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**Mohamed bin Zayed, President of the UAE**

## Vision

The world leader in seamless & sustainable mobility.

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## Great Successor to a Great Predecessor



On May 13th, the UAE bid farewell to its prudent leader the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who left behind him a rich legacy and countless achievements that extended more than half a century. The late president dedicated his life to serving his nation and people as well as the broader Arab nation. He was elected as president of UAE following the demise of the founding father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and steered the UAE through a significant era, the Empowerment Era.

Sheikh Khalifa was an exceptional leader and the shield of our homeland.

Overwhelmed by the love of the people, he was good-hearted, kind, and close to his people to understand and meet their needs. His giving hands crossed borders to many countries worldwide.

On May 14th, the UAE witnessed an exceptional event where the Supreme Council of the Federation unanimously elected His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan President of the UAE to succeed the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan is an exceptional leader whose name is linked to mega achievements, be it in promoting peace and stability in the region or diffusing a culture of tolerance across the globe. He was part of several initiatives to bolster the sweeping development drive of the UAE and make

momentous achievements in economic and socio-political fields. He adopted an economic diversity model focused on investments in vital sectors such as industry, health, and technology. He supported the establishment of national companies to sustain the growth and prosperity of the state despite global challenges. He was also focused on enhancing national security and stability by developing the armed forces, forging joint strategic defence partnerships and protecting the interests of the UAE and the region.

His Highness is keen on building people and coaxed spear-headed improvements in the fields of education and youth empowerment as witnessed in developing an educational system tailored to imparting citizens with future skills. Accordingly, the young generation is capable of assuming leading roles to support the development process. This has yielded many historical and strategic achievements, especially in sustainable energy as highlighted by the UAE Peaceful Nuclear Programme.

We pray to Allah to guide His Highness the President of the UAE, His Highness the Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Their Highnesses Members of the Supreme Council, Rulers of the Emirates in shouldering the responsibility and continuing the blessed renaissance in the interest of the nation and citizens.

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# The UAE mourns Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed

The UAE bid farewell to the leader and custodian of the nation the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, after 18 years as President of the UAE since succeeding the founding father Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan on Nov 3rd, 2004. Throughout his reign, Sheikh Khalifa was loved by his people as an exceptional and prudent leader who succeeded in promoting the security, stability and development of the people and the nation.

■ **Mohammed bin Zayed: The UAE has lost a cherished leader, champion of the empowerment stage, and trustee of its blessed journey**

■ **Mohammed bin Rashid: Sheikh Khalifa's giving hands are limitless, citizens wellbeing was his overriding concern**

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, mourned the leader and custodian of the nation Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who peacefully went to Heaven. "We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return. The UAE has lost the leader of the Empowerment Stage and the trustee of its blessed journey. His attitudes, achievements, wisdom, giving and initiatives are abundant. Khalifa is my brother, supporter and mentor. May Allah bless you and rest your soul in

Paradise," tweeted the UAE President.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, mourned the nation's leader Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. "With hearts wracked by grief, and souls that believe in God's decree and destiny, we mourn the custodian of our march and President of our state, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who is missed by the people of the UAE, Arab and Islamic nations, and the entire world. We pray to Allah to accept him as he fulfilled his trust, served his subjects, and loved his people. May his soul rest in paradise and may Allah give consolation to the people of the UAE as well as the family and friends of Sheikh Khalifa. We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return," tweeted His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid.

"Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan used to give his country with no limits, and remained preoccupied with the welfare of his citizens for more than fifty years. In



his capacity as Deputy Supreme Commander, and later the Supreme Commander, he oversaw the building and strengthening of our armed forces, which contributed to the overall security and safety of the nation and protecting the Union,” added His Highness.

Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates also mourned the leader of the nation Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, stressed that the United Arab Emirates and the Arab and Islamic nations had lost an outstanding leader, a wise man and a generous person to his country, religion, nation and the whole world. “Sheikh Khalifa devoted his life to working to advance his country, serve humanity, and support charitable activities worldwide. He delivered the responsibility of serving and protecting his people and nation. May Allah give consolation to his family, friends and people,” commented His Highness Sheikh Sultan.

His Highness Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Ajman, said, “We have lost a leader and an inspiring brother. We pray to Allah to rest his soul in Paradise. He had shouldered the responsibility and carved a niche for his people. We belong to Allah and to Him we shall return.”

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Muhammad Al Sharqi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Fujairah, said: “Today the UAE bid farewell to its leader and national

symbol Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, May Allah rest his soul in Paradise. He was a man like no other. He delivered and gave in abundance and remained a source of goodness.”

His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Umm Al Quwain, said: “Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was an outstanding leader and lover of his homeland and people as well as Arab and Islamic nations. He devoted his life to serving his people and doing good and tolerance. May Allah shower him with mercy as he offered a lot to the world over.”

His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, stressed that with the passing away of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the state had lost a great national and humanitarian icon, well known for his noble humanitarian standings and exploits in the local, regional and global levels.

Their Highness the Crown Princes also mourned with great sadness, the national leader Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. They stated that the UAE had lost a national and Arab leader who dedicated his life to serving the nation and providing a decent life for citizens. His generosity continued to reach the needy in all parts of the world. He kept the UAE’s practise of giving and serving humanity, while exemplifying the principles of wise leadership and management to a promising future, driven by sincere determination and ambition.



### **Al Tayer: Khalifa bin Zayed was a wise leader who devoted his life to the good of the UAE and its citizens**

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Commissioner-General for Infrastructure, Urban Planning and Well-Being Track, and Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority offered sincere condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, sons of Sheikh Khalifa and Al Nahyan family, as well as the people of UAE over the sad demise of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. May Allah Almighty rest his soul in Paradise and grant patience and consolation to his family and the people of the UAE.

Al Tayer said: “The UAE has lost a wise leader who continued to shoulder the responsibility of the nation

with the wisdom he inherited from the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Founder of the UAE to lead the UAE during the empowerment stage. He dedicated his life to serving the UAE and its people.

“In running the presidency of the state, the late Sheikh Khalifa was inspired by the legacy of his founding father and the will of a great leader. The unique blend of this rich legacy and life experience contributed to the mega achievements made during his reign and now bear reference to the deep thinking, solid resolution and true character of a great leader.

May Allah shower the deceased with mercy and Rest His Soul in Paradise.





# Federal Supreme Council unanimously elects Mohamed bin Zayed UAE President

**The Federal Supreme Council has unanimously elected His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan President of the United Arab Emirates to succeed the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**

The Council convened at Al Mushrif Palace, Abu Dhabi under the chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai.

The meeting was attended by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, His Highness Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ajman, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Fujairah, His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mu'alla, Supreme

Council Member and Ruler of Umm Al Quwain, and His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Presidential Affairs stated that according to Article 51 of the constitution, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was unanimously elected President of the United Arab Emirates to succeed the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Their Highnesses Sheikhs, Members of the Supreme Council affirmed their keenness to fulfil the authentic values and principles established by Sheikh Khalifa derived



from founder Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. Thanks to these values, the United Arab Emirates has become a prominent state at the regional and global levels known for enhanced national achievements.

