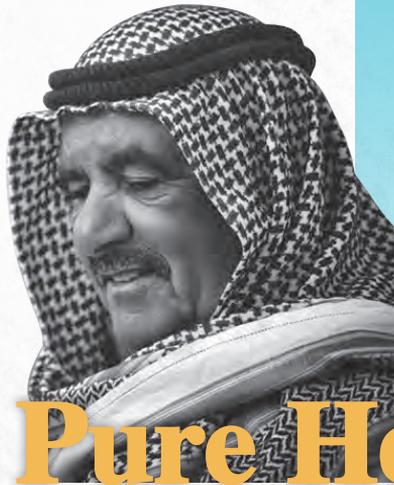


A black and white portrait of Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, a man with a mustache, wearing a white thobe and ghutra with a black agal. He is resting his chin on his hand and looking slightly to the right. The background is a dark grey gradient.

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Dedication

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- *To the memory of the man missed by his country and the entire humanity..*
Sheikh
Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
May his soul rest in peace
- *To the symbol of generosity and charity..*
- *To the man with Pure Heart, who left behind a legacy of lessons in hard work, construction, and humanitarian giving.*

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Good-bye

The Man with Pure Heart



We were devastated by the death of my father, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace. The entire United Arab Emirates grieved for the departure of one of its pillars, and wept for the loss of a statesman who dedicated his life to giving and sincerely answered the call of duty in all circumstances and adversities. Our only comfort is the influence and inspiring approach he left us with, to move forward and continue his legacy. The journey continues under the patronage of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan; His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu

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Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces; Their Highnesses Members of the Federal Supreme Council, Rulers of the Emirates; His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council; His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Chief of Police and Public Security in Dubai; and the prestigious Al Maktoum family.

My late father was close to everyone, sensed their feelings, rejoiced for their joy, and grieved for their sadness. He was the righteous son, the giving father, and the constant help and support for his religion, country, and society. He was a secret relief for anyone facing hard times, a reinforcer of giving, and a sponsor of initiatives. With his passing away, the entire humanity lost a symbol of charity and humanitarian activity, a great personality whose giving and goodness spread all over the world. Throughout his life, he worked tirelessly serving his country, the Arab nation, and the mankind everywhere.

He had overwhelming tenderness and mercy, with a heart big enough to encompass the whole world. The deceased foresaw the benefits of the establishment, construction, and development of the country; thus, he was a remarkable figure among the generation of foundation, construction, and development. He sensed people's needs and problems and was exemplary in charity. He understood the significance of education and health in the prosperity of societies and was one of the most prominent sponsors of academic and health initiatives. He figured out the magnitude of highlighting Arab and Islamic culture and was a pioneer in establishing and operating Islamic cultural centers and institutes in many countries. He was aware of the importance of sports and heritage and was one of the top sponsors of sports and heritage activities.

The great deceased was a statesman in the true sense of

the word as he contributed to leading national development with wisdom and balance. He was a leader in difficult situations and a reference for solving crises. Undoubtedly, we lost a father, supporter, helper, and sponsor.

Talking about the traits and virtues of the great deceased cannot be contained in this book, which is issued by the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, as it only contains among its covers part of the achievements and virtues of the father and testimonies from Their Highnesses, Sheikhs; Their Excellencies, ministers and officials of international organizations; companions; co-workers; and visitors of the Zabeel Majlis. However, we hope this book will document a small part of a journey full of giving and achievement, which was characterized by implicit generosity and a wise approach.

However, we hope this book will document a small part of a journey full of giving and achievement, characterized by implicit generosity and a wise approach. This book, which was originally written and published in Arabic, withholds historical gems, leading us to translate it into a language that we can share with our fellow partners and associates.

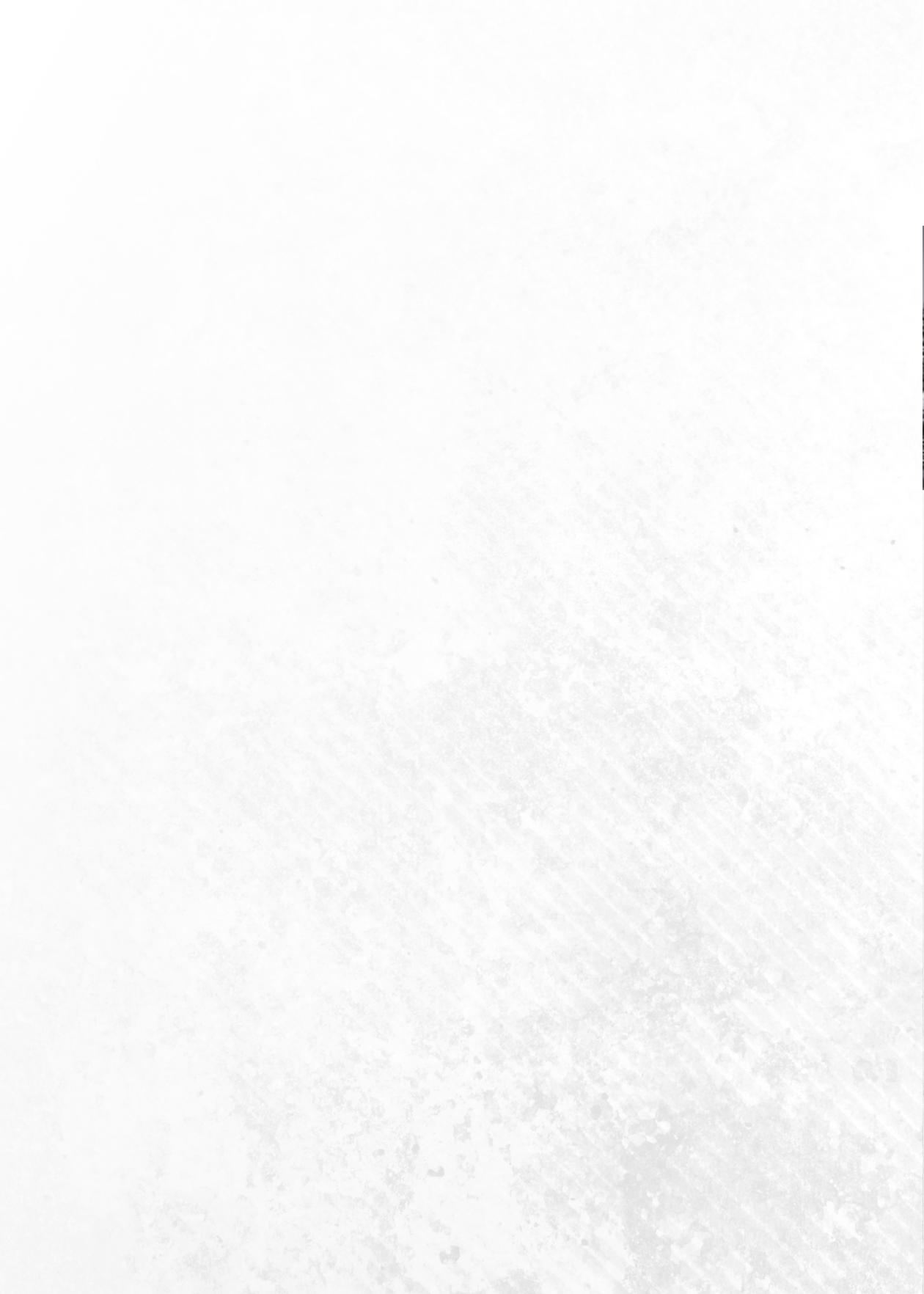
It is a story of hard work, success, and giving that ended on 24 March 2021, under Allah's decree and destiny, which we accept with satisfaction and faith. Nonetheless, his abundant journey continues. History will write his biography in letters of light and will proudly tell it to future generations.

