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The issuance of Al Jumruki newsletter, issue number 100, coincides with the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment. The issue number one of the newsletter was issued in 1995 to cover customs related news by the directive and support of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah.

In the beginning of the third millennium, in the year 2000, the first issue of «Al Mawanie» was also issued to address the news of Sharjah Ports and it followed the same track as Al Jumruki.

In 2019, both newssletters were merged together under the name of «Al Jumruki» which was fully dedicated to Customs and Ports news in Sharjah Emirate. Al Jumruki suspended its paper printed issues and went digital since the outbreak of the pandemic, Covid 19-, in response to health rules and regulations observed by the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority. This is to keep the readers safe from the virus during this unprecedented time. Al Jumruki will go on digitally till the end of the pandemic.

The editorial team of Al Jumruki take this opportunity to express appreciation to His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah for his true directives and unlimited support for culture and education. The team also extends its appreciation to Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority for his continuous support to the newsletter.



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His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, issued Decree-Law No. 05 of 2020 on the establishment and organisation of the Sharjah Seaports, Customs & Free Zones Authority, SSCFZA.

Pursuant to the Decree-Law, the Authority enjoys the legal personality and the legal capacity necessary to achieve its objectives and goals.

The SSCFZA's headquarters shall be based in the city of Sharjah and may establish branches within and outside the emirate and upon the approval of the Sharjah Executive Council.

Pertaining to the new Decree-Law, the Sharjah Sea Ports, Customs Centers, border crossings and border checkpoints, Hamriyah Free Zone, Sharjah International Airport Free Zone, shall be under the Authority; any other entity to be annexed to the Authority based on a decision by His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah or the Sharjah Executive Council.

The Decree-Law included a number of competencies necessary to achieve the Authority's objectives and carry out its functions.

The competencies include the general competencies; competencies related to ports, maritime navigation, and customs centres, as well as the border crossings and border checkpoints and competencies related to free zones.

The new Decree-Law also stated that the Chairperson of the Authority shall be appointed by an Emiri Decree, assisted by a sufficient number of employees and experts in accordance with the SSCFZA's organisational structure.

He shall have the necessary authority and powers to

manage the Authority's affairs and take the needed decisions to achieve its various goals.

According to the Decree-Law, the chairperson of the Authority may request the assistance of the police and security forces, if necessary, to support the security of seaports, border crossings and border checkpoints, and free zones, in coordination with the relevant authorities. Upon the proposal of the Authority's Chairperson, the Executive Council shall issue decisions necessary to implement the provisions of this Decree-Law and topics that are not stipulated in the Decree-Law; as well as the fees, administrative violations and penalties that are prescribed in accordance with the provisions of this Decree-Law.

The Decree-Law is effective from the date of its issuance and other competent authorities should implement its provisions each in its respective field, and shall be published in the Official Gazette. Any provision contrary to its provisions shall be repealed.

H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, also issued Emiri Decree No. 19 of 2020 appointing Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman for the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority.





To Mitigate Economic Impact of COVID-19

Sharjah Crown Prince Approves Package of Incentives

Upon the generous directives of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Crown Prince, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, and Chairman of Sharjah Executive Council, has approved the second stimulus package of Sharjah government incentives to support the government and private entities, business sectors, and individuals in order to boost business continuity and development in various fields and mitigate the economic impact of the corona virus (COVID19-) outbreak.

The value of the second stimulus package of incentives amounts to AED 512 million, whereas the value of the incentives in the first package estimated at AED 481 million.

These incentives emanate from the SEC's keenness to enhance the continuity of development in various fields and mitigate the severity of economic and social impacts that the world is witnessing during this critical period.

Following are entities covered by the

incentives:

1. Sharjah Seaports, Customs and Free Zones Authority
2. Sharjah Electricity, Water and Gas Authority
3. Municipalities of the Emirate of Sharjah
4. Sharjah Real Estate Registration Department
5. Sharjah Department of Planning and Survey
6. Private Education Authority
7. Sharjah Entrepreneurship Foundation, Ruwad
8. Roads and Transport Authority, RTA
9. Department of Civil Aviation
10. Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry(SCCI)
11. Sharjah Book Authority, Sharjah Publishing City
12. Sharjah Media City, Shams

Valid for three months, the incentives of Sharjah Seaports, Customs and Free Zones Authority are as following:

- .Exemption of all merchant and wooden ships from berthing and loading fees in both the Sharjah Creek and Khor Hamriyah Free Zone.