The Council voiced its confidence that the people of the UAE will remain as intended by Zayed and the founder's faithful guardians of the union at all levels. Members prayed to Allah Almighty to bless the steps of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in the service of his country and the people of the UAE.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan expressed deep gratitude for the valued confidence reposed in him by Their Highnesses Members of the Federal Supreme Council and Rulers of the Emirates. They prayed to Allah to bless and support him in shouldering this great responsibility and delivering it while serving the nation and loyal people.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, said: "His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, is a continuation of Zayed's legacy. He is the guardian of values and principles

that Zayed instilled at the time of establishing the state with his brothers the rulers of the emirates. Assuming the responsibility of the presidency of the state today represents a new historical era. It marks a new beginning of the federal state in which we aspire for more glorious achievements and accelerated development that consolidates the global leadership of the UAE.

His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Sharjah said: "The election of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as President of the UAE represents an extension of the civilised and rapidly developing march of the United Arab Emirates. He has witnessed its renaissance since his childhood, accompanying his father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founder of the UAE, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the founding leaders, and contributed to building the country and preserving its earnings. The wise vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has clearly and very significantly contributed to the achievements made by the UAE, and his constant support and direct guidance have augmented the country's prestigious position."



■ **The UAE President appreciates the valued confidence reposed by UAE Rulers**

■ **Mohammed bin Rashid: We knew Mohamed bin Zayed as a leader, and pledged allegiance to him as a President**

His Highness Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Ajman said: “The Federal Supreme Council’s election of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as UAE President affirms our absolute confidence and deep appreciation for his wise leadership and his national career that cemented the renaissance of our country and put it on the path of progress and prosperity.

We pledge allegiance to him in furthering the legacy of our founding fathers and the determination of our people, in order to ensure prosperity and stability. The election of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan assures the continuation of the country’s path as it advances politically, economically, socially, culturally, and athletically. He played a major role in the renaissance of our country during his national career full of great deeds, taking it on a path of progress and prosperity until the United Arab Emirates became a flag among nations. He devoted his entire attention to the UAE and set an example of loyalty to the homeland and sincerity in his work.”

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Fujairah said: “The election of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as UAE President marks a new historical era for the country, which embraces its new leader and moves forward with him in writing the future. We will move forward with a generous and loving leader. He is a tolerant man who is loyal to his people and the world has known him as an exemplary leader. He is firm and a man of national and political stances. We have pledged to be his striking hand, his great heart and his penetrating vision. Today, the march of humanitarian work will continue with confidence, and his election comes as a continuation of the country’s development path and the consolidation of prestige that the UAE assumed during the era of the Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the era of the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. There is no doubt that this historic day in the lives of the UAE and the world will bring much good to mankind. Our support will extend to Mohammed bin Zayed until the end of time and beyond. It is our dream to move along with you, and with you, our dreams will become a reality.”

His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mu’alla, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Umm Al Quwain, said: “The election of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al





Nahyan as President of the UAE represents a continuation of the legacy started by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed and the Founding Leaders. It also represents an extension of the UAE's development and its civilisational achievements at all levels and fields that were written in luminous letters on the forehead of humanity under the wise leadership of Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Khalifa. We affirm our support for His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and note his contributions to the consolidation of the Emirates Federation, based on his belief that the union is the protective shield for stability and prosperity."

His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, said: "The election of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan by a unanimous decision of the Federal Supreme Council as UAE's President, affirms the trust of the Council and that of the UAE people in his wise vision to continue the path of goodness and development and to achieve prosperity and stability for the UAE and its people, so that the UAE will continue its blessed

federal path and enhance its national gains. We trust in the vision and leadership of my brother, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in whom we see the wisdom of the Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the determination of the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. His truly a great successor to a great predecessor. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed is the leader of this important stage of the union's life to continue the path of success and giving, and he is the best captain to lead the ship of ambition and achievement towards unprecedented horizons, and we have the stability, determination and insight he showed as a pillar on which to build the future."

Their Highness, Crown Princes and Deputy Rulers of the UAE stated that the election of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as President of the UAE is an endorsement of His Highness's pioneering and historical role in serving the nation, and the keenness to continue the model of the founding fathers. They stressed that the UAE is moving forward toward a new and unique stage of development and prosperity.





## Al Tayer: Mohammed bin Zayed is an exceptional leader whose name is associated with mega achievements

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Commissioner General for Infrastructure, Urban Planning and Well-Being, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority - congratulated His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on being elected President of the UAE to succeed the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. He stressed that Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed is a great successor to a great predecessor.

“His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan is an exceptional leader whose name is associated with

mega achievements that have driven peace and stability in the region, and who has promoted the culture of tolerance in the world. He contributed to the launch of several initiatives to drive the sweeping developments in the UAE, and achieve a quantum shift in economic, social and political fields. His Highness has adopted an economic diversity model focused on investing in core sectors such as industry, health and technology. He has advocated the establishment of national companies to ramp up the ability of the state to sustain growth despite the global challenges,” said Al Tayer.



## Hamdan and Maktoum bin Mohammed witness signing of Performance Agreements for Senior Officials in Dubai

### **Mohammed bin Rashid: Dubai Government will continue to flourish propelled by Hamdan and Maktoum bin Mohammed**

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai has chaired the 5th meeting of the Dubai Council. The meeting was held in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council, and 1st Deputy Chairman of Dubai Council, and His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance, and 2nd Deputy Chairman of the Dubai Council.

During the meeting, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed announced a package of resolutions and transformation projects to support Dubai's vision and development drive. Such resolutions call for redoubling efforts, accelerating achievements and bringing about massive development efforts toward providing a better life for citizens, residents and visitors.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed said: "We aim to transform Dubai into the world's best city to live, work and

invest. The constant development of government services is vital to achieving this goal and maintaining Dubai competitive edge worldwide.

His Highness said, "I have today chaired a meeting of the Dubai Council at the Executive Office, Emirates Towers and our first resolution was to establish the 'Higher Committee for Development and Citizens Affairs' headed by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The committee will oversee the improvements

**His Highness Sheikh Mohammed confirmed during the meeting that the government improvements in Dubai would continue business on two parallel tracks. It aims to provide the best living for citizens worldwide propelled by Hamdan and Maktoum bin Mohammed.**



of the social and development files of citizens.

His Highness said: “The main aim of the Higher Committee for Development and Citizens Affairs is to raise the quality of life of our citizens to be the best in the world, provide opportunities for our youth, and consolidate the stability of our community, family and population in the long term. The goal of economic development in the UAE is to provide a decent life for our people, and the committee’s goal is to achieve this goal in the fastest and best way.”

During the meeting, the Council approved a comprehensive restructuring of Dubai Municipality to transform it into a specialised and a single regulatory body. The new restructure aims to create economic opportunities worth 10 billion dirhams and raise the quality of services by 20% during the coming period.

“Dubai Municipality is the oldest department in Dubai. It has graduated many government leaders and has successfully

managed the municipal affairs in the Emirate. Today, we have a new model for future cities that we need to keep pace with. The secret to maintaining our competitiveness is our ability to keep pace with changes and meet the new global ambitions,” commented His Highness.

“We have approved a new system for the sustainability of Family Businesses in the emirate. A centre for the family business will be established to assist them in building systems that ensure their sustainability for at least 100 years. Another centre will be established for arbitration and resolving disputes. Four new legal systems will be developed to ensure legislative flexibility to achieves long-term development sustainability goals of these companies.

