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More than one year has passed since the outbreak of the Corona19- pandemic all over the world and with its gloomy impact on the international trade and passenger movements across the borders, action was required to confront the pandemic with protective measures, keeping up the health of the people. By the appearance of the Pandemic, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority adopted several measures to preserve the health of the customers and employees. Other measures included intensive health precautionary action and maintenance of the commercial movement of cargos via border terminals in the Emirate of Sharjah. Customs Controls during the pandemic was maintained in its high alert and traders were assisted with spectrum of incentives issued by the wise leadership of the Emirate of Sharjah. The developments in the Heath field in confronting the Pandemic and the impressive campaigns of vaccination in the United Arab Emirates has opened new horizons in enhancing the cross-border international trade and passengers movement, which is clearly seen in the growth of imports/exports and the return of the economic activities to its regular level.

Today, though the Pandemic is still persisting around the globe, we have to keep the same high protective precautions and work in great deal of optimism for a future without the Pandemic.



Director of Ports & Customs Honours Customs Officers

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zone Authority honoured several customs officers for their recognition for being examples to be followed and for their outstanding efforts, performance and professionalism in conducting their duties.

On February 18 2021, HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports & Customs - Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority received at his office the officers from Port Khalid Customs Centre, praised their efforts, thanked and awarded them with certificates of appreciation.

The honoured customs officers were: Mr. Salem Majid Al Zammer (Director of Port Khalid Customs Centre), Hassan Ahmed Hassan Al Humadi, Ibrahim Hussein Ali Al Mazimi, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali Abdul Aziz Hassan and Mohammed Ayuob Murad Al Blushi.

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zone Authority had also honoured another batch of customs Officers from

Sharjah Creek Customs Centre. The honouring came within the events of the Fourth Emirate Customs Week and the World Customs Day on Jan 26.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports & Customs - Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority received the officers, praised their distinguished accomplishments and awarded them with certificates of appreciation.

The honouring included the following Customs Officers: Khamis Nasir Mohammed Al Ghilani, Yousif Essa Gloum, Abdul Rahman Saeid bu Ghanim, Obaid Ali Al Muhairi and Khamis Abdullah Hammed Sarri.





Smuggled Drugs and Old Coins seized

On the First of June 2016 and during a routine inspection of a vessel arriving to Sharjah Creek, Police Authorities foiled a smuggling operation to bring in 2,056 of historic coins from the second century of Hijra and 6,991.5 grams of Crystal narcotic substance.

Appreciating their efforts, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority honoured the Police Officers, where Mr. Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh , Director of Sharjah Creek Customs Centre awarded three officer with Certificates of Appreciation. The honoured Officers were First Lieutenant Salem Mohammed Obaid Dasmal, Staff Warrant Officer Saif Hammed Obaid Al Shamsi and First Warrant Officer Obaid Rashid Obaid Al Ali. Bin Jarsh emphasized that all vessels calling Sharjah Creek are submitted to intensive inspection aiming at protection of the community from the dangers narcotics and combating drug smuggling and finding out any narcotics or other goods that entering the country in unlawful way.





A farewell party for retiring Mr. Salem Ahmed Al Suwaidi was held on the 25th of February 2021 at the head quarters of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority.

Sharjah Port Staff Bid Their Farewell to Ahmed Salem Al Suwaidi

Al Suwaidi was the Head of Traffic Department of Sharjah Ports. He joined Sharjah Ports on October 1 1983 and left after more than 37 years of service. The Traffic Department honored their chief for his dedicated long service, while Mr. Yaqoub Hassan Abdullah, Director of Sharjah Ports Administration Department presented a shield of appreciation to him. All staffs of the Traffic Department celebrated the occasion and wished Mr. Ahmed Al Suwaidi all the best and happiness for his future.





Left Customs After a long Service

Mr. Kurien Puthen Mathew, Director of Customs Centres at Sharjah International Airport has left the work after a long service which lasted for more than 44 years. HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority - Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority received Mr. Mathew and Praised his efforts.