- .Reducing fees due on port operations by 20 percent on handling, loading and unloading fees, associated fees, and marine charges.
- .Exemption of all bulk cargo from storage fees for a period of 90 days.
- .Reducing the tariff of truck stops in Sharjah ports by 50 percent within the designated areas.
- .Exempting all shipping and customs clearance companies from the bank guarantees required to carry out their activities.
- .Exemption of all commercial companies from regular-inspection fees.
- .Exempting companies operating in the free zones from fines for delaying the renewal of licences.
- .Exemption from visa fines in free zones.
- .A 50 percent discount on the corporate share transfer fee.
- .Discount from 20 percent to 50 percent on new licences, depending on the commercial activity.





Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Awarded

Sharjah Central Finance Department (SCFD) honoured the winners of the Financial Performance Excellence Award, launched with the aim of honouring distinguished institutions and individuals in the financial field.

The event was held at the headquarters of the Police Sciences Academy in Sharjah on November 30 2020 in light of the precautionary measures taken to ensure the health and safety of the attendees. This comes in line with the efforts to raise the level of resource management and save public money and promote the effective governmental expenditure practices.

The honouring ceremony was held in the presence of Sheikh Mohammed bin Saud Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Sharjah Central Finance Department (SCFD) and H.E. Waleed Al Sayegh, Director General of SCFD, Nasser Kashwani, Secretary

General of the Award, and members of the General Secretariat of the Award as well as representatives of official sponsors and winners of the Award.

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) and H.E. Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs attended the ceremony.

The event witnessed the honouring of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority with four awards: (1) Sharjah International Airport Free Zone won the award of the pioneer in financial performance excellence for

independent entities. Sheikh Mohammed bin Saud Al Qasimi presented the plaque of the prize to Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority. (2) Sharjah Ports won the award of pioneer in application of budget criteria(independent entity) , while(3) Hamriyah Free Zone won the award of the pioneer in application of income criteria(independent entity) and finally (4) Mrs. Amenah Al Mazimi from Sharjah Ports won the distinguished new financial employee award for independent entities.





Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi Inks Family Cohesion Document

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, with Sharjah Family Development Centres (an affiliate to Sharjah Supreme Council for Family Affairs), signed the family cohesion document.

The document is in line with the role of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in community responsibility and supporting the initiative of Sharjah Family Development Centres promoting a positive environment for the welfare of the community.

The importance of this document lies in promoting community interaction with the government departments in the Emirate of Sharjah to meet the aspirations of families and community. The document embodies the visions and directives of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, and Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher bint Muhammad Al Qasimi, Chairperson of the Supreme Council for Family Affairs in Sharjah, in providing an ideal environment for education and boosting families' stability.



Sharjah Customs Foiled a Smuggling Attempt of 123 Kg of Narcotics

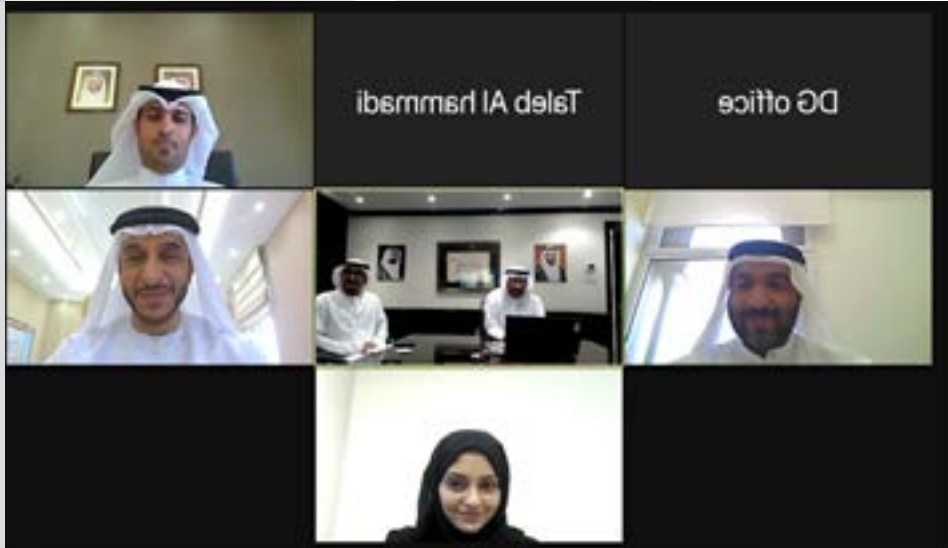
Sharjah Customs recently intercepted an attempt to smuggle 123 Kg of crystal (Methamphetamine) into the UAE which were hidden in the lower base of a reefer container carrying fruits and vegetables. The suspected reefer arrived from an Asian Country to a seaport in the Emirate of Sharjah in an attempt to promote the narcotics in the UAE.