“Also, the meeting witnessed the formation of a higher committee headed by His Highness the Crown Prince of Dubai, to prepare the Dubai Metaverse Future Strategy







for Dubai's digital economy. The digital economy holds huge opportunities for the future of Dubai, and we strongly support it," added His Highness.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said: "Today, at the Dubai Council meeting, we adopted a new vision for the residential neighbourhoods of citizens in the emirate. These suburbs will provide economic opportunities for Dubai citizens, and their social and residential environment will be of top quality worldwide. We have tasked the Commissioner of Infrastructure to prepare a plan in a month for the first four districts of Al Khawaneej, Al Barsha, Al Mizhar and Hatta, and submit it for approval."

## Integration

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said: "We have commissioned the Commissioner of Infrastructure to prepare an integrated plan to develop Dubai countryside and rural areas such as Al Hebab, Al Lisaili, Al Faqa, Al Marmoom, and others to transform them into prominent development, tourist, and cultural destinations. Their service level has to be improved and their citizens have to take advantage of the potential economic opportunities."

His Highness tweeted: "The Dubai Council aims to lead the transformational projects in the emirate. The resolutions we have taken today are big, important, futuristic, and

promising for our citizens. After God Almighty, I rely on Hamdan and Maktoum in following up on all of these new transformations that will chart a better and fine future for our future generations, God willing.

"The primary goal of development is to ensure the best quality of life for our citizens. I have great confidence in the committee led by Hamdan bin Mohammed to achieve this goal. We promise our people that their future will be much better, God willing," concluded His Highness.

## Highlights of Dubai Council Meeting

- **Forming the Higher Committee for Development and Citizen Affairs chaired by Hamdan bin Mohammed to provide all means of support to citizens.**
- **Restructuring the Dubai Municipality to support Dubai's priorities, future directions and development plans.**
- **Endorsing a comprehensive restructure of the Land Department to enhance Dubai's leadership and competitiveness in the realty sector.**
- **Launching the Mohammed bin Rashid vision for residential neighbourhoods for citizens to include Al Khawaneej, Al Barsha, Al Mizhar and Hatta, and details to be announced within a month.**
- **Assigning the Commissioner-General of the Infrastructure Track to submit a plan to develop the countryside and rural communities of Dubai to turn them into sustainable development areas.**





## Performance Agreements for Senior Officials in Dubai

On the sidelines of the 5th meeting of the Dubai Council, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council and 1st Deputy Chairman of the Dubai Council, and His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance and 2nd Deputy Chairman of the Dubai Council, witnessed the signing of the first package of Performance Agreements for Senior Officials in Dubai. The agreements were signed by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, in his capacity as Commissioner-General of the Infrastructure, Urban Planning and Quality of Life Track, Omar Bu Shehab, in his capacity as Executive Director of the Mohammed bin Rashid Housing Establishment, Daoud Al Hajri, Director-General of Dubai Municipality, and Sultan bin Mejren, Director-General of Dubai Land Department. The agreements focus on the main targets of a specific period and strategic projects that heads of departments and entities are assigned to undertake to achieve performance indicators and the future vision of the emirate under the overall aim of directing, focusing and doubling

efforts toward achieving the emirate's vision to be the best city in the world.

The agreements set a performance charter for leaders that aims to enhance the principle of accountability and responsibility in the Dubai Government and achieve high standards of professional conduct. They echo the philosophy of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in the business of a human-centred government that has the efficiency, transparency, flexibility and competitiveness of the private sector.

The agreements include pledges to leaders about the responsibility towards the Government, leaders and people of Dubai. They provide for a commitment to an ethical model of integrity and transparency, and call for optimising the use of public funds and resources, working in a team spirit, communicating with the public, and undertaking field jobs. They also call for adopting flexibility, proactiveness, and continuous development in addition to empowering employees, creating leaders and better work environment. They provide for reviewing and updating legislation, policies and systems, rolling out initiatives, and submitting periodic performance reports, besides a commitment to sustaining Dubai's pioneering and competitive profile.



## Hamdan bin Mohammed and Maktoum bin Mohammed review restructuring plans of Dubai Municipality and Dubai Land Department

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and First Deputy Chairman of the Dubai Council, and His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Second Deputy Chairman of the Dubai Council, were briefed on the strategic and restructuring plans of Dubai Municipality and Dubai Land Department by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Commissioner General for Infrastructure, Urban Planning and Wellbeing and Member of the Dubai Council.

During the meeting, Their Highnesses reviewed the performance and recent projects of the two entities and stressed on the importance of increasing productivity and developing comprehensive strategic plans to achieve the organisations' objectives.

The meeting was also attended by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Media Council; and

His Excellency Mohammed Al Gergawi, Chairman of The Executive Office and Secretary General of the Dubai Council.

HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed said that guided by the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, to enhance government efficiency in the next phase of the nation's growth,

■ **Restructuring forms part of Dubai's efforts to transform itself into the world's best city to live and work**

■ **Dubai Municipality's restructuring plan aims to develop partnerships with the private sector and create new business opportunities worth AED10 billion per year**

■ **Plan also aims to reduce operational costs by 10%, and improve the quality of services by 20%**

■ **Dubai Land Department's restructuring seeks to improve the competitiveness of Dubai's real estate sector and enhance operational efficiency by 20%**



Dubai's government departments are seeking to further streamline their operations and enhance their competitiveness. "The comprehensive restructuring plan of Dubai Municipality and Dubai Land Department forms part of Dubai's efforts to transform itself into the world's best city to live and work and ensure its services and operations keep pace with the evolving global environment. It also seeks to raise Dubai's ranking in various global indicators including environmental sustainability, food security, healthcare, and real estate investment," Sheikh Hamdan said. "The teams in the two departments have a great responsibility to lead and manage Dubai's strategic projects. We will be closely following their progress and supporting them to achieve their objectives," His Highness added.

HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed said: "Under the leadership of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Dubai has set an example for the world in constantly enhancing government operations. Today, we have new priorities and development plans aimed at maintaining Dubai's competitiveness."

"To achieve our future aspirations, we need to be responsive to the needs of the community and enhance our productivity and quality," His Highness noted. "The next phase will see Dubai further improving its services and raising its level of government excellence. We will be closely monitoring the performance of government entities."

The new restructuring plan of Dubai Municipality seeks to transform itself into an organisation with





a private sector mindset that provides globally-benchmarked services, while keeping pace with the latest developments in sustainable development, environmental preservation, combating climate change and the circular economy. The plan also seeks to promote productive partnerships with the private sector and create new business opportunities worth AED10 billion per year.

The restructuring plan also aims to reduce operational costs by 10%, and improve the quality of services by 20%, in addition to maximising the economic, tourism and commercial potential of the Municipality's public assets. The plan has outlined eight major areas for the Municipality to develop partnerships with the private sector.

The restructuring plan for Dubai Land Department seeks to improve the competitiveness of Dubai's real estate sector and improve operational efficiency by 20%. The plan has a key focus on making Dubai one of the world's highest ranked cities in various real estate market indicators including safety and transparency in the coming years. The plan also aims to enhance investment in the real estate sector and improve governance in the sector.

