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# GESS DUBAI — A WORLD CLASS EVENT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

With a high calibre of speakers and innovative conference content, as well as an exhibition that showcased a wide range of educational products from suppliers from all corners of the world, we put all our knowledge in play to deliver the best GESS Dubai yet.

Now entering its 12th edition, more and more companies are using GESS as a platform to launch their products into the Middle East, seeing the show as the most effective way to reach out to a targeted and international audience.

### A HIGH QUALITY AUDIENCE OF EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS

EXHIBITORS CAME FROM

40+

VISITORS CAME FROM

92
COUNTRIES

**74**%

OF VISITORS INFLUENCED OR HAD PURCHASING AUTHORITY **53**%

INCREASE IN VIP CLUB ATTENDANCE



### **INCREASED QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF VISITORS**

Job Function Split Year on Year – Increases in Core Demographics Highlighted

	Head Teacher / Principal	Deputy / Assistant / Principal	Head of Department / Year / Subject	Purchasing / Procurement Manager	IT / ICT Network Technician / Manager	Teacher/Lecturer	Student Teacher / Teacher Trainer	Director / CEO / Owner	Administrator / Marketing	Consultant	Government Advisor / Education Officer	School Manager / Bursar	Supervisor
2017	7.9%	2.3%	7.2%	5%	7.3%	17.2%	3.9%	17.9%	10.6%	10.8%	2.4%	1.9%	5.6%
2018	9%	2.6%	7%	6%	6.6%	14.8%	6.1%	17.6%	9.2%	10.6%	3%	3.4%	4.1%

## AN EVENT WITH TRULY INTERNATIONAL SCOPE AND REACH

This year the show witnessed an increase in overseas visitors by 6%, with particular growth in Africa, Saudi Arabia and India.

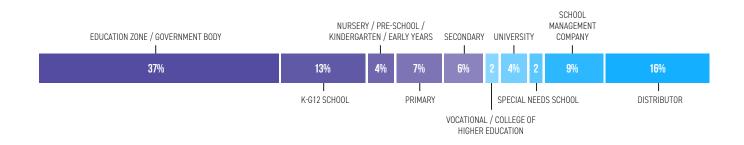


### THE TOP COUNTRIES WHERE VISITORS CAME FROM:

(Outside of UAE)



### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE FULL SPHERE OF EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS

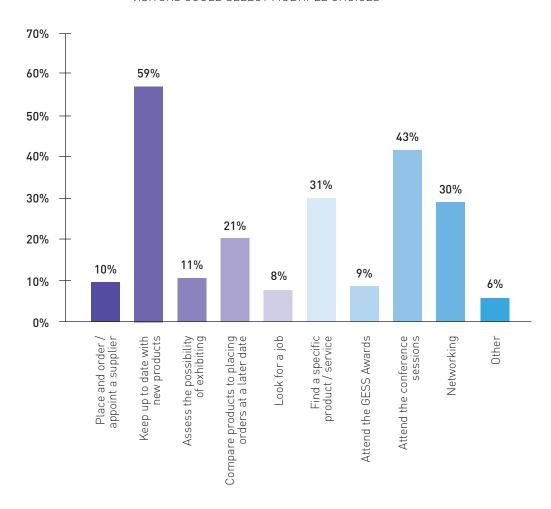


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## A PASSION FOR EDUCATION — AN EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE TO INSPIRE AND ENGAGE

### MAIN REASON FOR ATTENDING GESS

VISITORS COULD SELECT MULTIPLE CHOICES



## THE CONTENT WAS SO RELEVANT THAT OUR VISITORS CAME BACK IN BIGGER NUMBERS THAN IN 2017

Revisits per day Day	2018 vs. 2017
Wednesday	+14.4%
Thursday	+9.4%
Total	+11.8%

69%

OF VISITORS ARE LIKELY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH AN EXHIBITOR AS A RESULT OF THEIR VISIT TO THE SHOW 95%

OF VISITORS ARE LIKELY TO VISIT GESS DUBAI AGAIN IN 2019 93%

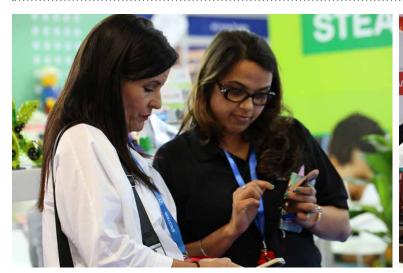
OF VISITORS RATED GESS AS IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SCHOOL OR ORGANISATION