During the normal checking of the container, Sharjah Customs inspectors became suspicious about the shipment and searched the container thoroughly and uncovered five hidden steel boxes containing 123 kg of the narcotic crystal material (Methamphetamine).

H.E. Ali Saeed Matar Al Neyadi, Customs Commissioner and Chairman of the Federal Customs Authority (FCA) praised the efforts of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zone Authority in combating drug smuggling attempts through customs terminals in Sharjah Emirate and its great role in protecting the community from the evils of such dangerous drugs. Al Neyadi said: "When it comes to drug seizures, Sharjah customs are in the lead among customs departments in the UAE during the first ten months of 2020 (up to end of October) where Sharjah number of drug seizures reached 2521 representing

63% of the total drug seizures in the UAE (3995)." His Excellency emphasized that the vigilance and efficiency of Sharjah Customs Inspectors and officers and the development of high customs performance at the customs terminals of the Emirate are playing a key role in enhancing the competitiveness in the United Arab Emirates and accomplishing the pillars of UAE vision 2020 by supporting the sustainable development process, adoption policy of economic diversity and increasing commercial exchange with the world countries as well as maintaining and preserving the security of the people.

"Sharjah Customs is a key participant in achieving the targeted Customs Sector objectives in the UAE index of seizures as it reached 39% in 2019.", His Excellency concluded.



SPCFZA to Enhance E-Communications with Sharjah Municipality

Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Sharjah Municipality.

The MoU is aiming at promoting digital transformation and accomplish sustainability in providing best services in the Emirate of Sharjah following the visions and wise directives of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, and the follow up of His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed bin Sultan Al Qasimi Crown Prince, Deputy Ruler and Chairman of the Sharjah Executive Council.

H. E. Thabit Al Turaifi, Director General of Sharjah Municipality and H.E. Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, signed the MoU (via visual contact technology) in presence of several officials from the two parties. The MoU also aims at exchanging data and adoption of best practices in an integrated working system between the two strategic partners.



Sharjah Customs Awarded with Tahawultech Award 2020

Sharjah Customs earned the title Best IT Department of Sharjah Government for the year 2020.

The GovTech Innovation Awards aim to illustrate how government entities in the UAE that have demonstrated real digital leadership as the IT ecosystem continues to undergo fundamental changes due to the emergence of disruptive new technologies.

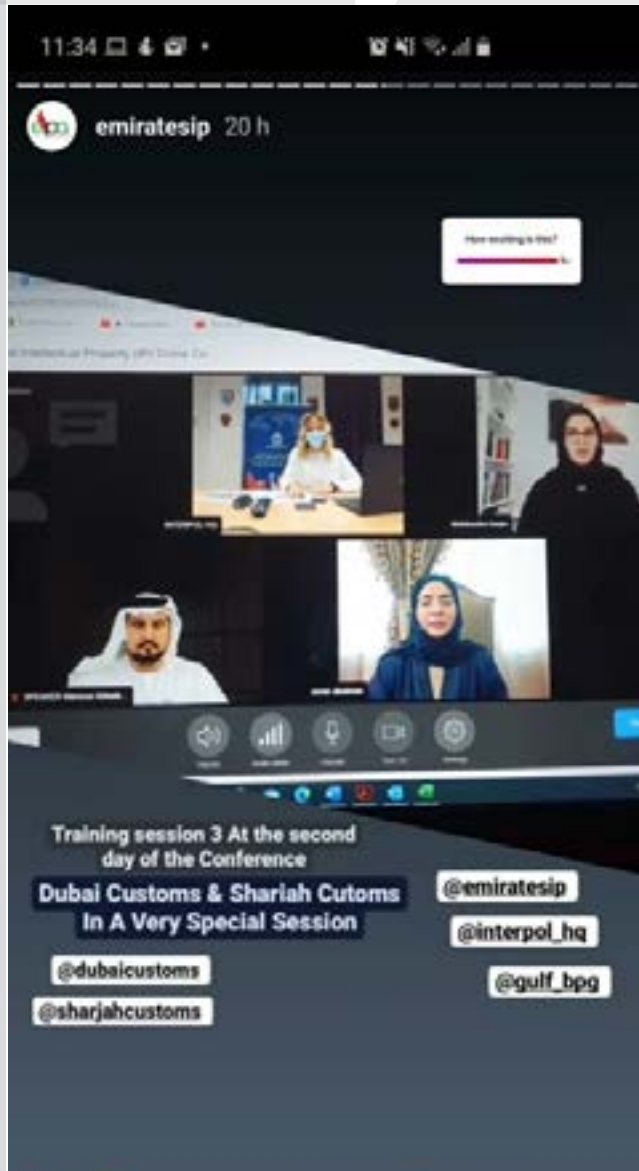
These awards will celebrate the government entities and individuals that have shown remarkable vision and leadership to help businesses navigate their way through the digital disruption that has been caused by the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Whilst the emergence of these transformative technologies has undoubtedly presented enterprises with a vast array of incredible new opportunities – the disruption across many industries has also

