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The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) has extended concession agreements with Gultainer Company for a further 35 years to operate Sharjah Container Terminal (at Port Khalid) and Khorfakkan Container Terminal (at Port Khorfakkan). The extension of the concession agreements reflects the SPCFZA's keenness to accomplish several advantages and benefits such as development of ports and customs facilities and strengthening the role of SPCFZA in the domestic economy of the Emirate via the main trade gateways represented by those two terminals.

It is also revealing the trustworthiness of the authority in the private sector, encouraging them for more investments and participations in the development, progress and prosperity of the Emirate of Sharjah.

A successful step which will lead to further progress and success.



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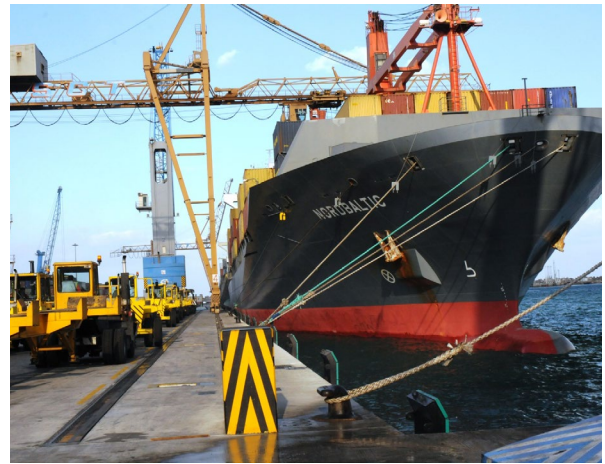
Extend Concession Agreements for 35 years

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) and Gultainer, a regional operator of ports and terminals, have agreed to extend their concession agreements for a further 35 years. The extension reinforces their joint commitment to upgrading the UAE's supply chain and logistics sector, particularly through the key trade gateways in the Northern Emirates: the Sharjah Container Terminal (SCT) and Khorfakkan Container Terminal (KCT).

The agreement also includes plans to offer unique value propositions at both SCT and KCT, with the former being renowned as the first container terminal in the Middle East.

This continued collaboration between the Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority and Gulftainer across five decades, marks a significant milestone in the UAE's maritime landscape, underscoring the value of public-private partnerships and its vital role in revolutionising port infrastructure and bolstering trade for the region and beyond.

The concession agreements were signed by Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority and Peter Richards, Group CEO of Gulftainer.





Sharjah Customs

Foils an Attempt to Smuggle 10 kg Narcotic Substances

Sharjah Customs inspectors at Port Khalid Customs Centre, foiled an attempt to smuggle 10 Kgs of Narcotics. The Inspectors during a routine inspection on container have successfully identified a suspicious object resembling a bag by using advanced radiation detection technology.

Upon manual examination of the bag, the inspectors discovered 10 rolls each containing a dark, grass-coloured substance, totalling a weight of 10.046 kilograms.

The confiscated narcotic substances were promptly referred to the competent authorities for necessary legal action.

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) expressed its profound appreciation for the efficiency and capability of the inspection officers and staff at the centre, lauding their high sense of security. It stressed that customs inspectors will spare no effort to bust smugglers and thwart any attempts to bring prohibited materials through the customs ports of the Emirate of Sharjah.

The authority reaffirmed its commitment to mobilising all its resources to curb any form of smuggling, particularly narcotics, and protect the security and safety of society, thereby supporting the national economy and fostering its competitive growth and prosperity.

Salem Abdullah Majid Al Zomor, Director of Port Khalid Customs Centre, stated: "The successful thwarting of the narcotics smuggling attempt deals a strong blow to smugglers and anyone thinking of compromising national security.

"This achievement reflects our commitment to safeguarding society and ensuring that prohibited substances do not reach its members."





Sharjah Ports, Customs And Free Zones Authority

Celebrates The 52nd National Day

Under the slogan "the Spirit of the Union" the Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) celebrated the 52nd anniversary of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates commemorating the foundation of the Union.

he Headquarters of the SPCFZA, Customs Centres, Ports premises and facilities observed the national day by decorating the buildings and hanging the flags and pictures of the Leaders and Rulers of the United Arab Emirates

The staff of the SPCFZA expressed their joy and extended their sincerest congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai and His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah and the Rulers of the Emirates and people of the UAE. Marking the prestigious occasion of the 52nd UAE National Day, the staff attended on Tuesday 28th of November 2023 a luncheon held at the HQ of the Authority.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs; Rashid Khamees Al Suwaidi, Director of Customs HR Department and the staff attended the event.





