

AHMED SALAH MOHAMED AL HARJERI

Citation for the conferral of a Doctor of Health Studies (*honoris causa*)

Vice-Chancellor, it is a privilege to present to you and to this gathering, for the award of Doctor of Health Studies (*honoris causa*), Mr Ahmed Salah Mohamed Al Hajeri.

The University Council has resolved to confer this award on Mr Al Hajeri in recognition of his International contribution to Paramedicine and Emergency Service management. After graduating high school, Mr Al Hajeri gained a Diploma in General Nursing, a Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic) from Victoria University and an Executive Master of Healthcare Administration from Zayed University, Abu Dhabi.

Mr Al Hajeri is currently the Deputy Chief Executive Officer within the National Ambulance Company and, Head of Development and Reorganizing, Police Ambulance Service.

Mr Al Harjeri's personal experience from a serious traffic accident was pivotal in setting his dedication to improving the level of pre-hospital care in the United Arab Emirates. He successfully achieved relevant health qualifications and has worked in the medical field since 1997. He has spent a significant amount of time working within hospitals and researching, developing and establishing emergency pre hospital care in the United Arab Emirates.

By 2011, Mr Al Harjeri was Head of Ambulance within Abu Dhabi section where he developed a mechanism to professionally licence ambulance crew by the Abu Dhabi Health Authority.

Mr Al Harjeri's significant leadership and contribution to changing pre-hospital care in United Arab Emirates was acknowledged by the Deputy Prime Minister of United Emirates and Minister of the Interior, His Highness Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who in August 2010, approved the formation of the National Ambulance Service.

In his current roles, Mr Al Hajeri has been involved in the development and implementation of United Arab Emirates centric clinical practice guidelines and the development and implementation of the Ambulance Service in the Northern Emirates.

These various roles have proven him to be a strong advocate and educator of providing Paramedicine and Emergency Service management in an innovative and profound way.

Mr Al Harjeri's exemplary knowledge base in emergency medicine and planning, as well as his strong ability to influence at a governmental level, demonstrates his skills not only as a leader in the National Ambulance Service of the United Arab Emirates, but also as an asset to the emergency care service. His leadership style has demonstrated a capacity to respond to challenge from across the ranks with courage and reasoned argument; key traits required to make a difference.

Awarding this Doctor of Health Studies to Mr Al Hajeri aligns well with the University's programmes related to the discipline of paramedicine and its international relationships established for activities such as student placement and work experience, opportunities for employment of students, as well as research.

Vice-Chancellor, I now present Mr Ahmed Salah Mohamed Al Hajeri, a person who has made, in the words of Charles Napier Sturt, a significant contribution to the “public good” through his work as a nurse, paramedic, and recognised leader in pre-hospital care.

Dated this Twelfth Day of November Two Thousand and Sixteen