created many new challenges for businesses all over the region.

Businesses that resist digital transformation run the very real risk of becoming obsolete. However, this is where government organizations have led the way in this regard and have helped enterprises deal with the challenges of digital transformation.

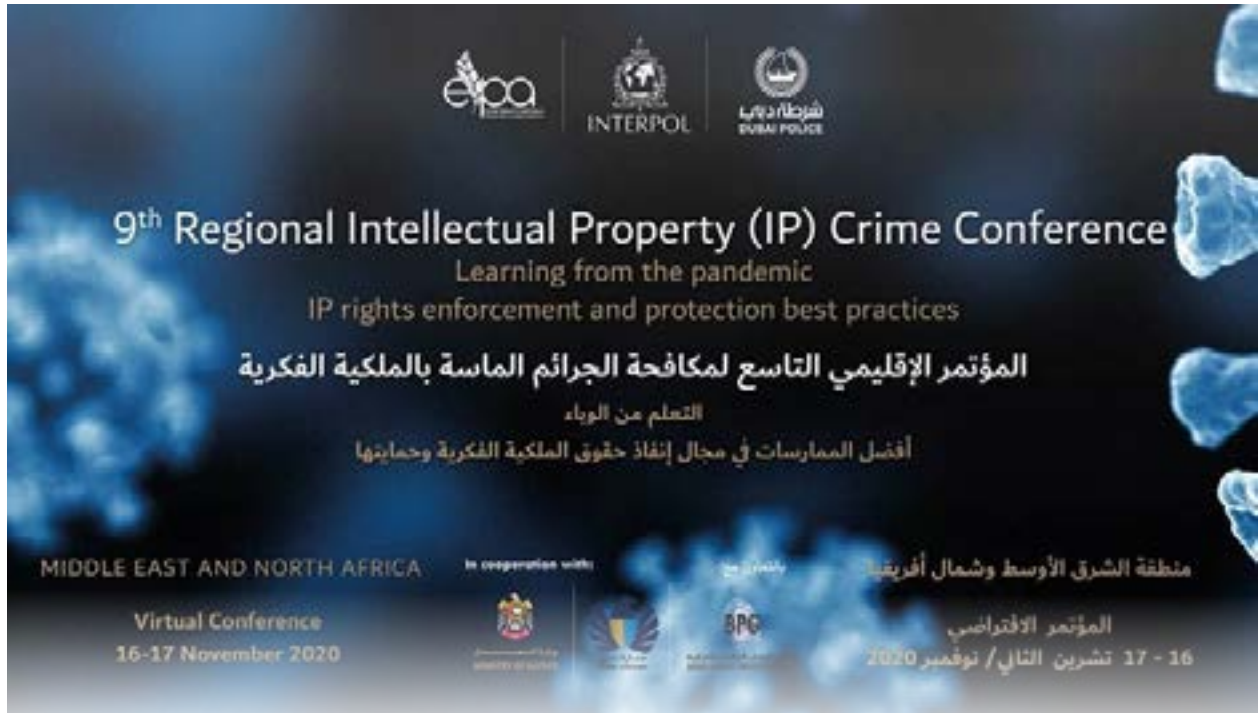
They have also championed, pioneered and integrated technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Big Data & Analytics into their decision-making to create better services, solutions and experiences to achieve their primary goal which is to enhance the lives of every citizen in the UAE.



The Ninth Regional Conference on Intellectual Property Crimes in the Middle East and North Africa was kicked off under the motto « Learning from the Pandemic - IP Rights- Protection and Enforcement best Practices». The Deputy Chief of Police and Public Security in Dubai, Honorary President of the Emirates Intellectual Property Association, Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan Tamim attended the virtual conference.