The comprehensive restructuring plans of Dubai Municipality and Dubai Land Department, were announced during a recent meeting of the Dubai Council chaired by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.





## Al Garhoud Shipyard now offers a docking service for boats and yachts.

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### Boat specifications

Up to 20 metres and less than 10 tonnes

\*The maintenance company must be arranged by boat owners as RTA does not provide this facility.

# Under the patronage of Hamdan bin Mohammed Ahmed bin Mohammed honours winners of Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport 2021

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Media Council, today honoured winners of the 12th edition of the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport 2021 (DAST). The Award, launched by Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), seeks to encourage the public and private sectors to adopt sustainable solutions that can reduce congestions, conserve the environment and step-up mobility safety levels.

Upon his arrival at the Dubai World Trade Centre, His Highness was received by His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, as well as a host of senior executives of public and private entities.

During the Award ceremony, His Highness watched a video on the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport, which highlighted the efforts made to conserve the environment, optimise the use of natural resources, and implement the principles of sustainable development. The film also









highlighted the importance of such efforts in shaping the future of the humanity, creating a healthy environment, and infusing the concept of mass transport to curb carbon emissions.

During the event, Jeff Speck, City Planner and Urban Designer, Speck & Associates LLC, delivered a speech that discussed the specifications of walkable cities. He shared the key elements to provide a pedestrian-friendly environment, namely mixed land uses, so that residential neighbourhoods can have integrated services such as parking spaces, and enhanced public transportation as well as safe, convenient and enjoyable walkways.

“We should encourage walking as a sustainable mobility option and urban re-planning to match the trend of sustainable cities,” said Speck. He reflected on some pioneering models to encourage residents to walk. He highlighted how some bridges in New York City were converted into longitudinal pedestrian parks.

## Winners

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed, accompanied by HE Mattar Al Tayer, then honoured the winners the Award’s various categories. The total number of entries this year reached 140, distributed across five main categories and seven special categories. In the Mobility Management category, the Transport Authority – Government of Ajman won first place for their Bus On Demand Service, while Tramway Rabat-Salé was the runner-up for a tramway in Rabat city. The third place was shared by Greater Amman Municipality for their Amman Bus Service, and DP World for developing a real-time system at site.

In the Transport Safety category, Dubai Municipality came in first for the Mobility Security and Safety Sustainability Project for their vehicle fleet. The runner-up was Tatweer Educational Transportation Services Company in Saudi Arabia for an initiative launched to enhance the security and safety of educational





transportation. Abu Dhabi's Integrated Transport Centre ranked third for its initiative to reduce the number of accidents resulting from leaving inadequate safety distance between successive vehicles.

## Environment

In the Environmental Protection category, Sheikh Ahmed honoured DP World for an initiative launched to transform

**The Award attracted 140 nominations and featured five main categories and seven special categories**

fuel-powered trucks into battery-powered trucks. Etihad Rail came in second place for an initiative on environmental sustainability in projects, and Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC) won third place for their future refueling stations initiative.



In the Transport for People of Determination category, KGL Private Passenger Transport Services won first place for an initiative launched to facilitate free transportation for the People of Determination, seniors and children under 10, in addition to providing facilities for People of Determination on buses. Mwasalat Misr came in second for providing People of Determination with discounts on buses. Dubai

Public Prosecution won third place for an initiative they launched that seeks to meet the mobility and accessibility needs of People of Determination.

In the Pioneering City in Sustainable Transport category, Greater Amman Municipality was crowned first place winner for submitting a model document that depicts various elements that make Amman a pioneering city in sustainable transport.



## Media Coverage

In the Special Awards category, HH Sheikh Ahmed honoured Maitha Almheiri, Yara M. Tillawi and Sara Numan from the University of Sharjah won the Best Student Project/Research award in the field of sustainable transport. The research offered scientific and realistic solutions to mitigate the environmental impact of marine transport in Dubai. In the same category, Shamma Ali Alsuwaidi and

Fatima Butti Alsuwaidi from the University of Sharjah won as runners-up for a research they developed on generating power from the movement of vehicles to light up streets. Mohamed Qais Alkatheeri, Abdalla Bader Ali Alyassi, Abdulla Fahad Alkaabi from Sharjah's Applied Technology High School won third place for their research on easing the movement of People of Determination.





In the Best Academic Project/Research category, Khaled Hamad and Lubna Obaid from University of Sharjah won first place. The runner-up was Zeeshan Hameed from Fujairah's Higher Colleges of Technology, while Juliette Martinez from Middlesex University Dubai came in third. During the ceremony, Etihad Rail was honoured for winning in the Best Sustainable Partner category. In the Best Sustainable Contractor category, Acciona won for its role in implementing the Dubai Metro Route 2020 project, while the

Best Sustainable Consultant award went to Parsons Systra. The Best Journalist award went to Manal Ibrahim Mohammed from Dubai Police's Media Security Department, who won for her role in raising awareness on traffic safety principles and the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport. His Highness also honoured members of the jury, headed by Dr. Hamdan Al Shaa'er, as well as sponsors of the 12th edition of DAST.



Commenting on the occasion, HE Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the RTA, highlighted the successful role of the Award in enhancing awareness among individuals and organisations on the importance of adopting innovative and practical solutions to enhance sustainable transport systems in the community. The Award has also highlighted the need to conserve natural and

environmental resources for future generations.

“The Award has witnessed constant development in its mechanism in line with the tremendous growth of RTA’s projects and initiatives. The Award has also expanded its participation to enable more government and semi-government entities, as well as private entities to contribute to the development of sustainable transport in the UAE, over and above RTA’s efforts in this regard,” said Al Tayer.

## Al Tayer receives British Minister of State in Department for Transport

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, welcomed Ms. Wendy Morton, Minister of State in the Department for Transport, UK. During the meeting, they discussed enhancing means of cooperation and exchanging experiences between RTA and its counterparts in Britain. Discussions also touched on the projects that RTA intends to implement in the next phase

to develop the infrastructure of road networks and means of transportation, including the expansion of Dubai Metro lines.

The British Minister praised the sweeping development witnessed by the Emirate of Dubai and the successful experience of the RTA in providing an outstanding transportation experience for visitors to Expo 2020 Dubai. She expressed her hope for more cooperation with the British companies operating on the roads and transport fields.



## Al Tayer receives Chairman of Alstom

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority received Henri Poupert-Lafarge, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alstom, Andrew DeLeone, President of Alstom Company in Africa, Middle

East and Asia, and their accompanying delegation. During the meeting, they discussed enhancing areas of cooperation between the RTA and Alstom and reviewing the technological developments in rail systems and transportation.





## Al Tayer receives Bahraini Consul General

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority has received His Excellency Saud Hassan Ali Al-Nusuf, the Consul General of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Dubai. Attendees included

Tariq Ibrahim, Advisor of the Bahraini Consul General. The meeting discussed the prospects of cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and expertise between RTA and its counterpart in Bahrain in the fields of roads, transport and mobility systems.



