

Dr. Ayoub Kazim

Dr. Ayoub Kazim is the Managing Director of the Education Cluster of TECOM Investments, a member of Dubai Holding. Dr. Kazim is in charge of both Dubai Knowledge Village (DKV) and Dubai International Academic City (DIAC). He is responsible for strategically steering all DIAC and DKV academic entities and further consolidating their statuses as leading centres of learning excellence in the region.

Heading a proficient team of top-tier professionals across both campuses, Dr Kazim has successfully ensured consistent growth in the number of business partners at both DKV and DIAC.

Under his guidance, Dubai Knowledge Village has channelled its focus on Human Resource Management, Consultation, Training and Personal Development programmes and now has over 500 business partners.

Dr. Kazim's vision has also carried over into the launch of Dubai International Academic City in 2007. DIAC is the world's only free zone dedicated to international higher education, hosting 21 of the UAE's 37 International Branch Campuses (IBC's) from 10 different countries including the USA, UK, Australia, India, France, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Lebanon and the UAE, with over 20,000 students.

With over 25 years of experience gained from working in TECOM, Dubai Municipality and UAE University in Al Ain, Dr. Kazim has an in-depth understanding of technical, administrative and academic work environments. This experience has led to his success in the education sector, in line with the vision of Dubai becoming a knowledge-based economy.

In addition to his work with both DKV and DIAC, he is actively involved in research studies and has published numerous articles and technical papers on renewable energy, hydrogen energy, fuel cells, energy policy and economics.

Dr. Kazim holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Alabama and a Master's Degree from the Polytechnic Institute of New York University. He received his Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from University of Miami in 1998.