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His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah visited Port Khalid and inaugurated the maritime training phase for students of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport which was held in cooperation with the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority.

The inauguration of the maritime training phase was a clear manifestation of His Highness commitment towards educating students to the highest academic levels and qualifying them to work in the maritime transport sector which plays a vital role in the domestic product of the UAE as the country is featured with its strategic location, long costal line, advanced maritime industry, and great infrastructure with several highly modern ports.

HH patronage of the maritime training phase of the students is also embodying his visions towards the youths of the nation and their vital role in the sustainable economic process witnessed in the Emirate of Sharjah.



At Khalid Port

Ruler of Sharjah

Opens the Maritime Training Phase of AASTMTs' Students

His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, has praised the great interest of the students of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT) during their studies in general, and their practical training at sea in particular, which reflects his vision in educating students at the highest academic and applied levels.

His Highness speech came at the inauguration of the maritime training for students of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport on Wednesday morning (December 7 2022), which was held in cooperation with the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, at Khalid Port in Sharjah.

Sheikh Dr. Sultan stressed the importance of practical training. «This is a tremendous moment that we have been waiting for all these years, you started your journey reading lecture notes in the classrooms and training on simulators in college, and now you will have practical knowledge.»

His Highness asked the students to be vigilant and careful in their learning, emphasizing the need for vigilance in handling maritime training.

He affirmed his great keenness at following up with the progress of the training, and urging the students to establish direct communication with trainers, wishing them success, excellence and a safe return.

Maritime navigation students will spend 12 months in training and working on board ships that conform to

international specifications, while students specializing in marine engineering technology will complete 6 months in training, under the supervision of specialized and qualified international trainers, after which they will return to the academy to complete their remaining courses

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority; Mohammed Obaid Al Zaabi, Head of the Protocol and Hospitality Department; Dr. Hashim Abdullah bin Sarhan Al Zaabi, Director of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport; Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs/ Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority ; Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director of the Hamriyah Free Zone and officials of the Academy.

Several Directors of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority also attended the event including Yaqoub Abdulla; Salem Al Zamar; Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, and Rashid Khamees Al Suwaidi.





Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan AL Qasimi Opens The Middle East Watch and Jewellery Show

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, inaugurated the 50th session of the Middle East Watch and Jewellery Show.

The show, which was inaugurated under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, was organized by Expo Centre Sharjah with the support of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI). It was opened on October 5, 2022 and has lasted for five days. The show brought together more than 400 exhibitors from prominent watch and jewellery businesses from

across the world, as well as more than 500 local and foreign brands.

A special ceremony marking the event's Golden Jubilee was held in the presence of Sheikh Khaled Al Qasimi; Abdullah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of the SCCI; Waleed Abdul Rahman Bukhatir, Second Deputy Chairman of SCCI; Mohammed Ahmed Amin Al Awadi, Director-General of the SCCI; Saif Mohammad Al Midfa, CEO of Expo Centre Sharjah, and Dr. Khalid Omar Al Midfa, Chairman

of Sharjah Media City (Shams) as well as other SCCI and Expo Centre's board members.

Several Emirati companies took part in the event and showcased their latest and finest gold and jewellery products including an «Emirati Jewellers» platform, which featured several Emirati designers. It was a great opportunity for jewellery enthusiasts, where they have been acquainted with the innovative work of young and talented Emirati professionals.





"Sharjah Customs" and "Identity & Citizenship" Discuss Strengthening Port Security

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, stressed that customs cooperation between the local and federal levels is one of the most important strategic directions of Sharjah Customs, which in turn, led to adoption of many aspects of support and capacity-building of the customs sector in the face of constant challenges and risks born by the continuous growth in the global trade movement, in addition to the other factors such as the turmoil experienced by many countries.

His declaration came during a meeting held on October 9- 2022 with a visiting delegation from the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Free Zones headed by Ahmed Abdullah bin Lahej Al Falasi, the Federal Director-General of Customs at the Authority. They discussed ways to enhance the security of terminal customs and support customs control & inspection processes by developing operations and linking customs systems.

In attendance were, HE Alia Muhammad Al-Marmoom, Executive Director of the Customs Affairs Sector, HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman, Director of Ports & Custom(Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority), HE Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director of the Hamriyah Free Zone Authority & SAIF Zone Authority and other officials.

The two sides discussed issues of mutual interest including mechanism of linking of General Administration Customs systems of the Federal Authority to the Sharjah Customs systems, including the national system for tracking trucks and shipments electronically. They also discussed aspects of reinforcing customs controls and customs inspections at the ports of Sharjah Emirate, by specialized teams and the customs inspection unit "K9". Sheikh Khaled praised the high level of cooperation between the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship, Customs, Port Security and Sharjah Customs. He pointed out that the federal authority has enhanced the country's competitiveness and consolidated its position as a global trade hub by

building an advanced customs technological system that includes automated and interconnected processes with the various applicable customs systems in all UAE Emirates for exchanging information.

For his part, Al Falasi said that the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security aims to continuously develop the customs systems applied at the state level and provide all forms of technical and technological support to local customs departments within the field of enhancing control, developing operations and exchanging data and information, as well as enabling them to carry out security and customs role in the customs ports to the fullest extent.

