

Virtual Learning a Big Hit with Staff and Students at Ajman University

FVC's Polycom Video Conferencing Solutions Links Students across Campuses

October 2005, Ajman, UAE: Ajman University of Science & Technology (AUST), a distinguished institution of higher education across the region, and First Video Communications (FVC), the region's leading provider of rich media communications, have announced the success of implementing Polycom's videoconferencing equipment across its campuses in Ajman, Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Fujairah.

AUST is a network of campuses, centers and offices based in different Emirates across the UAE. Implementation of the Polycom View station 128, Polycom View station FX and Polycom Gateway 3000 solutions has benefited the University in a number of ways, by eliminating the time and hassle associated with physical traveling, and expanding its knowledge base across the region.

FVC has been providing AUST with Polycom videoconferencing equipment as well as its services for more than 2 years now, connecting teachers and students across its campuses, and providing enhanced professional development through meetings and training. Universities can now save a major portion of their student and faculty travel expenses.

Commenting on the success of the technology, Mohamed Salman, Information Technology Director, AUST, said "Although our main vocation at Ajman University is education and research, we are devoted to investing in real time, world class facilities, technologies and services beneficial to our students and staff. Video conferencing has proved to be a key element in linking all the entities of the University network despite the physical distance."

"We are pleased to be associated with FVC and Polycom as the quality of systems and services provided are excellent. We look forward to working with them more closely in the near future to help us bridge the way for a new generation of students." Mr. Salman further added.

Adding to this, K.S. Parag, Regional Director, FVC said, "Video conferencing in the Middle East has come a long way in recent years, and Polycom has been at the forefront ever since. The educational sector is a prime focus for us and we are confident in providing Ajman University with avant-garde solutions and services to complement their level of proficiency in the Middle East educational field. Through the launch of Polycom's first ever Arabic User Interface for video conferencing, we hope to further strengthen our relationship with them."

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About Polycom:

Headquartered in Slough, United Kingdom for EMEA, Polycom maintains regional offices throughout the US, Europe, Asia and Latin America, employing more than 800 people worldwide. Polycom EMEA represents Polycom Inc. in Europe, Middle East and Africa with corporate offices in United Kingdom, Netherlands, France, Germany, Norway. Through an extensive network of distributors, resellers and service providers Polycom

support sales and services throughout EMEA. The company's core competencies includes video conferencing, voice conferencing, web conferencing, IP telephony, network infrastructure systems and video management systems.

About FVC:

Founded in 1999, FVC (First Video Communications) provides rich media communication solutions to organisations in the Middle East, North Africa, Levant and SAARC regions. Built on cutting edge technologies, FVC's solutions focus on making innovative possibilities a reality. Along with its regional channel partners and resellers, FVC provides exclusive video, web and audio conferencing; video streaming and video on demand solutions; network traffic management; and network security management systems. Visit www.fvcme.com.

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