## Al Tayer receives Consul-General of Japan

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority has received His Excellency Sekiguchi Noboru, Consul-General of Japan in Dubai and the Northern Emirates. Discussions focused on strengthening relations between RTA and Japanese corporations and reviewing

developments in the field of public and self-driving transport. On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Sekiguchi Noboru presented a certificate of appreciation to His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, in recognition of his contributions to strengthening the strategic cooperation with Japanese corporations.



# Opening Saih Al-Dahal Road Improvement Project with 11km long

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced that the Saih Al-Dahal Road Improvement Project had been opened on 24 May 2022. It links Saih Al-Salam Road with the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park. The old single-lane road is being removed and replaced by a dual carriageway extending 11 km comprising two lanes in each direction, along with a median and three roundabouts to ease the movement in all directions. The new road will link with the entry points of Al Qudra Lakes.

The project increases the road capacity from an existing 1800 vehicles to 4000 vehicles in each direction to accommodate the continued growth in traffic volumes and ease the mobility of residents and visitors to the oasis on both sides of the road, desert areas and the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park.

The project starts from the R/A at the junction of Saih Al-Dahal Road with Saih Al-Salam Road in the North, immediately after Al Qudra Cycling Station, and heads to

the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park in the South. It encompasses the construction of a new road of two lanes in each direction together with three R/As along the road to ease the accessibility of road users to the oases on both sides of the road, Al Qudra Lakes, desert areas as well as U-turns.

The project complements a series of projects completed by RTA in the area, such as the 23 km long Dubai Cycling Track, which links with the existing cycling







track at Saih Al-Salam running alongside Al Qudra Road at the Gateway of the Dubai Cycling Track in the direction of the Emirates Road. From there it links with the Latifa bint Hamdan Road, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road, Al Barari district and up to Nad Al Sheba

community. The cycling track at Saih Al-Salam, which extends about 115 km, is fitted with several amenities including outlets for renting bikes and accessories, a fully-equipped clinic, and 10 rest areas along the cycling path fitted with seats and bike racks.





# Rolling out Soft Mobility project at Al Barsha 1 and 2 as the number of areas covered will increase to 29 by 2026

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) is set to start an expansion of its Soft Mobility Project to cover Al Barsha 1 and 2 in the third quarter of this year and the project is scheduled for completion in the third quarter of next year. RTA also announced the studying and designing of soft mobility elements in eight Dubai districts namely: Al Ras, Al Bateen, Al Daghaya, Eyal Nasser, Al Souq Al Kabeer, Hor Al Anz, Abu Hail and Al Sabkha. Accordingly, the number of districts that will have soft mobility means will increase to 29 districts by the end of 2026.

Commenting on the project, His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, said, "The expansion in providing soft mobility elements project culminates the excellent results of the initial phase of the project, which covered Al Qusais 1, Al Mankhool and Al Karama. The number of cycling trips at Al Qusais 1 doubled from 1173 journeys in 2020 to 2346 journeys in 2021. During the same period, the number of cycling trips

increased by 23% at Al Karama and 12% at Al Mankhool. Pedestrians satisfaction with the improvement of the infrastructure as well as safety elements and soft mobility in the three districts clocked 88%, whereas the satisfaction rating of cyclists hit 87%.

"RTA has carried out several soft mobility elements to improve the infrastructure of the three localities, which included constructing more than 300 raised pedestrian crossings, and providing 33 km of shared cycling tracks in



several areas. RTA has specified 52 km of roads shared by soft mobility (non-motorised) means and vehicles, installed 2000 directional and cautionary signs, adjusted 77,000 square metres of pavements, and constructed 21 rest stops and 7 shaded areas/pathways while ensuring the needs of people of determination are served. The project contributed to pushing the number of cycling trips in Dubai from 20 million trips in 2021 to 36 million trips in 2021,” he added.



## City Connectivity

“The soft mobility plan aims to develop an integrated infrastructure that is friendly to all by enhancing the connection between development projects, attractions areas, and mass transit stations, which requires the use of individual mobility means like walking, bikes and electric scooters. The plan also aims to improve the first and last-mile solutions by offering an array of integral transport enablers such as cycling tracks, pedestrian crossings, rest areas, shaded areas/pathways, landscaped areas, car parks, drop-off and pick-up points and bike racks,” explained Al Tayer.

RTA has commissioned a comprehensive study for a structural non-motorised mobility plan in Dubai. It focused on providing an appropriate infrastructure befitting relatively long and medium journeys to ensure safe and smooth transport for all.

RTA has charted out a strategy to expand the use of non-motorised transport modes, provide infrastructure friendly to residents, ease the accessibility for people of determination within the right-of-way, and enhance the connectivity between city components by facilitating the movement between development projects and attractions. The strategy focuses on improving the first and last-

mile solutions and increasing the ridership of non-conventional (non-motorised) transit means, such as walking and cycling, besides offering integral transport elements at all RTA projects.

## Integrated Transport

The soft mobility project focuses on improving the elements of integrated transport, which mainly include: serving the needs of people of determination, constructing raised pedestrian crossings and speed-calming devices, specifying all types of cycling tracks, providing bike racks, installing directional and cautionary signs, adjusting pavements, specifying lanes shared by vehicles and non-motorised transport modes, constructing rest stops along with landscaped and sitting areas, providing shaded areas/pathways to encourage people to use soft mobility means, and providing parking along with pick-up and drop-off points.

The selection of districts for implementing the soft mobility projects is based on several criteria including the availability of mass transit means, high ridership rates, population density, type of land use (residential, commercial, or combined residential/commercial), and the current situation of the infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

# Project and portfolio management obtain ISO 21504 certification

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has obtained ISO 21504 certification for guidance on the principles of project, programmes and portfolio management. As such, it has become the first entity in the Middle East to obtain this certification, which cements RTA's pioneering role in project management across the region.**

"RTA is taking the lead in applying an integrated project portfolio management structure firmly built to meet the requirements of this international standard. RTA has adopted an innovative and unique system that enabled it to obtain this ISO certification which supports the entity's efforts to achieve effective control and excellent performance of projects, programmes and project portfolios as well as project benefits," said. Muna Al Osaimi,

Director of Transport Strategic Planning cum Chairperson of the committee overseeing RTA's projects portfolio.

"RTA is one of the first entities in the Middle East to obtain ISO 21504 certification which reflects the adoption of the best global and pioneering practices in project, programmes and portfolio management, and echoes the vision of the leadership," she added.

## Ramping up initiatives for power-saving, paper recycling, and waste management of metro and tram operations

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) is making every effort to enhance the sustainability of all services and operations. The drive is part of efforts to provide vital support to the Dubai Government's efforts to make Dubai the most sustainable and happiest city in the world.**

The CEO of RTA's Rail Agency Abdul Mohsin Kalbat, said, "We are endeavouring to achieve record levels of sustainability across all metro and tram operations and elated facilities. The operation of the metro and tram requires meticulous plans and processes in line with the top global standards of the industry to ensure the highest rates of quality, health, safety and environment (QHSE) and enhance the sustainability of operations. Such a drive is also compatible with RTA's vision to become 'The World Leader in Seamless & Sustainable Mobility.'

"The Rail Agency is currently engaged in delivering a host of sustainability projects and initiatives in collaboration with Keolis-MHI, the operator of the Dubai Metro and Tram. These initiatives include paper recycling to match the digital transformation of Dubai Metro and Tram operations. In a record period, the agency managed to recycle about 8,622 tons of paper, equivalent to 146 trees," he commented.