May Allah have mercy on the man with pure heart, the father, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and grant him the highest Paradise.

May Allah grant us success

Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of the Al Maktoum Foundation



CHAPTER ONE



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**Biography
and Career**

Hamdan bin Rashid The March of Knowledge, Work, and Exceptional Leadership



The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, was born on 25 December 1947, in Dubai. He was a descendant of the prestigious Al Maktoum family, rulers of Dubai, and the second son of the late Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed bin Maktoum bin Hasher Al Maktoum, the eighth ruler of Dubai, whose reign spanned between 1958 and 1990, and his mother was the late Sheikha Latifa, who was the daughter of the ninth ruler of Abu Dhabi, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, whose reign extended from 1912 to 1922.



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The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid studied the primary stage at Al Saeediya School, then moved to Al Ahmadiya School to continue his education, while receiving English language classes at Al Ahliya School. He studied secondary stage at Dubai High School, then traveled to the United Kingdom to study English at Bell School, where he later completed his undergraduate studies in Municipal Sciences at the University of Cambridge.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum was contemporary to the development stages of the United Arab Emirates and contributed to building its progress path. He was one of the pioneers of the country's union, and one of the founders of its present and future – a statesman who had significance in the Emirati political, economic, social, cultural, and sports life. His personality was distinguished by statesmanship and wise leadership in all the events



The deceased contributed to building the UAE's development process

The deceased had a significant impact on political, economic, social, cultural, and sports aspects

and positions he held throughout his lifetime.

He assumed the chairmanship of Dubai Municipality immediately after graduating in the mid-1960s and remained in this position even after being assigned the position of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economy, Trade, and Industry in the first federal government headed by his brother, the late Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum on 9 December 1971. In 1995, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum assumed the position of Deputy Ruler of Dubai, where he undertook duties and responsibilities that contributed to the government performance improvement in the Emirate of Dubai.

He was known for his interest in humanitarian business and passion for culture, literature, and scientific developments, as well as his keenness on sustainable human development in a stable global environment based on dialogue and partnership.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum presided over many high-level government agencies and institutions, which play a vital role in supporting the economy and labor market in the United Arab Emirates, the most important of which are:



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Quotes by the late Sheikh Hamdan:

Mohammed bin Rashid laid the foundations of strategic planning in the Federal Government and was faithful to his pledge and commitment to achieving the vision of Khalifa.

- The General Pension and Social Security Authority (GPSSA).
- Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA).
- Dubai Health Authority (DHA).
- Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department (IACAD).
- Dubai Aluminum Company Limited (DUBAL).
- Dubai Natural Gas Company Limited (DUGAS).
- Dubai World Trade Center.
- Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC).
- Emirates Petroleum Products Company (EPCO).
- Oilfield Supply Center Limited (OSC).
- Al Nasr Cultural and Sports Club.
- Hatta Sports, Cultural, and Social Club.
- Al Maktoum Foundation.

