah and our capabilities. We are confident that this partnership will be fruitful and mutually beneficial. AUS has proven credentials in business management training and we hope our participation in DP World's Leadership Development Programme will help serve its strategic development needs."

**Mohammed Ali Ahmed, Director for Strategy Planning, Human Resources & Institutional Support, DP World UAE Region, said:**

“Providing quality training and enhanced leadership skills to our key management executives is at the core of our human resource development strategy. We believe DP World’s Leadership Development Programme will gain immensely through this association with American University of Sharjah and its excellent business management faculty.”

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## **About DP World**

DP World is one of the largest marine terminal operators in the world, with 49 terminals and 10 new developments and major expansions across 31 countries(1). Its dedicated, experienced and professional team of nearly 30,000 people serves customers in some of the most dynamic economies in the world.

DP World aims to enhance customers' supply chain efficiency by effectively managing container, bulk and other terminal cargo.

The company constantly invests in terminal infrastructure, facilities and people, working closely with customers and business partners to provide quality services today and tomorrow, when and where customers need them.

In taking this customer-centric approach, DP World is building on the established relationships and superior level of service demonstrated at its flagship Jebel Ali facility in Dubai, which has been voted "Best Seaport in the Middle East" for 16 consecutive years.

In 2009, DP World handled more than 43.4 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) across its portfolio from the Americas to Asia. With a pipeline of expansion and development projects in key growth markets, including India, China and the Middle East, capacity is expected to rise to around 92 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

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(1) As of 12 January 2011

## **About AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH**

American University of Sharjah (AUS) was founded in 1997 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah. It offers 25 majors and 48 minors at the undergraduate level, and 13 master's degrees through the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Architecture, Art and Design, and School of Business and Management. AUS is licensed in the United States by the Department of Education of the State of Delaware. It is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215 662 5606). AUS is also licensed by the UAE Ministry of Education, and all undergraduate and graduate programs are recognized by the ministry and have been awarded either accreditation or accreditation-eligible status. All six of the bachelor's degree programs in the AUS College of Engineering are accredited by [ABET, Inc.](http://www.abet.org) of the United States. The Bachelor of Architecture program of the College of Architecture, Art and Design is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board ([NAAB](http://www.naab.org)) of the United States. [www.aus.edu](http://www.aus.edu)