To make headway in the treatment and recycling of waste, a pilot phase is being launched to treat and recycle 50% to 80% of the waste of Dubai Metro and Tram stations. The project aims to enhance Dubai's environmental

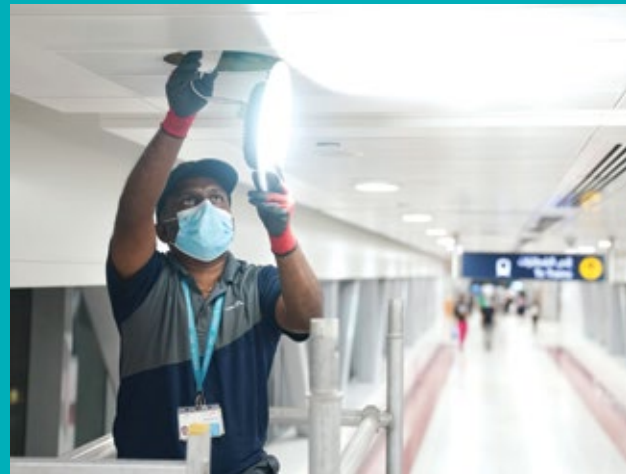




strategy, boost the recycling rates, implement the highest international standards of sustainability, and support Dubai's efforts to achieve zero waste by 2030. This pilot phase to treat and recycle stations waste is being undertaken in Centrepont, Burjuman, Gold Souq and Al Jaddaf Metro stations as well as the Marina and Al Sufouh Tram stations.

As for power-saving, initiatives LED lighting is used to rationalise the power consumption hence saving 1,161,596 watts/hour, equivalent to savings of AED553,173."

"Reducing power consumption in any entity constitutes an environmental responsibility and contributes to obtaining clean electric power at a reasonable cost. This goal is achievable through a variety of initiatives relating to the maintenance and replacement as well as the investment in power-saving equipment. RTA regularly carries out field surveys to identify means of saving electricity and water consumption and recycling water for use in other purposes such as washing trains. The Quality, Health, Safety and Environment team has set strict principles to improve the efficiency of using electricity and water in the metro and tram stations," concluded Kalbat.



# Constructing dedicated bus and taxi lanes stretching 37 km over 5 years

## The plan covers 8 main streets

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has endorsed a plan to construct dedicated bus and taxi lanes extending 37 km during the period 2023-2027. These lanes cover 8 main streets mainly Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Street, 2nd December Street, Amman Street, Al Satwa Road, Al Nahda Street, Omar bin Al-Khattab Street and Naif Street bringing the total length of dedicated bus and taxi lanes to 48.6 km.

His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer, Director-General, Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of the Roads and Transport Authority, said, "The dedicated bus and taxi lanes is a successful global practice that encourages people to ride public transport rather than private vehicles. As seen in several metropolitan cities in America and Europe dedicated bus and taxi lanes reduce journey time, increase the compliance with the on-time bus departures, encourage public to use mass transport means, improve the taxi arrival time, and reduce the direct and indirect operational costs

**Some dedicated lanes improved bus journey time by 44%**

as well as pollutions. The project contributes to realising RTA's strategic goal (Integrated Dubai), improving the living standards in the city, and enhancing the happiness of public transport riders."

"Widening the scope of dedicated bus lanes increases the average bus speed and reduces the travel time during peak







hours by more than 40%. The introduction of this project is expected to reduce bus journey time by 44% on the 2nd December Street, 39% on the Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Street and Amman Street, 28% on the Omar bin Al-Khattab Street, 27% on Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Street, 25% on Al-Nahda Street, and 18% on Al Satwa Road. The project is expected to contribute to a 30% increase in public transport riders by 2030 on some streets, and reduce the requirements of additional buses due to the journey time saved,” he explained.

“The implementation of dedicated bus and taxi lanes plan is a huge success based on the past three phases of the project. It saved about 5 minutes of journey time of each bus, which improved the bus journey times by about 24%. It also improved the satisfaction of bus and taxi riders,” added Al Tayer.

Earlier, RTA completed the construction of dedicated bus lanes stretching 11.6 km, which included a separate lane for buses and taxis on Khalid Bin Al Waleed Street extending 4.3 km from the intersection with Al Mina Street to a point just before the intersection with Zabeel Street, in both directions. It also included parts of Naif Street (1 km), parts of Al Ittihad Road (500m), Al Mina Street (1700m

from Kuwait Street to the Falcon intersection), Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Street (1800m from Al Satwa R/A to Sheikh Rashid Street), Al Khaleej Street (1700m from the Creek Street to Al Musalla Street), Khalid bin Al Waleed Street (100m from Al Mina Street Intersection to Street 16), and Al Ghubaiba Street (500m from Al Mina Street intersection to Street 12).





# 13.17m riders used public and shared transport during Eid Al-Fitre holiday

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority has stepped up its public services during Eid Al-Fitre holiday. As a result, it managed to serve as many as 13.17 million riders that used public and shared transport as well as taxis during this period.

Dubai Metro accounted for the biggest chunk of riders lifting about 4.90 million riders, followed by taxis (4.15 million), public buses (2.6 million) and shared transport (667.19 thousand riders). Marine transport means served about 635.77 thousand riders, and the tram lifted 189.28 thousand riders.



# RTA partnership creates innovation hub at University of Birmingham Dubai

**Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) will establish its Research and Innovation Centre at the University of Birmingham's new campus at Dubai Academic City – creating a facility that will help drive RTA's innovation agenda and support the next generation of UAE innovators, start-ups, universities and the technology companies to collaborate effectively to manifest latest innovations in the areas of transportation and mobility.**

Mr. Nasser Abu Shehab, CEO, Strategy and Corporate Governance on behalf of RTA while Professor David Sadler, University of Birmingham Dubai Provost signed on behalf of the University in the presence of Ms. Wendy Morton MP, Minister of State in the Department for Transport – visiting the campus whilst representing the UK Government in the UAE. The signing builds on an agreement signed in 2019 to develop the education and research programme which has resulted into one-of a kind partnership between the authority and a university to establish an Innovation and R&D Centre inside of a university. The Centre which is 1,151sq m, spread across two floors will features co-working spaces, prototype areas and facilities to conduct Innovation Labs and Training Programmes. Nasser Abu Shehab Commented: "Pursuing the vision of RTA 'To be the world leader in seamless & sustainable mobility', to demonstrate innovation leadership of the authority, the engagement with our key strategic partners such as Universities, Start-ups, Partners and Customers is RTA's key success factor. RTA Innovation and R&D Centre at University of Birmingham Dubai is an important milestone in 'RTA's Innovation Roadmap' as it will not only provide tools and resources to enhance the culture of Innovation and experimentation at RTA, but it will also allow RTA to effectively engage with external ecosystem."

The Centre will support an education and research programme based at the campus, which opens shortly to deliver a flexible, hi-tech student experience that is both enjoyable and productive and iconic in architectural terms, even by Dubai standards.

Further to the vital areas of Innovation and experimentation, the Centre will also aim to support and strengthen the collaboration between the two organisations in the areas of education and training programmes and scientific research.