The record of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid



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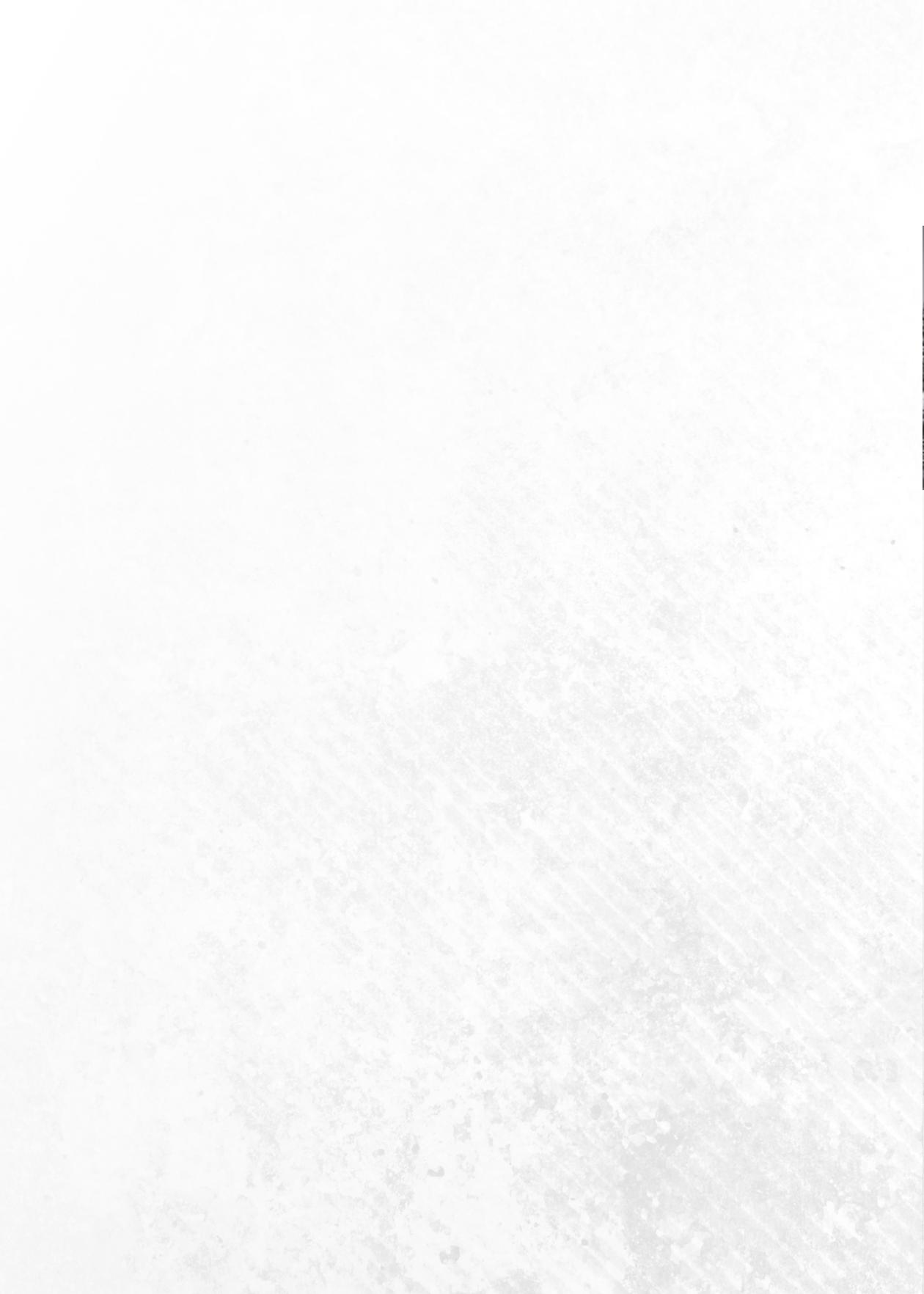
Al Maktoum is full of titles, honorary certificates, and local, international, and UN awards, most notably:

- Special honor by the African Leaders Summit in Addis Ababa in February 2009, in recognition of his efforts in supporting education and humanitarian relief programs in more than 26 African countries.
- The highest appreciation medal from the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in December 2006, in appreciation of his efforts in supporting education and scientific programs.
- Personality of the Year 2007 by the Sharjah Award for Voluntary Work, in recognition of his role in supporting voluntary work.
- Sheikh Rashid Award for Humanitarian Personality for the year 2000, due to his support for many charity projects, such as building orphanages, schools, and hospitals in many developing countries.
- In 2002, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of arts from the Abertay University, Dundee in Scotland.

- Best International Figure in Health, Education, and Sports in 2005 by the International Hospital Federation.
- In 2011, he was honored with the Award of Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, consort of His Majesty the King of Bahrain, and President of the Supreme Council for Women, for his encouragement of Arab productive families, for the category of Best Sponsor of Productive Families in the Arab World.
- In 2016, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum was awarded the Arab Civilization Personality Award by the Arab Society for Islamic Civilization and Arts.
- He received Arab Technology Award for Life Achievement in recognition of his efforts as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dubai World Trade Center.
- He received 3 certificates from the Royal College of Britain in 2006, where he was the first foreign person to achieve such an honor:
 - Honorary Fellowship of the British Royal College of Internal Medicine in London.
 - Honorary Fellowship of the British Royal College of Internal Medicine in Edinburgh.
 - Honorary Fellowship of the British Royal College of Internal Medicine and Surgery in Glasgow.
- Honorary Doctorate from the Royal College of Surgeons in London.
- Honorary Doctorate in Economics from Gezira University in Khartoum.
- Honorary Doctorate from the International University of Africa.
- Honorary Doctorate from Kyiv University, Ukraine.



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CHAPTER TWO



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**A Story of Hard
Work, Success,
and Giving**

Hamdan bin Rashid

Unlimited Humanitarian Giving



“I feel extremely happy and comfortable when I help fill the heart of a deprived individual with joy and happiness by building a school for those who could not get education or construct a Masjid to the believers who could not raise enough funds to build their own house of worship.” With these words, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in eternal peace, summarized his vision for humanitarian action. He used to give silently. His generosity extended to many countries, including most the African, European, Asian, Arab countries, along with Australia and the Americas.



His humanitarian and charitable giving varied to include educational projects, relief work, digging wells, health aid, building masjids, caring for orphans and people of determination, and other works, some of which are known to us, while most are not.

The deceased's giving reflects his vision in humanitarian action, as he sought to serve humanity and improve the conditions of the needy to ensure they lead decent life.

Sponsored by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, the Al Maktoum Foundation, since its establishment in 1997, achieved his vision, thoughts, and goals, in the UAE and abroad. It was named the Islamic Personality of the Year by the Dubai International Holy Quran Award at the conclusion of the twenty-fourth session of the International Competition for the Holy Quran, which was called the "Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Edition."

This honoring recognizes the Foundation's great role in serving Islam and Muslims through building



Quotes by the Deceased

Emirati nationals learned the values of humanity, giving, and compassion from the founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan.

masjids, sponsoring orphans, establishing schools and colleges, and other beneficial works.

Locally, as per the directives of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, the Al Maktoum Foundation founded four charity centers in Al Aweer, Al Barsha, Hatta, and Al Lisaili. These centers are managed by Beit Al Khair, to help those in need, in cooperation with other charities in the UAE.