Port Khalid Customs Centre

Receives a Joint Delegation from Dubai Airports Departments

In a move aimed at fostering collaborative efforts and sharing expertise among government entities specializing in customs operations, Sharjah Port, Customs and Free Zones Authority, represented by Port Khalid Customs Centre, received on 2023/09/19 a joint delegation from the General Department of Airport Security, Dubai Airports Corporation, and Dubai Aviation Engineering Projects.

During the visit, the delegation was briefed on the cutting-edge inspection equipment employed both at Port Khalid and within the passenger terminal of the Port Khalid Customs Centre.

The delegation was accompanied by Mr. Salem Majid Al Zomor, Director of Port Khalid Custos Centre And a number of Customs Inspector and Officers





Sharjah Customs

Took Part in a Workshop on the Enforcement of IP Rights at Borders

Sharjah Customs took part in a workshop addressing enforcement of intellectual property rights at borders. The workshop, organized collaboratively with the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs & Port Security, covered various facets of law enforcement procedures within the UAE, specifically regarding counterfeit materials at border crossings.

Eman Al Salman, Head of Intellectual Property Department at Sharjah Customs, outlined the department's role in trademark registration. She detailed the protocols followed in seizing containers suspected of holding counterfeit goods, the process for the disposal of counterfeit materials, and the strategies employed to educate inspectors on distinguishing between authentic and counterfeit items. She also highlighted initiatives aimed at promoting intellectual property awareness among students at both school and university levels as well as lady's centres.

Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ras Al Khaimah, Ajman and Fujairah Customs Authorities also participated in the workshop.