Wendy Morton said: "This partnership between Dubai and the University of Birmingham is a fantastic opportunity to drive innovation in transport and create exciting opportunities for research and education.

"This is a brilliant example of brand Britain spreading innovation, collaboration and supporting economic growth around the world."

Professor David Sadler commented: "We're proud to work with RTA in further building a partnership that will drive innovation in roads and transport, whilst creating exciting opportunities for research and education collaboration.

"As a global university with a civic outlook, we're committed to playing our part in supporting the UAE as it drives economic progress through knowledge and innovation. Creating the Research and Innovation Centre underpins this collaboration between the University of Birmingham Dubai and RTA.

"We look forward to welcoming RTA staff to their new home within our iconic new campus and anticipate many years of fruitful co-operation ahead, as we work together to innovate and train the next generation of UAE transport engineers."

The transport education and research programme provide a means for RTA to access all academic programmes offered by the University and take part in research and consultancy studies for the benefit of the Dubai economy and the UAE.

The University of Birmingham Dubai offers foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across a range of areas. More information about study programmes can be found at: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/study/index.aspx>



# An online platform for issuing e-scooter driving permits

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority announced that the use of electric scooters on the safe streets specified by RTA requires a traffic permit that can be obtained through an electronic platform launched by RTA on its website that allows the public to obtain free permits, which qualify them to use this type of flexible transportation in the areas and streets that it has specified. The electronic platform was up and running on 28th of this April.**

RTA stated that the permit will be required for those who use the scooter on the designated streets, and as for those wishing to use the scooter in places other than the streets, such as bicycle paths or on sidewalks, the permit will not be mandatory.

Obtaining the permit requires passing the awareness training course available on RTA's website, and the trainee's age should not be less than 16 years. The training course includes lessons on the technical

specifications and standards of scooters and users' obligations, in addition to the areas allowed to use the scooter. The course also deals with the definition of the associated traffic signs and signs related scooters.

The new organizing regulations stipulate that using an electric scooter or any other category determined by RTA without obtaining a driving permit is a traffic violation punishable by law with a fine of AED 200 except for those who have a valid driver's license for

## New package of services to chatbot (Mahboub) business channel

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) has added a package of services to its Chatbot branded Mahboub. The newly added services include the right-of-way inquiries, temporary road service requests, and the status of vendors' prequalification applications.**

"RTA has launched three services directed to the business community. The first service is for inquiries about the violations of right-of-way rules and regulations. The second service relates to the provision of a temporary road to land plots within the right-of-way in areas that have no asphalt roads. The third service is for inquiring about the status of prequalification of suppliers applications to inquire

about the status of applications for prequalification of suppliers enabling them to be approved RTA suppliers," said Mira Ahmed Al-Sheikh, Director of Smart Services, Corporate Technology Support Services Sector, RTA.

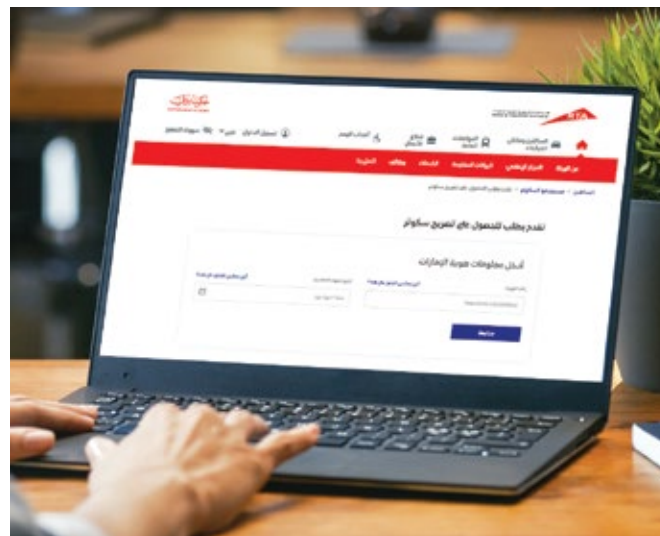
"The objective of providing these services is to offer them to the business community through RTA's Chatbot (Mahboub) instead of the business app. The Chatbot is capable of serving customer needs related to RTA's



the vehicle or an international driver's license or a motorcycle license.

The introduction of these regulations is an implementation of the Dubai Executive Council's Resolution No 13 for 2022 endorsed by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council, governing the use of e-scooters in Dubai. It supports the efforts to transform Dubai into bicycle-friendly city and encourages residents and visitors to use alternative mobility means. It also crowns the successful trial operation of e-scooters that had been on the go since October 2020.

The actual operation of e-scooter started on April 13th, 2022 in 10 districts in Dubai and was restricted to the designated cycling lanes at Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Boulevard, Jumeirah Lakes Towers, Dubai Internet City, Al Rigga, 2nd of December Street, Palm Jumeirah, City Walk in addition to safe roads at Al Qusais, Al Mankhool and Al Karama. It was also permitted at all



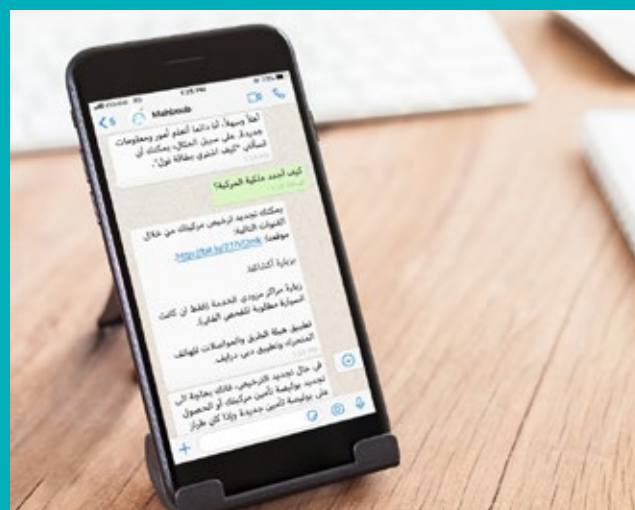
cycling and scooter lanes across Dubai, except for the cycling tracks at Saih Assalam, Al Qudra and Meydan.

The selection of these areas and lanes was based on specific criteria such as the high population density, special development zones, areas served by metro stations and mass transit means, the availability of integrated infrastructure, and high-traffic safety areas.

informational, procedural and interactive inquiries and thus reducing the pressure on the Call Centre. The Chatbot technology has a feature of learning from previous conversations, which helps to understand the nature of inquiries and respond to them accurately," she concluded.

## Bilingual Service

The Chatbot is bilingual (Arabic and English) and works on various platforms, thus serving a wide range of both language speakers inside and outside the UAE. Work is underway to expand the scope of the Chatbot to include various colloquial Arabic dialects, including the GCC dialect. The Smart Services Department, in collaboration with several RTA departments, has introduced the most frequently used services (293 services) and added them to the system. Such services are highlighted by inquiries about the renewal of vehicle registration, introduction about nol



and Abra services in addition to an array of transactional services that can be directly processed by users. It is worth mentioning that RTA's Chatbot had been ranked as the biggest and best artificial intelligence-powered chatbot system in the region.