The Foundation organizes the ‘We Are All with You’ Forum annually with the objectives of integrating the people of determination into society, making them active elements. The Forum aspires to make a qualitative leap in dealing with people of determination, utilize new technologies in their treatment, education, and rehabilitation,

in addition to developing the services provided to them, through scientific research to deliver the best care for this segment.

Furthermore, the Foundation established Sheikha Maitha bint Rashid Al Maktoum Center for the People of Determination in Hatta to provide suitable academic education, in addition to health, psychological, and educational care for the students of determination. The Center aims at enhancing the students' skills, organizing recreational and learning trips, not to mention rehabilitation to cope with life normally. It also provides several therapeutic and educational services. It contains two sections designated for early intervention and autism, in addition to the other nine sections.

The late sponsor directed the Foundation to carry out charity projects in 14 Arab countries, including



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Thanks to the vision and wisdom of its leadership, the UAE is committed to the approach of 'Zayed Al Khair' in helping the needy and the distressed everywhere.



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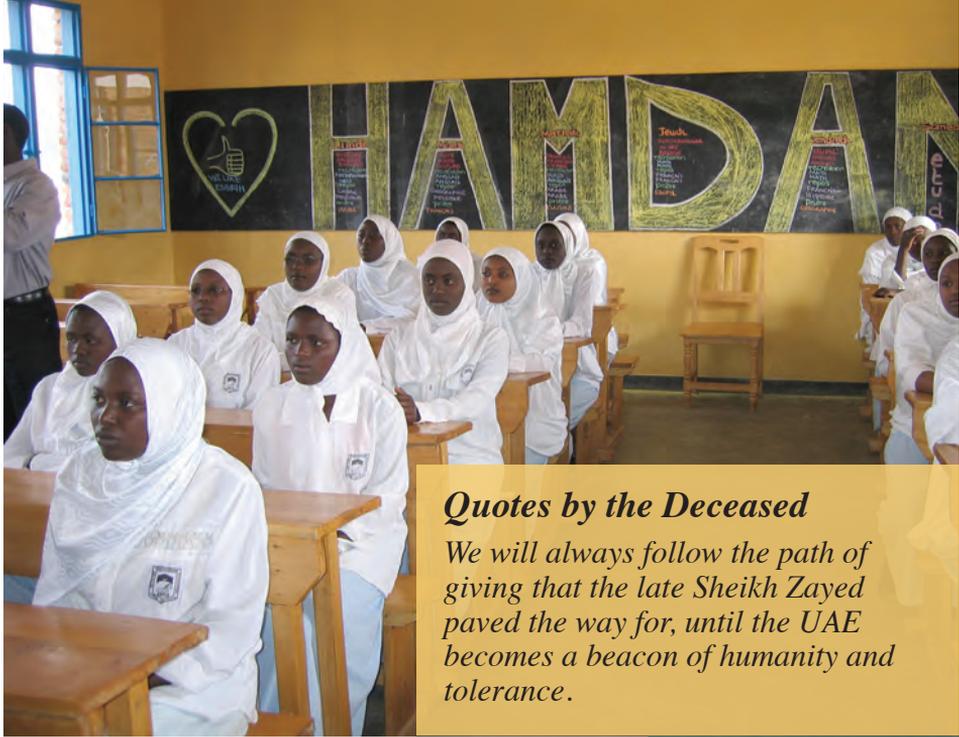
The UAE's leadership and people are keen to stand by the countries and peoples to overcome the unprecedented circumstances facing our world today.

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Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Morocco, Yemen, Qatar, Bahrain, Sudan, Somalia, Mauritania, and the Comoros. These projects included medical, health, and education services, as well as building masjids, schools, hospitals, craft and vocational centers, and Quran memorization centers, in addition to relief campaigns, humanitarian aid for poor families and orphans, besides aids to pilgrims, schools, and activities performed during Ramadan.

The Foundation's projects in Europe kicked off by the Islamic Cultural Center of Ireland (ICCI) and Al Salam Masjid to teach the children of Muslim citizens, in order to achieve cultural pluralism and peaceful coexistence among peoples from the standpoint of civilizational communication. The Al Maktoum College of Islamic Studies in Dundee, Scotland, is a communication bridge between the Arab and Western civilizations. It establishes strong links with the Western world by introducing the true Islamic religion and promoting tolerance.

The Foundation also inaugurated the Islamic



Quotes by the Deceased

We will always follow the path of giving that the late Sheikh Zayed paved the way for, until the UAE becomes a beacon of humanity and tolerance.

Center in Rotterdam, the Netherlands in 2010, which offers services to the Arabs and Muslims, extending cultural and civilized bridges with the European countries, and highlighting the true, bright image of Islam, as a religion of moderation.

Moving to Africa, the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Schools constitute an integrated educational project, benefiting thousands of students. The charity began in 1997 with 10 schools covering eight African countries: Sudan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Chad, Burkina Faso, and Senegal. Later, the project expanded to 52 schools in 23 countries, accommodating 19,844 students per year.

The deceased instructed the Foundation to establish the digital library at the International University of Africa (IUA) to enable its students to carry out their mission. Earlier, he had ordered the construction of the Faculty of Science and the digital library at the IUA in Sudan, to improve the means of electronic archiving, as the university attracts the students of the Sheikh Hamdan Schools



Quotes by the Deceased

Charity has witnessed a shift from traditional individual concept to a holistic institutional approach that involves the commitment of all government entities.

in the African continent.