98%

OF EXHIBITORS RATED GESS DUBAI 2018 AS GOOD TO EXCELLENT FOR MEETING THEIR OVERALL OBJECTIVES 95%

OF EXHIBITORS RATED GESS DUBAI 2018 AS GOOD TO EXCELLENT FOR ESTABLISHING CONTACTS FOR FUTURE SALES OR MARKETING **85**%

RATED GESS DUBAI AS GOOD TO EXCELLENT FOR THE QUALITY OF VISITORS



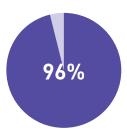




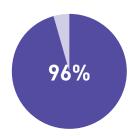


### **SHOW ASPECTS RATED GOOD TO EXCELLENT**

% OF VISITORS WHO RATED EACH ASPECT POSITIVELY



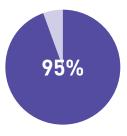
Industry networking



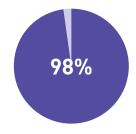
Sourcing new suppliers



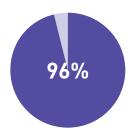
Finding new products



Variety of products on show floor



Quality of exhibitors



Quality of information available before GESS







# HERE'S SOME OF OUR VISITORS THAT YOU JUST WON'T SEE AT ANY OTHER EVENT

Ambassador School Sharjah	
ABEGS	
Abu Dhabi Department of	Academic Quality Improvement Officer
Education and Knowledge	
Abu Dhabi Indian School	
ACTVET	
ADVETI	Procurement Team Leader
AIM Academy	Director
Ajman Academy	
Ajyal Almareefa International School	Owner
Al Basma British School	
Aldar Academies	Head Of Procurement
Al Diyafah High School	Head of School
Al Huda private school	
Al Ittihad Private School	
Al Maaref Private School	
Al Manahel School	
Al Nibras International Bilingual School	
Al Noor School	
Al Resalah Schools	
Al Salam Private School	
Alittihad National Private School Al Ain .	
Al Nashaa Al Saleh Private School	
Alnibras Schools - Kuwait	
Ambassador School	CEU
American International School	Head Ut Primary
American School of Creative Science - B	
American School of Dubai	
American University in Dubai	
Amity International School	
Arcadia college	
Australian International School	Founder And MD
Avalon Heights	Principal
Babilou Middle East Education	CE0
Barney Home Nursery Group	CE0
Bloom Gardens School LLC, Brighton	Procurement Manager
College Abu Dhabi	
Bloomingdale International School	Director
Blossom Early Learning Centre	
Bright Oasis Nursery	
British International School	Vice Principal
British Playhouse Nursery	
British University of Bahrain	
Cambridge Educational Institute	
Carla's Nursery	
Childhood Steps Kindergarten	
Clay International Secondary School	
Collegiate American School	
Compass International School Doha	
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Cranleigh School, Abu Dhabi	
Creative Nest Nursery	
Crescent International School	
Cypress Hillside School	
De Beautiful Beginning School	
Deans International School	
Deira International School	
Deira Private School	
Desca Junior School	
DESS	
Deutsche Internationale Schule	
Diamond Junior School	Director
Doroos Plus Educational Centre	Chairwoman
Dubai College	
Dubai English Speaking School	Deputy Headteacher

Dubai International School	Principal
Dubai National School - Al Twar	School Principal
Dubai Scholars Private School	Head of School
Dwight School Dubai	
Eagle Academy	
Eastern Michigan University	Nean
Edu Fun Nursery	
Eminence Private School	
Emirates College forHead Procurem	
Advanced Education	ient And Contract Management
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Erciyes University	
Esol Education	9
Eton House International Schools Middle East	
Evolvence Knowledge Investments	
Frontline International Private School	
Fujairah Private Academy	
GEMS	
Gems American Academy	
GEMS Education	
GEMS Education	
GEMS Founders School	
GEMS Our Own English High School	
GEMS Vertus School	
GEMS Wellington Academy - Al Khail	Acting Assistant Principal
GEMS Wellington Academy Silicon Oasis	
GEMS Westminster School - Sharjah	
GEMS Winchester School	Principal
GEMS World Academy	Head Of Secondary
German International School Dubai	Purchase Manager
Global Indian International School Dubai	Principal
Golden Beach Nursery	Nursery Manager
Greenfield Community School	
Hartland International School	Principal
Horizon Kids Nursery	Nursery Manager
Humming Bird School	Director
Institute of Applied Technology	Director High School System
International Leadership Academy,	Director
The British School in the Netherlands	
Irfan Establishment and Schools	
Jumeira Baccalaureate School	Bursar
Jebel Ali Primary School	Principal
JESS, Dubai	Director
JSS International School	CE0
JSS Private School	Principal
Jumeirah English Speaking School - Arabian R	anchesDeputy Headteacher
Karachi Public School	
Kayan International High School	Principal
Kent College Dubai	Principal
Kenya Private Schools Association	
Kids Spot Nursery	Owner
Kidzmania	
Kings College The British School Madrid	
Kings School - Al BarshaDi	
Latifa School for Girls	
Leaders' Field International School	
Little StreamNursery	
IVNGSchools (Lycée Albert Camus B	
Evolution International School	
Madar School	Procurement Officer
Maharat Learning Center and Child Early	
Intervention Medical Center	
Mahrah Bint Ahamad School	First School Principal
Malindi Little Angels Junior School	
Ministry of Education	
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Ministry of Education	Director General Of Education In Jeddah
	Director
	adPrincipal
	Executive Principal
	Director
	Head Of Procurement
	Head Of School
	Founder And CEO
	Principal
	Vice Principal
	Vice Principal Academics
	Dean
	Director
	Head Teacher
	School Principal
Oulu University Teacher Training Sch	polVice Principal
	Director
	Deputy Head
	Principal
	CEO
, ,	President
	Principal
	CEO And Founder
	School Owner
,	Director
	Principal
	Purchase Manager
	Director Of Academic Zone
	Deputy Headmaster
	p) Director
	Head of Whole School
	Deputy Head
	Founding Executive Principal
	General Manager
	Nursery Owner
9 ,	Principal
	Principal
	Vice Principal
	Principal
	Principal
,	General Manager
	Vice Principal
	Director

