

## **UAE Launches Second AI Camp**

With new developments cropping up every day, the world of artificial intelligence (AI) is growing both in size and its importance to society. From AI that speaks for you to simple smart home devices, the industry is advancing at a rapid rate. And the United Arab Emirates is doing all it can to stay ahead.

The latest developmental announcement comes from the Minister of State for Artifical Intelligence, His Excellency Oman Sultan AlOlama. According to AlOlama, the UAE Government uses Al technologies in the education industry to enhance the skills and abilities of future generations. In conjunction with this, the UAE Al Camp second edition was launched to promote and support Al research and development.

## **Enhancing education**

"The artificial intelligence sector is witnessing a remarkable growth in education around the world with an annual growth rate of more than 31% by 2027", says AlOlama, who added that "artificial intelligence will also enhance the ability of students to develop their skills in creating effective solutions for different challenges".

In order to support the usage of AI in schools across the UAE, the second AI Camp is set to be organised in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman and AI Ain. The camp will be open for secondary schools, university students and employees in public and private sectors, providing an opportunity to focus on AI and widening training programmes across the country.

## Al training

Each camp is focused on a different area of AI, designed to enhance education and provide tangible skills to members that can be utilised in every day schooling and work. The Spring Camp, for instance, which will be held in April, will focus on the most prominent emerging technologies in the machine learning and data science industries. While the Summer Camp, held in July and August, is set to focus on robotics development and programming skills.

Last year's camp saw over 5000 students benefiting from various partnership programmes in the first edition of the UAE AI Camp, and this year is predicted to be even bigger. The camp's second edition is designed to encourage AI interest and enhance technological skills in the UAE's next generation.



"It is essential that we train a qualified national workforce, equipped with knowledge of the latest AI applications around the world" says Executive President of the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government, Dr Ali Sebaa Al Marri.

One of the camp's partners – Khalfan Juma Belhoul, CEO of Dubai Future Foundation – agrees with Al Marri, adding "we are keen to support the UAE's initiatives and projects to provide youth people with the skills of the future".