His generosity extended to relief work, digging wells, health aid, and building masjids in many countries. There is a partnership between the Al Maktoum Foundation and the Beit Al Khair association in Dubai to help the needy, relieve the afflicted, and rescue the victims of wars, famines, and natural disasters. It sponsors students at Sultan Ismail Petra Islamic University in Malaysia and digs wells and takes care of students in Pakistan. It established a maternity and childcare ward, equipped rooms for patients in a hospital in Afghanistan, provided financial assistance to

charities, supported fasting and sacrifice projects in Bangladesh, and built a technology institute named Sheikh Saeed bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Kerala, India. Besides, the Foundation provided financial and in-kind assistance to charities for building masjids, in addition to building a center to teach sewing in Vietnam. It provided material assistance to charities and sponsored teachers in the Philippines. Iftar projects, pilgrimage missions, and heating masjids projects covered Mongolia. It also built the Sheikh Hamdan Village in China, which includes 40 houses, a masjid, and a water well. The project has been completed in 2009 at a total cost of more than one million dollars. Other projects include a masjid in Sri Lanka, a school and a second floor of the Islamic University of Beratanagar, Nepal, and helping to run Renaissance and Religious Sciences School in Thailand.

The Al Maktoum Foundation expanded its activities in North and South Americas to provide the necessary support for Muslim communities there by bridging the gap between academia and the local community. Activities included participation with the Australian National University to establish a center for Arab and Islamic studies, and support for the Al Quds Exhibition in Australia. A mission was sent to Hajj and a land was bought for the Al Waqf Islamic Group in New Zealand to establish an Islamic center. It also supported the Islamic Center in Ottawa, Canada, sending pilgrims to Hajj, and gave financial support to the Islamic Society of North Montreal. Annual support was sent to the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum School in Mexico, not to mention running a pilgrimage mission and supporting many charitable projects.

Hamdan bin Rashid Unprecedented Achievements in Financial and Industrial Sectors

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, left behind a remarkable impact on the development of the UAE economy and kept pace with its stages of development. He contributed to the development march as Minister of Finance since the first formation of the cabinet on 9 December 1971 until his demise.





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Enhancing investors' trust in the national economy contributes to consolidating the country's position in international competitiveness to be the best in the world by the UAE Centennial in 2071.

He presided over many high-level government bodies that played a vital role in supporting the economy in the UAE and Dubai.

Over 50 years, the deceased achieved great successes through his bright track record and sincere efforts. He strengthened the role played by the Ministry of Finance and consolidated the sustainability of federal financial resources, and the development plans, enhancing the UAE's position in global competitiveness in financial and economic relations. He contributed to

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Industry and trade sectors are the two main pillars driving the sustainable economic development.

consolidating the financial legislative structure of the UAE and developing the laws that raise the country's international status.

Since the establishment of the Union, he made enormous contributions to drawing up and improving the financial policies for fulfilling the requirements of sustainable economic and social development, advancing the effectiveness of financial and executive planning for the federal budget, unifying policies, and directing the public spending to support the economically vital sectors. In this regard, he instructed to work on

developing the efficiency of cash management through a zero-based budget and accrual-based accounting principles, in addition to ensuring the sustainability of the federal government's financial resources and stimulating sustainable development in key sectors.

He had a major impact on consolidating the bonds of GCC cooperation to achieve economic integration among the Gulf countries. In addition, he was keen on representing the Ministry of Finance in regional and international forums, events, and conferences, as well as highlighting the importance of using the technical and financial support services provided by organizations to the UAE and the region. Furthermore, he played an important role in concluding tax and investment protection and encouragement agreements.

His efforts contributed to unprecedented achievements in the financial and economic sectors, and the UAE proceeded confidently towards building a sustainable future, thanks to his deep strategic thinking. The Ministry of Finance adopted a realistic and ambitious strategic plan to adapt capabilities to perform all tasks and services in accordance with best practices and the highest standards, taking into consideration the centrality of customer services, without neglecting the impact of regional and international changes on the financial and economic situation.

Under his administration, the MoF achieved a quantitative and qualitative leap in the value and systems of preparing the federal budget, as the record growth rates rocketed in their value, rising from AED200 million in 1972, to AED58.1 billion for the fiscal year 2021.

The MoF saved no efforts to develop the federal financial system, according to a strategy of best practices in public financial management



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to enhance the efficiency of the services provided. This contributed to increasing the confidence of customers and their satisfaction, and supporting the pioneering financial economic model the UAE enjoys.

In addition, the MoF has also sought to achieve its strategic objectives that focus on all projects, plans, and initiatives related to government financial work. These objectives involve strengthening the federal government's planning, the sustainability of public finances, raising the effectiveness of budget implementation, managing the financial position and cash flows of the federal government, and supporting the financial and economic national interests globally. They also include enhancing competitiveness in the relevant fields, providing administrative



Quotes by the Deceased

The public debt strategy of the federal government triggers off the financial and banking sectors and provides financing alternatives for government development projects, establishing a local-currency bond market.

services of quality standards, efficiency, and transparency, and consolidating innovation in institutional work.

By maintaining the financial stability of the country, the MoF reassured efficiency in performing its tasks, despite the challenges facing the global economy and the geopolitical tensions in the region. This led to multiplying the federal

general budget 291 times, indicating the MoF's success in managing the cash flows and providing the necessary liquidity to meet the requirements of the federal authorities to finance projects and implement programs and strategic objectives.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum had memorable impacts on the industry, recording great achievements that consolidated the sector, strengthened its global leadership, and established a solid industrial base in the UAE.

The aluminum sector grew over the years by up to 700%, thanks to his vision and leadership, as the Emirates Global Aluminum (EGA) has strengthened the country's industrial position on the international scene. Thus, the UAE has become the fourth largest aluminum producer worldwide as the EGA produces more than 2.4 million tons of hot and molten primary aluminum. This classification is considered a resounding success, especially since the inception of EGA activity in October 1979 with a production capacity of 135,000 tons per year.

The deceased's relationship with the aluminum sector dates back to the 1970s when he headed the Dubai Aluminum Company (DUBAL), the first Emirati company to produce primary aluminum, from its inception until the establishment of EGA in the middle of 2013. The EGA was established by merging DUBAL and Emirates Aluminum Company (EMAL).

Under the direction of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, DUBAL's series of expansion projects led to the growth of the aluminum industries on a larger scale in the region. Its production of hot and molten row aluminum increased to more than one million tons per year, and DUBAL



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The UAE enjoys a distinguished position as a strategic hub to energy markets in the Middle East, Asia, and Africa.

owns a 50% stake in EMAL in Abu Dhabi. It is worth noting that EMAL is currently the largest company in the world in aluminum smelting.

