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Higher Ed Summit: Middle East 2025

Society 5.0: Higher Education and Skills
for a Human-Centred Future

20-22 April | Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait

Post event report

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Testimonials

Attending the summit was a truly enriching experience. I'm definitely taking away valuable insights, especially around emerging technologies and collaborative innovation. My favourite part of the event was the interactive panel discussions, where diverse perspectives sparked thought-provoking conversations. The networking opportunities and real-world case studies shared during the sessions were particularly impactful.

Devasis Pradhan, Assistant Director of Research,
Acharya Institute of Technology School

Brilliant platform which acknowledges the need of the hour for the Leaders in Education shaping the future. Right balance of people, intent & platform to achieve key takeaways for the student of tomorrow. As aptly said by one of the Keynote Speakers, "it's for the future of humans with focus on students in present". Overall engagement and association is truly exemplary.

Ankit Patwa, Vice President, MasterSoft ERP
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The QS Summit was a valuable opportunity to engage with academic leaders and exchange practical ideas for advancing higher education. I gained new insights and was exposed to impactful initiatives and perspectives shared by experts from diverse fields.

Dr Ahmad Al-Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Gulf
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Key highlights

The 2025 QS Higher Ed Summit: Middle East reflected on how universities can contribute to societal goals, and benefit students to help them become consciences leaders of tomorrow. Considering employment, technology, skills, partnerships and sustainability, the summit positioned students as the catalyst for major change and higher education as the vehicle to prepare them.

Across two days, experts discussed how students can be centred in university strategy and the opportunities for the Middle East to be a driving force for positive change.

Thank you to all speakers, delegates, our host, the Gulf University for Science and Technology, and our sponsors, for their contributions and vision in shaping the future of education.

We invite you to post pictures from the official photo gallery on social media and use the hashtag **#QSHigherEdSummit** to share your experience.

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To prepare for Society 5.0 and the future world, universities must focus on the students of today.

Metrics must be focussed on delivering outcomes for students, both for social benefit and graduate employment. University success should therefore be strongly tied to student success.

The geopolitical landscape around the world is presenting a new opportunity for Middle Eastern universities to engage with global students and academics.





Key Statistics

537

Total number of attendees

23

Total number of locations represented

106

Total number of speakers

Feedback from attendees:

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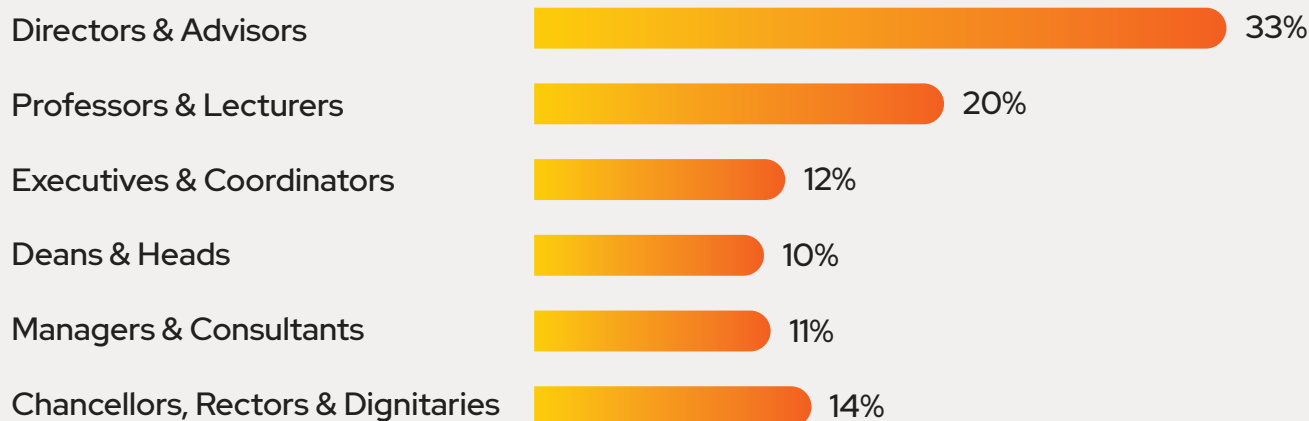
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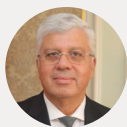
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Audience profile



Key speakers

We would like to thank our esteemed speakers.



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