School of Modern Skills	
Shaikha Bint Saeed School	
Sharjah English School	
Sheikh Zayed Private academy for Girls	
Shepherds Junior School	
Shining Star International School	
South View School	
Springdales School Dubai	
St Christophers School	
St Marys Catholic High School	
Star International School	
Star Kids Nursery	
Sunmarke School	Deputy Head Teacher
Swiss International Scientific School Duba	
Symbiosis International University	,
Taaleem Training & Skills Development Ce	
Taaleem	
Tahere School	
Takamul Academy	
Taryam American Private School	
Tatweer Company for	.Application Development Manager
Educational Services Ltd	
THAAT Early Learning and Child Care	
The Alpha School	
The Arbor School	
The British School Al Khubairat	
The British School in The Netherlands	
The Children's Garden Barsha	
The City School International	Director International
The Gulf International Private Academy	
The Millenium School	
The Pottersland School	
The School of Research Science	
University of Modern Sciences	
University of Oulu	
Uptown School	
Victoria International School of Sharjah	
Victory Heights Primary School	
Virginia International Private School	
Virginia School	
Westminster School	
Yellow Submarine Nursery	Managing Director
Yusr International School	CE0
Zakia Education Center	
Zayed University	Faculty



## GESS VIP CLUB — A NETWORKING CLUB FOR THE REGION'S LEADING EDUCATIONALISTS

The GESS VIP Club is by invite only, designed to build and develop lasting business relationships and create an exclusive experience for education professionals who have direct purchasing authority or who influence the buying process at their school or institution.

**GESS**VIP CLUB

Members of the VIP Club receive a personalised show experience and membership, featuring a range of premium services and opportunities to network, discuss and collaborate with other members and exhibitors at the show. The 2018 VIP Club was our largest to date, welcoming over 697 key decision makers (455 in 2017) from 28 countries worldwide.

To nominate your key buyers in the region, please contact: vipclub@gesseducation.com

### **GESS AWARDS**

Described as the 'Oscars' of the education industry, the GESS Education Awards are now in their 5th year, recognising and rewarding the quality and diversity of educational products, resources, services and people as well as the best educational institutions. It also celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of education professionals in raising quality standards for teaching and learning in schools across the region.

An esteemed panel of educators chose outstanding initiatives and achievements by individuals, organisations and companies who have made significant contributions to the advancement of education in the Middle East.

Shortlisted entries came from 46 countries;

South Korea Afghanistan Egypt Lebanon Argentina Ethiopia Malavsia Spain Armenia Finland Mexico Sri Lanka Switzerland Australia Germany Morocco Hong Kong S.A.R., China Netherlands Taiwan Azerbaijan Bahamas 0man India Turkey Bahrain Indonesia Pakistan United Arab Emirates Poland Brazil Ireland United Kingdom Canada Italy Russia United States Saudi Arabia China Jordan Vietnam Serbia Colombia Kenya Denmark Kuwait South Africa

The winners were celebrated at a Gala Dinner on the 2nd night of the exhibition with over 364 people in attendance. To find out more about the 2019 GESS Awards email awards@gesseducation.com

"The education market in the Middle East has grown rapidly in the last decade, and has witnessed many exemplary contributions that have made it into what it is today. We are honoured to be given the opportunity to put the spotlight on and celebrate these achievements through the Lifetime Achievement Awards."