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Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Participates in: The Ninth Regional Conference on Intellectual Property Crimes



The Conference which lasted for 2 days was organized by the UAE Intellectual Property Association (EIPA), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), UAE Ministry of Justice, Dubai Customs, Trademark Owners Council and with the participation of several Arab, Regional and International Entities.

The participation of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in the virtual conference came upon the invitation of Dubai Customs. On November 17 2020 the session allocated to discuss Sharjah Customs paper was presented by Eman Ali Al Salman, Head of Intellectual Property Section (Sharjah Customs). She addressed the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the activities of Ports and Customs. The session was headed by Mahbooba Baqer, Head of Awareness and Education Section, - IPR Department - Dubai Customs.

Al Salman said: « Our participation in the conference is

a reflection to the Authority's commitment to protect the intellectual property rights of producers and creative thinkers in different fields by combating the smuggling of counterfeits and fake goods and products and all that threatens public health and safety of the local community or violates producers and trademark owners' rights.»

« I addressed the role of Sharjah Customs during the time of Covid-19 pandemic including Sharjah Customs procedures which are aiming at maintaining the continuity of the necessary supply chains and community protection. The study also focused on customs inspection procedures and adoption of a policy of protecting customs inspectors by running periodic medical test necessary to ascertain that they are virus free. Procedures of IP Department were done remotely in order to preserve and maintain the public health of the customers and employees», she concluded.





Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Celebrates the Flag Day

Under the Slogan "Raise it High, Raise it Proud" and at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd November 2020, the United Arab Emirates Flag was hoisted high at the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority synonymously with celebrations of the Flag Day all over the country.

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The staff gathered at the entrance of the Authority's Head Quarters to mark the event. HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman al Sarrah, Director of the Authority raised high the flag in the presence of several staffs, who adhered to the social distancing and precautionary measures for controlling the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The UAE Flag-Day marks the day His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was elected President of the UAE. The occasion is held in response to the initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai who called to raise the Flag of the UAE in various entities concurrently at 11:00 a.m. on 3rd of November.

On November 30 2020, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority also commemorated the Martyr Day by paying tribute to the martyrs of the nation and recognizing the sacrifices of Emirati martyrs.

At the Headquarters of the authority, Mr. Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, Director of Creek Customs

Center raised the half-mast flag to its full height. Mr. Rashid khamis Al Suwaidi, Director of Human Resources Dept (Sharjah Customs) , Mr. Jamal Al Sheikh, Director of Statistics Dept. (Sharjah Customs) and several staffs of the Authority attended the ceremony.





Sharjah Ports Performance Hikes in Q3

The performance and throughput of the main Sharjah Seaports, Khalid, Hamriyah and Khorfakkan during the third quarter of 2020 was higher than that of Q2019 3 and was positive in general and witnessed considerable improvements. The new registered figures are another attestation that Sharjah Ports are capable to tackle difficulties and challenges born by the outbreak of the global Covid19- Pandemic, and together with Sharjah Customs, they managed to maintain vital supply chains in high efficiency.

Sharjah Ports Exports, Imports, Re-exports and transit for general cargo shipments (non oil cargo) increased by 44.72% from 1,644,512 tons in Q3 2019 to 2,380,020 tons in Q3 2020.

The number of imported and re-exported vehicles through Sharjah Ports has increased by 30.82% in Q3 2020 and totaled 39,878 vehicles from 30,482 in Q3 2019.

The commitment of Sharjah Ports in supporting and facilitating the requirements of the traders and sustaining supply chains functioning as in ordinary times and as well as the availability of sound and strong infrastructure and efficient logistic services have their good impacts on the continuation of import – export cargo operations even in hard times.





Conclusion of a Training Course on Narcotics For Sharjah Customs Officers

Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority together with its strategic partner Sharjah Police- Anti Narcotics Department, organized an essential training course on Narcotics.

Several Customs officers from various customs centres in the Emirate of Sharjah participated in the training course which was concluded on 26/2020/11/ at the Container Customs Centre. Covid-19 precautionary measures were observed during the training course at which the trainees have obtained many lessons on combating narcotics and drug trafficking.

Major Khalid Al Zaabi, Captain Mohammed Al Marzoqi, Warrant Officer Ahmed Shaker and Coordinator Bader Al Mazimi from Sharjah Police lectured the trainees on essential topics related to narcotics. Mr. Ahmed Hassan Dimas, Director of Passenger Customs Centre at the Sharjah International Airport and Mr. Khalid bin Samnoah, Director of Container Customs Center attended the conclusion of the training course.