He also led DUBAL to invest in the Guinea Alumina Corporation (which is currently one of the subsidiaries of EGA), in addition to other projects. He encouraged DUBAL to develop advanced reduction technologies within the company. These technologies were not only among the best of their class nationally, but they also began to cover foreign markets for the first time in the UAE.

Hamdan bin Rashid Education Guarantees Mankind's Future

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in eternal peace, believed that “investment in education guarantees optimal and wise management of the entire wealth on our planet within sustainable development, leading to a secure and bright future for humanity.”





In light of this vision, education received full care and great attention from the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. In 1998, he launched the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, which was transformed into a foundation in 2018. It started at the level of Dubai. Then, he ordered its expansion to include the United Arab Emirates. Later, it covered the GCC countries, other Arab states, and finally the countries of the world, creating a significant positive impact in this vital field.

The Foundation established a culture of excellence and quality in education, locally, regionally, and globally. It created an ideal environment for the elements of the educational system to open up to innovation, excellence, quality, and performance development, not to mention quality talent programs.

Through its awards and activities, the Foundation created a pioneering global model for empowering societies through education and creating a new

The late Sheikh Hamdan's awards established a culture of excellence and quality in education locally, regionally, and globally

Talented people received the support and care of the deceased due to his belief in the importance of establishing a creative approach to themselves



generation armed with knowledge and ability to lead development.

The gifted received the care of the late Sheikh Hamdan, who directed the establishment of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Creativity, a member of the International Council for Gifted Children. He even directed the launch of the rare Professional Diploma Program for the Gifted to meet the needs of the educational field.

The Center is an addition to his efforts in sponsoring the gifted since 2001. It was the seed for embracing the talented Emiratis, and constitutes an umbrella under which all talent programs, activities, and services are covered.

The Hamdan Center for Giftedness and Creativity provides attractive services to meet educational, psychological, and social needs, aiming to develop personalities by increasing extra-curricular learning opportunities and specialized programs supporting



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We, in the UAE, feel our responsibility toward supporting education. We have a passion for everything related to its development.

abilities and interests. Among the most prominent achievements of the Center is the finalizing of the first national portfolio to discover talents and establishing the first virtual global hub for them.

In 2015, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid directed the opening of the first digital fabrication laboratory under the name “FabLab UAE” in a government school to encourage students to embrace scientific research and stimulate knowledge and discovery. This initiative reflected his belief in the necessity of a creative approach in various fields. FabLab UAE is the first fab lab in the country, which was established in accordance

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with world-class standards and specifications.

In this project, experts and specialists provided training services to keep pace with the UAE's approaches to attain first positions in the world in innovation and spread creativity, innovation, and industrialization among all segments of the Emirati society. In addition, its objectives included stimulating innovation, urging universities and schools to instill research, investigation, and exploration methodologies among new generations, and qualifying them to adopt digital manufacturing using technology, which enhances the capabilities of building national cadres capable of leading innovation.

The scope of the Hamdan bin Rashid Foundation's awards expanded to include the GCC countries, in cooperation with the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS). Its competitions included students, teachers, and



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We aspire to encourage communities to partner with academic institutions to provide greater support for education.

schools, which stimulated the educational field regionally. It also launched many initiatives that contributed to the application of excellence and quality methodologies.

In 2003, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid launched an initiative encouraging the research movement through the Best Applied Local Research award. Later, in 2007, after few successful editions, it was modified to become the Best Applied Arabic Educational Research, which continued to attract distinguished research, enriching the Arabic library.

Pursuant to the strategic partnership with

the Arab League Educational, Cultural, and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), the Hamdan-ALECSO Award for Distinguished Educational Research was announced in 2021. To occupy its place among the international awards, it aimed at spotting, encouraging, and shedding light on distinguished Arab academicians, disseminating successful practices among educators, and enriching the Arabic educational library with distinguished world-class research. The efforts of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid were recognized by international organizations, which resulted in the cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), where the year 2008 saw the launch of the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development.

The purpose of the Prize is to improve the quality of education around the world and enhance teachers' performance towards Education for All (EFA). It facilitates the global sharing and dissemination of outstanding practices related to teachers.





The Prize is awarded every two years to three winners from different parts of the world, who provide distinct educational practices to improve teachers' effectiveness. The US\$300,000 Prize is awarded equally to 3 winners.

This international Prize has achieved great successes in education around the world, and UNESCO approved it for a third cycle ending in 2026, based on its performance and impact on achieving the EFA goals, especially those concerned with the performance of teachers in remote communities.

A decision during the meeting of the UNESCO Executive Council reflected keenness to invest in the Hamdan Foundation's initiatives, because of its importance in developing and empowering teachers, and its leading role in providing the global education system with creative solutions to enrich the educational experiences through innovative, qualified, and inspiring teachers.



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It is essential to disseminate best academic practices, research, and studies to improve education quality, develop schools' performance, and bring up a creative generation capable of leadership, management, and innovation.

Restoration of Hall 1 at UNESCO HQ

Symbolizing the successful cooperation and partnership relations between the Hamdan Foundation and UNESCO, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid provided the organization with a grant of US\$6,100,000 for the restoration of Conference Hall No. 1. Built in 1958, the hall is considered one of the most prominent of its type in UNESCO headquarters as it was constructed at the time of building the UNESCO HQ itself. It hosts several

forums, meetings, official celebrations, and cultural events annually.

In October 2017, during UNESCO's 39th General Conference, the late Sheikh Hamdan opened the hall in the presence of the Director-General of UNESCO then, Irina Bokova, representatives of Member States, and senior officials. The ceremony included unveiling the commemorative plaque holding the name of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum at the entrance of the newly renovated Conference Hall, in recognition of his generous gesture.

On this occasion, a commemorative coin was issued in three denominations (gold, silver, and bronze coins).