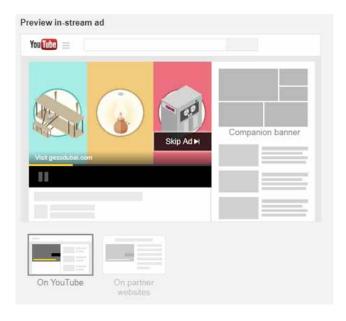
Clive Pierrepont, Director of Communications, Táaleem

## THE RIGHT MARKETING INITIATIVES FOR THE RIGHT AUDIENCE

Unlike other shows, we send a personal email to all exhibitors outlining the free marketing services that we offer. Pre show, exhibitors receive an exhibitor info pack, digital banners and other key information ensuring brand exposure to maximise footfall to their stand. As well as asking for press releases, images and articles we also request social media details to allow us to push out tweets and messages about our exhibitors.

With 96% of visitors rating the quality of information and marketing before GESS as good to excellent, our targeted, cross channel marketing campaign ensure the right, high-quality and international audience attended GESS Dubai.

## NEW FOR 2018 – TARGETED YOUTUBE CAMPAIGN



#### **VIDEO INSIGHTS**

- Top traffic-driving location was Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Oman.
- Video ads were most viewed on mobiles.
- Most video views came from the 24-44 age demographic
- When analysing audience data, ads were most viewed by 'Business Professionals', users in the Education sector and 'Green Enthusiasts'.

### GESS DUBAI 2018 – BRINGING BRIGHT IDEAS TO LIFE



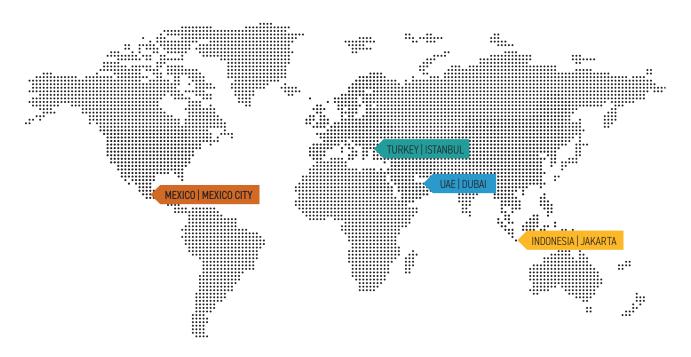


- Trended on Twitter in UAE on all 3 days of the show
- 2.95K social posts made using #GESS2018 or @gesseducation (Twitter), @GESSDubai Facebook), @gesseducation (Instagram) made 20.6M impressions (27 Feb 1 March)
- Twitter most engaged with platform by audience – 2.71K posts (27 Feb – 1 March)

# DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...HERE'S WHAT OUR VISITORS AND EXHIBITORS HAD TO SAY

our business  Promethean	Vice Principal, SSIS
GESS 2018 was a show with a great diversity in attendees! It is definitely the place to meet educationalists and thought-leaders in the region. pi-top	GESS is a wonderful opportunity for schools in the region to stay up to date with developments and innovation in educational products, at the same time as accessing quality PD inputs. Valuable resource for the region.  Head of School, Nahda International Academy
This is my first time. A great interactive platform to know about the latest products and ideas. We made a lot of new connections with multi-cultural people.  Tesca Technologies Pvt Ltd	Great event, enabling networking and sourcing resources Assistant Head Teacher, Zayed Academy
GESS 2018 was both eye opening and useful from an international business development perspective. The show provided us with the opportunity to meet maths teachers and curriculum managers from around the globe – particularly those teaching the English Curriculum.  Maths – No Problem!	The exhibitors all did a very good job, we were all able to see new innovations and bought some resources that we took back to Nigeria to use in our school. The lecturers and facilitators were wonderful. We enjoyed every day of the conference. We came with 4 members of staff in 2017 and this year we came back with 8 delegates. Keep up the good work.  CEO, De Beautiful Beginning School
We are a newly developing company and GESS is the first exhibition we have done. We have had meetings with decision makers and potential distributors worldwide, specifically from our targeted sales areas. We will definitely be participating in future GESS events.  Eduscience UK	Very inspiring, buzzing atmosphere. Wonderful collection of exhibitors and informative speakers. Venue perfect and VIP Club a welcome addition. Will definitely come again next year.  Mathematics Teacher, Brighton College Al Ain
Time saving, direct, highly organized one stop event that will enable you to compare, examine and determine the best products needed to meet your goal.  Director of Finance and Operations, AIS	The conference sessions have been very beneficial for me. The Leadership Stream was my favourite. In terms of products I loved the robots, but I found all the supplies for schools.  HS Manager, Alemeh School, Iran

### **GESS EVENTS**



### **BE PART OF SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY**

Taking a stand at GESS Dubai is crucial to your growth in the Middle East, contact us now to reserve your place at this exciting event and take advantage of what will be your most powerful sales platform of 2019.

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