## RTA resumes 4 intercity bus service, launches new bus route from Jumeirah Golf Estates Metro Station to Dubai Sports City



### Public bus network covers Dubai South

Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) is cooperating with the private sector to launch a new bus route to connect Dubai South with the public bus network. Named DS1, the service will start commuting between Expo 2020 Metro Station and Dubai South as of 19 May 2022. It aims to improve the integration between public transport and urban planning in the Emirate.

**Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) is restoring 4 intercity bus services as of May 19th, thanks to life coming back to normal, following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the growing demand for the service.**

"The four intercity bus routes to be resumed from Dubai are: E100 from Al Ghubaiba Bus Station to Abu Dhabi, E201 from Al Ghubaiba Bus Station to Al Ain, E315 from Etisalat Metro Station to Muwaileh, Sharjah, and E700 from Etihad Bus Station to Fujairah," announced Adel Shakeri, Director of Planning and Business Development, Public Transport Agency, RTA.

"On May 19th RTA will also launch a new bus route to enhance the integration between the mass transit network and the urban planning of the emirate. Named F38, the new metro link service starts from Jumeirah Golf Estates Metro Station and passes through several districts to the destination the Dubai Sports City," added Shakeri. "Route F38 between Jumeirah Golf Estates Metro Station and Dubai Sports City via the Dubai Production City will start at 06:00 am and terminate at 12:30 am (of the following

day), at a frequency of 20 minutes.

"On the same date, RTA will introduce changes to some routes. It will extend Route 50 and Route N30 to reach the International City Bus Station, improve the frequency of merging Route D03 and D03A to be Route D03 only, and extend Route 367 to pass through the School of Research Science," he added.

"RTA is always keen to deliver excellent and highly efficient public transport solutions to various members of the community. It also cooperates with government, semi-government entities and private companies to deliver safe and sustainable public transport solutions including public buses across Dubai. Requests received from various entities in the emirate are subjected to elaborate feasibility studies and extensive field surveys before the launch of the service," concluded Shakeri.

"This route will start public service between Expo 2020 Metro Station and Dubai South from 06:00 am to 12:00 (midnight) at a frequency of 90 minutes," said Adel Shakri, Director of Planning and Business Development, Public Transport Agency, RTA.

"RTA is always keen to offer efficient public transport solutions to the public. We are also committed to continuing cooperation with the government, semi-government entities and private companies to run safe and sustainable

public transport solutions including the Dubai Bus network. Requests received from various entities in the Emirate are subjected to feasibility studies, extensive research and site surveys before deciding on the actual launch of the service," he explained.

"This service will be subject to continuous scrutiny to assess its feasibility from financial and operational perspectives as well as other success factors in serving the needs of public transport riders in Dubai," added Shakri.





### Safety guidelines for ideal usage of the E-Scooter

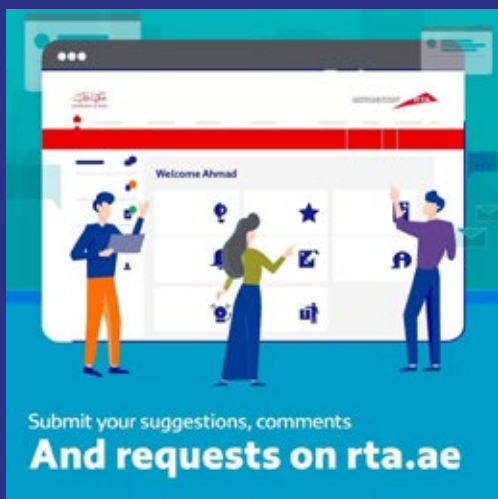
-  Adhering to general safety conditions
-  Avoiding any dangerous action
-  Wearing a protective helmet
-  Do not look down as you need to be aware of your surroundings
-  Ride slowly and carefully

Failing to adhere will result in a fine



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#RTA took part in the World Day for Safety and Health at Work global webinar organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO). The webinar was attended by 1400 representatives of health, safety, and environmental organisations from numerous countries. RTA also marked the international event by holding a separate remote workshop for employees to highlight the importance of implementing the safety requirements for a secure and safe environment for all employees and achieving sustainable Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).



## Engineering Marvel

# China builds record-breaking suspension bridge

Travelling in China's scenic Yunnan province is set to get easier and more exciting, with the opening of the world's first single-tower suspension bridge.

Stretching 798 metres over a deep river valley, Lvzhijiang Bridge's length may not sound huge when compared to some of the longest bridges in the world, but the complexity of the project is earning it recognition as an engineering marvel.

The bridge hangs above the Lvzhijiang River and extends from tunnels that emerge from the steep mountainsides, facing on each side of the valley.

Officials in China claim the bridge broke numerous world records, given that it is the longest single-tower, single-span suspension bridge in the world.

As it is only held up by one tower and supported at both ends by cables, the engineering landmark is deemed to be the first single-tower, single-span suspension bridge in the world.

The bridge's single-span, that is the distance between

the two supports, is 780 metres. The bridge contains the world's dangerous tunnel, which is angled at 54°.

Because of the area's rugged landscape, all major supporting elements of the bridge are built on steep slopes, such as the 156-metre tower, the bridge approach slab on one end of the structure, and the tunnel anchorage on the other end of the structure.

"The height difference between the bridge deck and the assembly yard is 320 metres or the height of about 100 floors," says the project manager.

The bridge connects the neighbouring city of Yuxi and Yunnan's Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, which will significantly cut the journey time between the two sides of the river from 1.5 hours to 2 minutes.

The maximum speed limit on the bridge is 100 kilometres per hour.

The entire project took about three years to complete since construction commenced in 2019. It is expected to open to traffic at present.

## Çanakkale Bridge

The 1915 Çanakkale Bridge, also known as the Dardanelles Bridge, is a road suspension bridge. It crosses the Sea of Marmara between the coastal towns of Lapseki and Gelibolu in the province of Çanakkale in north-western Turkey.

When opened in March 2022, the bridge became the longest suspension bridge in the world, surpassing the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge in Tokyo by 32 m.

It also became the first bridge, connecting the continents of Asia and Europe outside Istanbul, and is considered an important part of the motorway project that passes through the region which connects the

two highways: O-3 and O-7 motorways in East Thrace to the O-5 motorway in Anatolia.

The bridge is the first fixed crossing over the Dardanelles.

Some of the figures on the bridge are related to Turkish historical symbols. The number 1915 in the name, the height of the main cable intersection point (318 m), and the opening date (March 18) are all associated with the Turkish naval victory on March 18, 1915, during naval operations in the Gallipoli Campaign. The length of the bridge's main span (2023 metres) refers to the centennial of the Turkish Republic in 2023.





### Connecting Yunnan to the rest of China

Although the city of Yuxi (famous for its tobacco production) and Chuxiong Autonomous Prefecture (famous for dinosaur museum) are not popular tourist destinations, the two areas are in the heart of Yunnan province, between major cities such as Kunming and Dali.

The Lvzhijiang Bridge is a major part of the 190-kilometre Yuchu Expressway and the 9,000-kilometre Yunnan Highway network.

The Yushu Expressway connects Yunnan with other major national expressways, such as the Hangzhou-Ruili Expressway, in the western Yunnan city bordering Myanmar, and the Guangzhou-Kunming Expressway.