Her Excellency Bokova, opened the 39th Conference with a speech in which she praised the efforts of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, as well as his initiatives towards UNESCO, which helped fulfilling its mission in terms of education and heritage affairs.





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Promoting education and providing it for all, especially in the least developed communities, is a lofty goal that the world should realize to achieve prosperity for future generations.

Hamdan-UNESCO Fund

Furthermore, October 2017 saw further support by the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid for global education by establishing the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum-UNESCO Fund, aiming at financing initiatives and projects supporting education around the world. The Fund allocates a sustainable US\$1,000,000. It financed several important projects, including the Survey of



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We believe that education for development is an effective tool for building a prosperous and stable future for humanity.

Teachers in Pre-primary Education (STEPP), the Knowledge Platform on Teacher Policies, Practice and Research, and the project of hosting the 12th Policy Dialogue Forum in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, which was organized under the auspices of the deceased. It is expected that the Fund will continue to finance programs and projects that serve the objectives of the strategic plan of the United Nations.

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Teacher Task Force Membership

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum ensured that the Foundation be present in the international committees concerned with supporting education, which prompted the Foundation to join the membership of the International Team for Teachers (Teacher Task Force) in 2013. The Foundation became one of the elected members of the Board of Directors of the International Team of Teachers, which is the first specialized international alliance that promotes effective communication and cooperation to raise awareness by reconsidering teachers' issues, sharing experiences related to teacher gaps between members and partners, and discussing critical issues to achieve the sustainable development and education goals 2030. The team succeeded in implementing the "Building the Capacity of Teachers and Teacher Trainers in Support of Curriculum Reform" project under the supervision of UNESCO, in cooperation with the International Bureau of Education in Geneva, and funded by the Hamdan-UNESCO Fund, at a cost of US\$3,200,000. This amount covered 76 countries, representing 40% of UNESCO Member States, including 11 Arab countries, 34 African countries, 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 14 other regions.

In 2017 again, with the support of the deceased, and in cooperation with the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum – ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities in the Islamic World was established. The Prize aims to motivate and honor those responsible for voluntary initiatives and charitable actions, specifically for the development of education facilities in the Islamic world.

Every two years, the Prize rewards three winners



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Our contribution to empowering and employing education is to keep pace with the updates, interact with civilizations, and provide the ingredients for progress.

of individuals or institutions that contributed to the development of educational facilities in the Islamic world countries. The value of the prize is US\$300,000. Every laureate receives a winner certificate and a reward of US\$100,000 to be employed in the development of charitable work, especially support of education.

The Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, in cooperation with the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU), launched the Master of

Innovative Education, the first program of its kind in the region. The program was designed to serve teachers, school administrators, and specialists in teaching and school leadership, to prepare a generation of distinguished educators and keep pace with the aspirations of future education.

It also launched the EFQM-Hamdan Education Model, in cooperation with the European Foundation for Quality Management. The project's purpose is to help school leaders and academic institutions adopt a pioneering model for excellence, and set standards to achieve educational goals, while defining an administrative system accessing innovative tools and initiatives to improve education.

World Giftedness Center

In October of 2021, six months after the demise of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, Expo 2020 Dubai saw the launch of a global initiative in the field of talent, which is the inauguration of the World Giftedness Center. The WGC is based on building a global network of the talented community that brings together scholars and experts in an international virtual platform that provides





the latest developments in the field in terms of research, studies, and practices. The said platform allows talented students across the globe to join the Global Talent Mentoring apprenticeship program and get access to the optimal support to upgrade talents in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medical Sciences (STEMM), through structured online mentorship, and by elites of scientists and experts. The platform currently has 135 affiliates of talented students from 26 countries around the world, as well as 186 experts from 34 countries leading the apprenticeships in technology, natural sciences, physics, mathematics, chemistry, engineering, and life sciences.

All the above proves that the love of education was firmly rooted in the conscience of the deceased, as he devoted most of his time, effort, and potential to it in the service of humanity.

May Allah have mercy on the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, for he was a beacon of love and wisdom, and an example to the people of knowledge, excellence, and leadership. He left behind an educational forward-looking legacy.

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Quantum Leaps in Dubai's Health Sector

On 13 October 1970, the late Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, issued a resolution establishing the Department of Health and Medical Services in Dubai, and appointing the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, as the chairman of the department. Since then, the health services in Dubai witnessed qualitative leaps. It started with one health center and reached more than 38 hospitals, with 38000 health service practitioners. This has made Dubai the most important center for medical tourism in the Middle East, thanks to the ambition and efforts of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid.



Providing the best medical services to citizens and residents in Dubai is a priority in the deceased's thought.

His interest in providing the best medical services to citizens and residents in Dubai stems from his vision that the human being is at the core of development and is the true wealth of any society. The deceased saved no efforts for the sake of upgrading health levels, including specialized services.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid had a leading role in the quantum leaps achieved by the health sector in Dubai. Under his leadership, the sector scored many proudful achievements, reaching the ranks of developed countries. This is only an embodiment of the wise policy and insightful, perceptive view of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, as he focused on upgrading health, curative, and preventive services provided to the community pursuant to the highest standards. He saved no efforts to reach the stage

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where Dubai becomes a hub for medical tourism, by harnessing cutting-edge technology and the most skilled human competencies.

Dubai's health sector witnessed accelerated investment growth as a result of government support, motivation, and government facilities, side by side with the simple licensing procedures to practice professional activities. Hence, the number of medical facilities increased from 2775 to 3371 facilities in the last five years, including 38 hospitals, 935 pharmacies, 50 day-surgery centers, 84 reference labs, 1212 outpatient clinics, and 972 other health facilities and diagnostic centers, in addition to five fertility centers. The total number of licensed health professionals up to mid-2019 reached 38981 health professionals, including 10556 doctors, 2149 dentists, 16445 nurses, 11307 professionals in supportive medicine, and



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State-of-the-art medical devices and technologies have provided doctors with great opportunities to succeed in performing delicate and complex operations and helped speed up patients' recovery.

214 professionals in complementary medicine.

