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DUBAI — A pioneering study on the trends and opportunities created by the UAE's Emiratisation strategy has been widely acclaimed at an international conference on 'Gulf studies' held in the UK.

Dr Kasim Randeree of the British University in Dubai, presented his research findings on 'expatriates and Emiratisation' to a major conference held at the University of Exeter, England.

The research paper dealt with the government policy and strategy, as well as the challenges facing the UAE. It was praised for providing a clearest insight into the progressive and challenging work being undertaken by the government and the private sector.

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working and improving the lives of people in the UAE," declared Dr Abdullah Alshamsi, vice-chancellor of the British University in Dubai.

"Fostering international understanding through the development of world-class research is a major part of this university's mandate and the strong response generated by this research reflects the

progress we are making," he added.

An interdisciplinary Gulf studies conference that attracted experts from around the world, the event was organised by the Institute of Arab and Islamic studies. Dr Randeree's findings point to the long-term structural effects of women's entry into higher education, and its consequences for the employment market.

"The delivery of the Emiratisation strategy to date should be treated as an opportunity to reflect on the training needs and development of the entire region," said Dr Randeree.

Dubai has one of the most dynamic economies in the region, placing it at the heart of the emiratisation debate. While women's participation in the workforce has been traditionally low (just 11 per cent), females make up 27 per cent of the total population. — Wam