In attendance were Mr. Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, Director of Sharjah Creek Customs Centre, Dr. Salem bin Tarbaa al Abdouli, Planning Dept Manager (Sharjah Ports) and Mr. Rashid Khamis Al Suwaidi, Director of Human Resource Administration.

On the occasion, Mr. Mathew received an apperception certificate.

On another occasion, the staff of Container Customs Centre bid their goodbye to their colleague Mr. Hamdi Ali Kamal Al-Din who left the work after a long service of than 31 years.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs - Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority has received in his office Mr. Hamdi Ali Kamal Al Din, an employee at Containers Customs Centre and honoured him with certificate of appreciation for his a dedicated services. In attendance was Mr. Khalid bin Samnoah, Director of Containers Customs Centre who praised Kamal Al- Din for his dedication and loyalty.



Honouring A Customs Officer

Al Sarrah praised the remarkable efforts of the Customs Officer and awarded him with appreciation certificate for his dedication to customers, dealers and visitors of the Container Customs Centre.

Located close to Sharjah International Airport, SAIF Zone and Industrial Areas on the main routes joining Sharjah with other Emirates of the UAE, the Container Customs Centre provides all necessary customs services and facilities to the customers including customs clearance and inspection for containers arriving from various ports of the UAE.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdullah Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs- Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority met at his office on February 2021 28, Mr. Khalid Salem bin Samnoah, Director of Containers Customs Center and Customs Officer Hussein Ali Abdullah.



Overlooking the eastern seaboard, Khorfakkan Port is the only main seaport in the Emirates of Sharjah that is located outside the Straits of Hormuz and the Arabian Gulf .

Port Khorfakkan... The Jewel of the Eastern Coast of Sharjah Emirate

The Port is known for its container terminal which is operated by Gulftainer Company for the behalf of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority. It is a vital hub for transshipment operations for the countries of the Arabian Gulf, the Indian Sub-continent, Gulf of Oman and East Africa.

Container vessels save valuable time by calling at Khorfakkan and taking advantage of Sharjah's net of the modern national highways which hauls containers to the Sharjah container depot, commercial markets of the UAE and other GCC states.

Khorfakkan Port is served by six berths of two kilometers in length and 18 cantilever cranes



with an open storage area in excess of 450,000 sqm.

Another important feature of the Port is the depth of water which is 16 metres alongside the berth with safe approaches of 18 meters at MLLW that enables the port to accommodate the largest vessels.

Its deep water, wide quays, fast service, developed equipment, Quick transshipment & re-export operations, and qualified administration are all contributing to reception of huge container ships.

The Port is used to accommodate renowned cruise vessels during the tourism season at winter times as the Eastern Coast of the Emirate has a lot of tourist attractions.



Sharjah Ports sustained its high performance and productivity for the second year of the global Covid- 19 Pandemic despite its drawbacks.

Sharjah Ports Record Higher Performance Figures





Sharjah Ports (Port Khalid, Port Hamriyah and Port Khorfakkan) are enhancing its role continuously by responding to the international trade changes and alterations. The unwavering dedication of Sharjah Ports has played a role to the continuation of supplies to the people of the Emirate of Sharjah and other Emirates during the tough time of Covid-19 and its aftermath on the global trade.

Shipments of cargo (non-oil cargos) witnessed a 7.45% increment during the first five months (Jan to end of May) of 2021 and reached 1,632,575 tons while it was 1,519,326 tons during the same period of 2020.

Port statistical figures confirm the surge in the performance and it is sufficient to say that the number of vessels that called during the first five months of the year 2021 was 3,563, while it was 2,945 for same period in 2020, recording a 17.6% increment.

Imported and exported vehicles through the ports of Sharjah have increased during the five month of 2021 to 2,050 Vehicles from 18,213 in the same period of 2020 recording an increment of 10.09%.