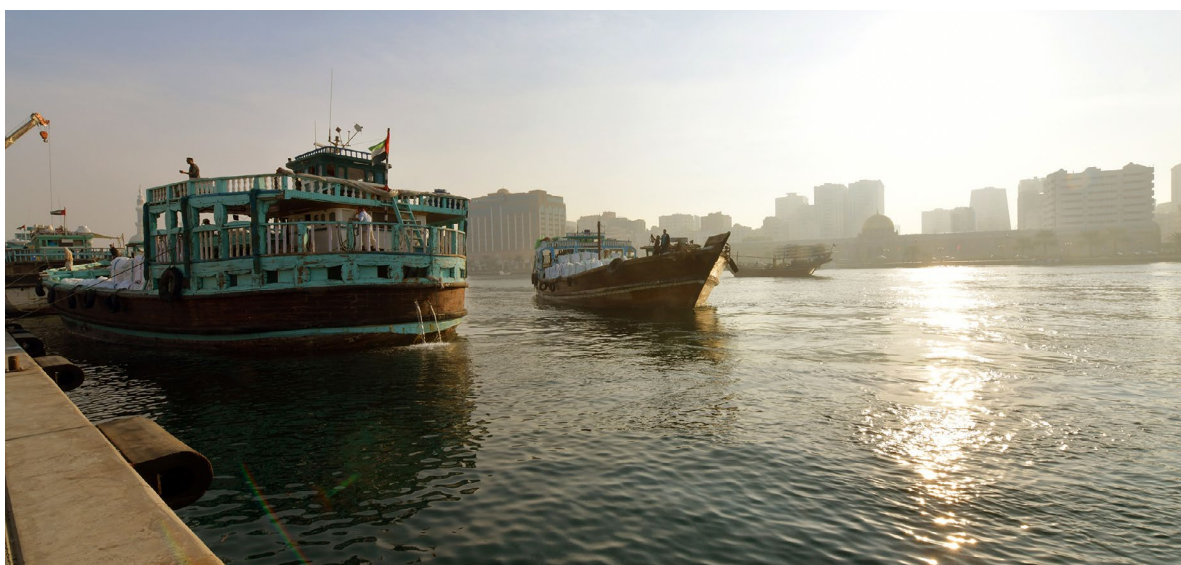


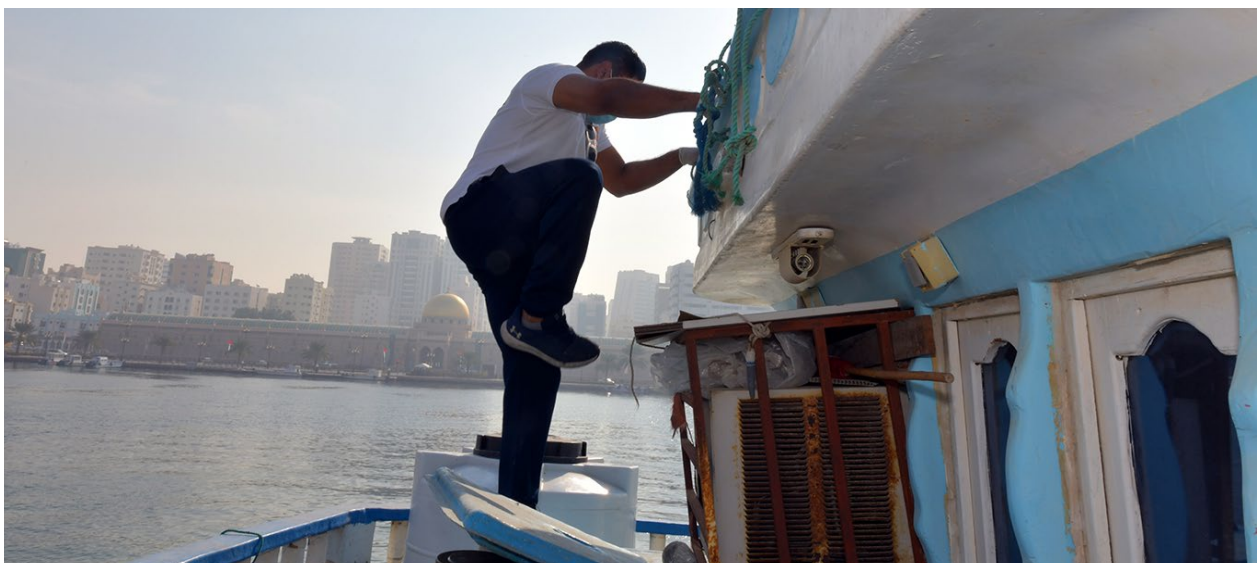
Dhow- Inspection Training Session

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority with the cooperation of Sharjah Police Department organized a training session on Inspection of Dhows.

The Session aimed at boosting the practical efficiencies of customs inspectors in field of Dhow inspection by following best practices in thwarting customs offences and smuggling.

The session was organized at Sharjah Creek Customs Centre for the period 11-14 December 2023, as the center mainly accommodate Dhows coming to Sharjah. Mr. Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, Director of Sharjah Creek Customs Centre said that this training session is of great importance to the Customs officers, as it highlights customs related challenges of Dhows inspection, especially that the Creek of Sharjah which accommodate big number of Dhow is within the domain of our customs centre. The training course also was characterized by the practical training in the field, which took place after analytical drill.







A Training Course on Determination of Value for Customs Purposes

Sharjah Customs organized a training course on the Fundamentals of value determination for Customs purposes. The training course was held for three days for the period from 11 to 14 July 2023 with the participation of several officers from various customs centres in the Emirate of Sharjah.

Mr. Mansour Al Marri, Assistant Director of Container Customs Centre attended the graduation of the trainees praised their keenness to follow the latest developments in the field value determination for Customs purposes.



A Training Programme About How to Deal with Explosives, Hazardous and Radioactive Substances

Within the collaboration of its Strategic Partner the General Command of Sharjah Police, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority concluded on Thursday August 24 2023, a four-days training Programme about how to deal with explosives, hazardous and radioactive Substances.

Several Customs Officers from various Sharjah Customs Centers participated in the programme, which was conducted by the professional trainer First Sergeant Saif Abdullah Al Radwan from Sharjah Police Department.

A similar training programme was organized for the period 2428- August 2023 for Sharjah Customs Officers at the Eastern region of the Emirate of Sharjah.

