ADIA Lab honoured with 'Friend of Spain' Award

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ADIA Lab, the independent Abu Dhabi-based laboratory dedicated to basic and applied research in data and computational sciences, has been presented with the 'Friend of Spain' Award by H.E. Iñigo de Palacio España, Ambassador of Spain to the UAE, in a ceremony hosted by the Spanish Embassy and the Spanish Business Council in Abu Dhabi.

The 'Friend of Spain' Award acknowledges prominent UAE institutions that have actively worked on strengthening the bilateral relationship between Spain and the UAE over the past year.
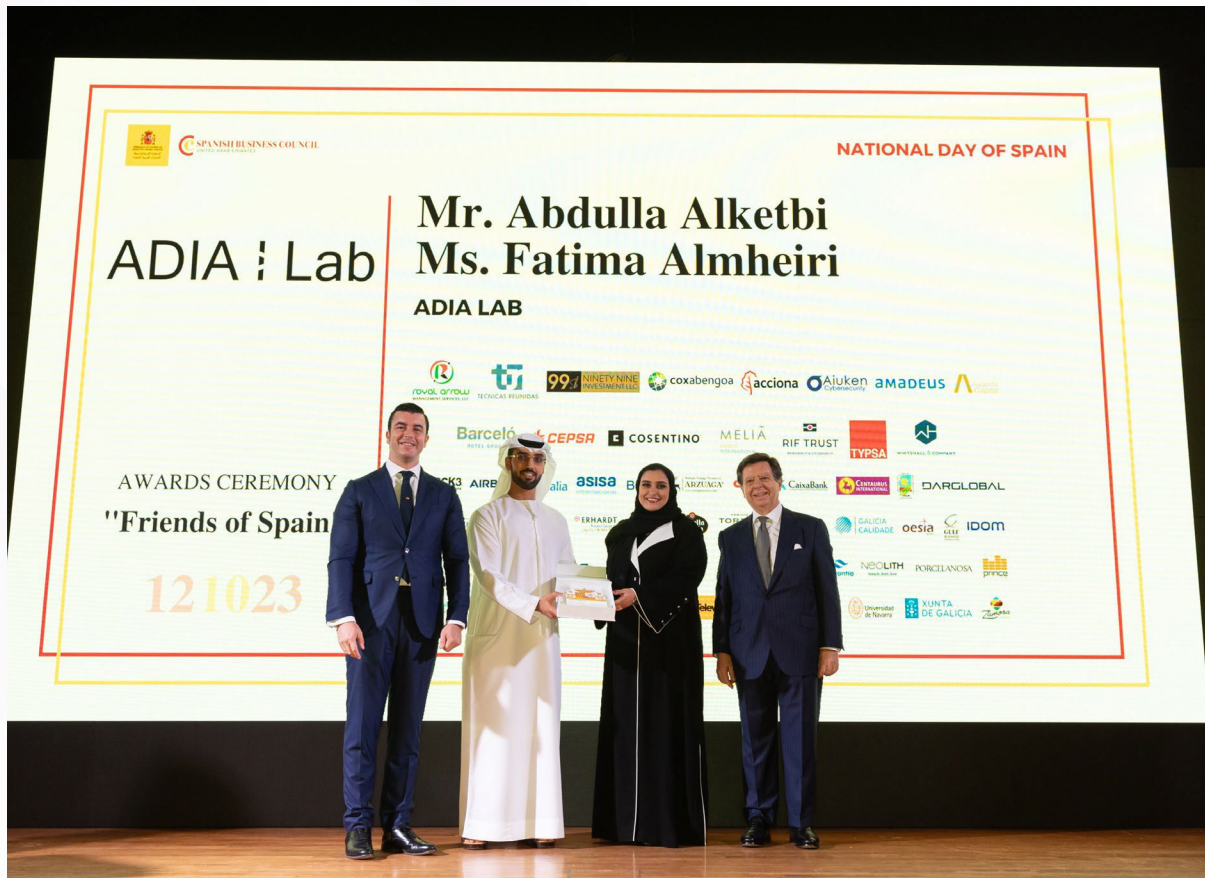
In March, an agreement was signed with the Kingdom of Spain, through the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation, to establish ADIA Lab's European headquarters in Granada, Spain. As part of the agreement, ADIA Lab has launched five research programs with Spanish universities and research institutions focusing on:

- Causal discovery and experimental design in public health
- Economic modelling of climate change and its mitigation policies
- Digital economy, distributed ledger technology and tokenization
- High-performance computing
- Interpretable AI and trustworthy automation

ADIA Lab is already collaborating on these topics with numerous universities in Spain, including the Universities of Granada, Salamanca, Oviedo, Santiago and Jaume I, as well as the Centre for Biomedical Research (CIBER). Through their agreements with ADIA Lab, these universities will also partner with UAE universities, in research and exchange programs.

H.E. Iñigo de Palacio España, Ambassador of Spain to the UAE, said: "With this Award, we would like to acknowledge ADIA Lab for its invaluable efforts in strengthening the scientific and research relationship between Spain and the UAE, particularly in Artificial Intelligence. We would like to honour the crucial role played by ADIA Lab in promoting exchanges and forming a network between our institutions and universities, particularly by establishing the headquarters of ADIA Lab Europe in Granada."

Dr Horst Simon, Director of ADIA Lab, said: "We are honoured to receive this award and are proud to be playing a role in enhancing ties between the active and vibrant scientific communities of the UAE and Spain. Collaboration is central to our approach to advancing data and computational sciences around the world and, through ADIA Lab's European HQ in Granada, we have been able to partner with some of Spain's leading institutions in these fields. We are excited about what we can achieve together."

Caption (left to right): Mr. Guillermo Cobelo, Chairman, Spanish Business Council in the UAE; Mr. Abdulla Alketbi, ADIA Lab Operations Board; Ms. Fatima Almheiri, ADIA Lab Operations Board, and; H.E. Iñigo de Palacio España, Ambassador of Spain to the UAE

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ABOUT ADIA LAB

ADIA Lab is an independent institution engaged in basic and applied research in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and High-Performance and Quantum Computing, across all major fields of study. This includes exploring applications in areas such as climate change and energy transition, blockchain technology, financial inclusion and investing, decision making, automation, cybersecurity, health sciences, education, telecommunications, and space.

Based in Abu Dhabi, ADIA Lab is an independent, standalone entity supported by the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), a globally-diversified investment institution that invests funds on behalf of the Government of Abu Dhabi. ADIA Lab has its own governance and operational structure, and is guided by an Advisory Board of global thought leaders in data and computationally-intensive disciplines, to pursue its research independently.

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