He added that the Federal Authority, represented by the General Administration of Customs, and based on the directives of the federal government regarding the 50th and centennial plan of the UAE 2071, has developed a number of customs projects and systems that support customs and economic decision-making process at the state level in light of exchanging of customs, commercial and security data and information with customs authorities in the UAE.

He concluded that the projects of national system for tracking trucks, linking customs systems and securing customs ports with customs inspection units "K9", are meeting the aspirations of the UAE government and embodying its security and economic orientations, and contributing to the protection of the society, maintaining its stability and improving the quality of life of the community.





Sharjah Ports Launches "Marasi", the Online Waste Management System

Sharjah Ports Customs & Free Zone Authority launched "Marasi", the online waste management platform with the cooperation of Bee'ah Group, with an aim to preserving and sustaining the safety of Sharjah's marine Ecosystem. The platform is intended to provide a one-stop portal to the shipping industry of Sharjah for all their waste disposals and management needs.

The system obligates three categories of entities to register at "Marasi":

1. Waste generators: (ships and shipping agents acting on behalf of incoming ships and any other entity generating waste within the Port ecosystem) to electronically create waste manifests in the system.
2. Waste transporters: To electronically submit manifests in the system and to acknowledge their undertaking of waste collection from the ship/port.
3. Waste processing facility: Waste receiving sites in

Sharjah, to proceed with accepting incoming waste from ships and acknowledging waste receipt and processing at their site on the portal.

Bee'ah for environmental services conducted an awareness workshop to acquaint the concerned parties with the guidelines and usage of the system. The launching of the online environmental service is also aimed at reinforcing safety in the collection, transportation and treatment of the shipping industry wastes and in preserving a sound and healthy maritime ecosystem of the Emirate of Sharjah.





The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security

Awards 19 Customs Officers from Port Khalid Customs Centre

The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security awarded 19 Customs Officers from Port Khalid Customs Centre.

In a ceremony held at the HQ of the Federal Authority in Dubai, His Excellency Ahmed Abdullah Bin Lahej Al Falasi, Director General of Federal Customs at the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, received and awarded the recognized customs officers from Port Khalid Customs Centre. Attending the ceremony were Salem Abdullah Al Zamar, Director of Port Khalid Customs Centre, several directors and high officials.

They were awarded for their exceptional and outstanding achievements in unfolding attempts of smuggling both in quantitative and qualitative manner, which reflects positively on safeguarding the security and safety of the community from the potential hazards born by smuggling operations.

AL Falasi congratulated the Customs Officers. He stressed that by their determination to carry out all customs inspection operations assigned to them in high quality customs standards, they have contributed to the advancement of customs works in the state and enhanced the safety and security of the community.

Commenting on the event, HE Mohammed Meer Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs/ Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority extended his thanks to the awarded customs officers for their efforts and performances and said that the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority is enhancing the HR system by motivating the staff to embrace innovation at work thus encouraging them to more achievements.





Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Celebrates The 51st National Day

Under the slogan “the Spirit of the Union” the Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority celebrated the 51st anniversary of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates commemorating the foundation of the Union.

The Headquarters of the Authority, 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 Authority 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.

On Tuesday November 29 2022 the Authority marked the event by a celebration held at the HQ of the Authority. Traditional Stick Dances (Ayala), awarding recognized Customs Officers and drawing lottery on gifts were among the event attractions which were concluded by a banquet for the staff and guests.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs; Rashid Khamees Al Suwaidi, Director of Customs HR Department; Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, Director of Creek Customs Centre; Salem Al Zamar, Director of Port Khalid Customs Center, Khalid Khalifa Al Naboda, Director of IT Department and Dr. Salem Tarbaa Al Abdoli, Planning Department Manager in Sharjah Ports and the staff attended and enjoyed the ceremony.









Sharjah Ports & Customs Observe the Flag Day

On 3rd of November 2022, the United Arab Emirates Flag was hoisted high at the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Head Quarters synonymously with celebrations of the Flag Day across the country.

The staff of Sharjah Ports and Customs gathered at the entrance of the Authority's building to mark the event, where HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman, Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs, hoisted high the Flag of our beloved country. Directors and staff of the Authority attended the event.

Celebrating the national event, several customs officers of Creek Customs Centre distributed flags of the United Arab Emirate to the drivers of vehicles passing near the Authority's headquarters building who expressed their happiness on the occasion.

All Sharjah Customs Centres and Ports observed the flag day at their premises.





Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Staff Pay Tribute to Martyrs of the Nation

The Staff and directors of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority observed the anniversary of the UAE Martyr's Day on November 30th 2022.

They gathered at the entrance of the Authority's HQ to mark the event and paid tribute with great sense of gratitude and respect to those who sacrificed their lives for a noble cause and dignity of the nation.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs, Directors and the staff observed at 11:00 a.m. a one-minute silence and then the half-masted UAE Flag was raised high to commemorate the event along with the national anthem.



Sharjah Customs Conduct a Training Session On Security equipment and Radiation Safety

In the course to strengthening performance of customs officers by observing continuous training, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority conducted a training session on security equipment and radiation safety at the Container Customs Centre.

The training course, which was held during the period 25 – 28 July 2022, was aiming at providing customs officers with the latest implementations of such security equipment and updates on scanning equipment and radiation safety.

Several Customs officers from various customs centers in the Emirate of Sharjah joined the session.