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Swiss International Scientific School Dubai to open in Dubai Healthcare City Phase 2 in September

- *First UAE-based private school to offer multi-lingual education through International Baccalaureate and Swiss Matura*
- *Curricula to nurture scientific minds to build medical capacity in the UAE*
- *School building to adopt renewable energy regulations, leveraging the best in Swiss technology, creating a healthy and comfortable environment for students*

Dubai, January 1st, 2015: Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC), the world's largest healthcare free zone, today announced that the Swiss International Scientific School Dubai (SISD) will open in September in its Phase 2, along Dubai Creek.

One of its first business partners to operate in the 19 million square feet development in Phase 2, a dedicated wellness concept, the School will offer multi-lingual education through the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Swiss Matura curricula. Students will learn in French, German, English and Arabic, allowing for a breadth of cross-cultural diversity and unique learning.

The primary school, including kindergarten, will be operational for the academic year 2015-16. The secondary school – till grade 12, will be operational in phases.

A specialized curriculum with a scientific focus will give secondary students the much-needed springboard should they choose to pursue academia in medicine.

In concept, the Swiss International Scientific School is in line with Dubai Healthcare City's mission to enable high quality integrated healthcare and medical education.

Currently, towards medical education, DHCC entities offer simulation training and continuing medical education (CME) workshops, and through the recently announced Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

The Swiss International Scientific School Dubai has a planned capacity of 2,442 students including a boarding house for 350 students. The design and construction of school site is based on sustainability standards as per the Swiss Minergie label, which is awarded to buildings that have been constructed or refurbished in line with energy-saving and ecological approaches.

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The school will include sports facilities, providing students with a complete campus experience including unique water access.

Marwan Abedin, Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Healthcare City, said: “There has been much anticipation around the launch of DHCC Phase 2. We are delighted to see the project reach fruition. The Swiss International Scientific School is a unique concept that strengthens our position as a regional hub for healthcare with education at its core. As such, we are proud to bring to the UAE a unique educational concept that will also train young scientific minds.”

Beat Sommer, Head of School at the Swiss International Scientific School, said: “The Swiss International Scientific School Dubai is a proud partner of DHCC, and is looking forward to establishing itself as one of the first business partners to operate from the DHCC Phase 2. Being in such a location is important for us because it ties in with our core value of sustainability, which is apparent in the building specifications and the energy conservation we are implementing, along with healthy nutrition and an eco-friendly environment, conducive to educational excellence.

The school will be the first Dubai-based private institute to offer a multi-lingual and multi-cultural education through the IB and Swiss Matura, catering for students from pre-kindergarten through to grade 12. We are delighted to be adding diversity to the education landscape in the United Arab Emirates and contributing to Dubai as an education hub.”

For more information on Swiss International Scientific School Dubai, visit www.sisd.ae

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About Dubai Healthcare City

Launched in 2002 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Dubai Healthcare City is a free zone mandated to meet the demand for high-quality, patient-centered healthcare.

Through strategic partnerships, Dubai Healthcare City brings together a wealth of services in healthcare, medical education and research, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, wellness and allied support.

Located in the heart of Dubai, Dubai Healthcare City comprises two phases. Phase 1, dedicated to healthcare and medical education, covers 4.1 million square feet, and Phase 2, which is dedicated to wellness, will cover 19 million square feet. Development in Phase 2 is underway.

Dubai Healthcare City, overseen by the Dubai Healthcare City Authority, operates in:

- *Healthcare:* It is home to more than 130 medical facilities including hospitals, outpatient medical centers and diagnostic laboratories with more than 4,500 licensed professionals. Through the expertise of leading medical institutions and providers, patients have access to the A-Z of quality healthcare.
- *Education and Research:* Through the Mohammed Bin Rashid Academic Medical Center, Dubai Healthcare City aims to establish an integrated academic and clinical environment to build capacity and advance medical education in the region.
- *Investment:* Dubai Healthcare City offers medical and healthcare providers with a “one-stop shop” solution to set up operations and avail of free zone benefits. The investment product portfolio has clinical, commercial, retail, business Center and free-hold land.
- *Regulatory:* Under the Dubai Healthcare City Authority, the Center for Healthcare Planning and Quality is an independent regulatory body responsible for licensing healthcare providers and professionals, and setting and maintaining international best practice in healthcare delivery and patient care within Dubai Healthcare City.

For further information, please visit: www.dhcc.ae