Believing in the importance of motivating medical staff to provide the finest medical services, the late Sheikh Hamdan directed the launch of the Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences in 1999. Honoring scientists who contribute to medical services around the world, the Award has become among the most prominent medical awards locally, regionally, and globally.



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The Award motivated those in charge of the medical sector, honoring achievements by rewarding individuals, universities, institutions, and research centers. It celebrates individuals who help solve human problems and those who provide humanitarian medical services voluntarily. Furthermore, it encouraged establishing institutions specialized in developing medical scientific research in the Arab World. It contributed to creating an information system to link the services supporting research along with an appropriate environment for young researchers, and consolidating relationships between doctors in the UAE, the Arab countries, and the world in order to exchange experiences, enhance Dubai's position in the international forums, strengthen relationships with stakeholders, support



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The UAE has turned into a destination welcoming the world's leading medical companies, especially those producing equipment and devices

outstanding medical research in any possible way, and encourage the dissemination of medical research nationally and internationally.

Since its establishment, the Award honored more than 160 scientists, two of the laureates have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine: Prof. Harvey J. Alter was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology in 2020 after receiving the Grand Hamdan International Award in the ninth edition in 2015-2016 and Prof. Robert G.

Edwards, a laureate of the 2002 edition, was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2010. This proves the Award's magnitude in shedding light on the pioneers of science in the whole world, which is evident through the award's track record with fruitful achievements, especially with regard to supporting scientific research and honoring scientists everywhere.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid focused on encouraging medical research, as he allocated annual funds to support researchers. He established the Hamdan Medical Journal (HMJ), which is a general, peer-reviewed, open-access medical journal, specialized in publishing medical research and abstracts in all medical and scientific fields inside the UAE and abroad. As one of the publications of the Hamdan Medical Award, the HMJ is published periodically, every 3 months, since 2012, in digital and printed versions. It was published in 13 volumes, over 45 issues, with 500 research articles, and it is registered in many indexes.

To crystallize the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid's vision for increasing interaction and enriching scientific research between doctors in the UAE and their peers worldwide, support was given to the research conducted in the region, and continuing medical education was provided in general medicine through articles and reviews of senior researchers in various fields. Young physicians and researchers were assisted in their early attempts in the field of medical publishing.



Hamdan bin Rashid Great Impact on the Development of Emirati Sports

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, boosted the development of Emirati sports. He had a distinguished influence and an ever-lasting legacy. He was an icon in horsemanship and horse and camel racing. He owned the best breeds of Arabian horses that achieved tremendous victories in many major international tracks, besides being the spiritual father and glory maker of Al Nasr Club.





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The Dubai World Cup has become a dream for all those interested in equestrian sports, including horse owners, jockeys, and the audience

The late Sheikh Hamdan made sure to support various games designed for the people of determination and marine sports that preserve Emirati heritage and culture. He was also selected by the Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award as the “UAE Sports Personality” in its eighth edition.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum led Al Nasr Club (aka Al Ameen) to numerous achievements and coronations in various games, on top of which is football (soccer). Al Nasr won 17 championships, including 3 titles in the league competition, and 4 in the H.H. UAE President Cup tournament, in addition to dozens of titles in other individual and team games.

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Since presiding over Al Nasr in the 1960s, he led the club to play a pioneering function, even socially, strengthening its position as a role model to other clubs in many fields, and as a key provider of players for national teams in various games.

The deceased possessed a wise vision in managing administrative and financial issues: he allocated funds to Al Nasr, kept it away from debts, and constantly directed the board of directors towards governance and not to borrow from banks.

He left brilliant impacts on Emirati marine sports in general, and on the national heritage races in particular, which led to the development of races through his uninterrupted and generous support. These races became among the most essential gaming events in the marine sports season program, attracting a huge amount of society segments.

The late Sheikh Hamdan drew up numerous ideas. In 1991 the most enormous sailing heritage race was launched with the Al Gaffal event, which was the starting point for many subsequent initiatives. Al Gaffal was the core of development through the 43-





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Sheikh Zayed showed a great interest in marine sports and the youth. He established various races and championships including rowing, sailing, aquabike, and horses and camels races

foot national sailing boats. The races of national ships and sailboats of 60, 43, and 22 feet and the 30-foot rowing boats were among the ideas of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid who was the reason behind their success. These races have become the top popular games and attracted many citizens to compete.

After being launched in 1991 as suggested by the late Sheikh Hamdan, Al Gaffal long-distance race from Sir Bu Nair Island to the shores of Dubai is always in mind. At that time, the event's idea came up in recognition of its great mission, as it was one of the heritage epics that bring people back to the life in the past, reminding them of their ancestors' sacrifices to make a living and their search for abundant sustenance in the sea, which



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was a safeguard for the people of the region and the Arabian Gulf.

He was keen on making “Al Gaffal” a heritage festival, not only a race. It triggers many meanings embodying the connection of the Emirati people with their cultural heritage, affecting positively family members of all age groups. The deceased also turned this event into a carnival that brings together more than 5,000 persons to the Gulf waters to revive this historical epic, reflecting the extreme keenness on participating in this maritime event.

He was eager to come to “Sir Bu Nair” Island a day before the launch of Al Gaffal to meet and chat with the shipmaster and shipowners about heritage, racing, and how to bring it to the best level, achieving the noble mission behind its launch. The meetings with the late Sheikh Hamdan at his place used to be a platform for holding annual discussions with the media about sports affairs. He used to follow up on every little detail of the event



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Al Qaffal Sport is dear to the hearts of Emiratis and GCC people as it links our present and past. A new generation of young people inherited its love from their fathers

since its inception.

Furthermore, the deceased was an equestrian figure and a great supporter of both endurance and track races, in addition to the production field and caring for the Arab and hybrid horses.

Al Adiyat, a periodical magazine specializing in horses, stated that the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid won many prestigious awards in Britain, as he received the champion of owners in horse racing “Flat Racing” seven times. He also won the title of the Best Owner Award in racing three times, where the laureates were chosen by the British Horseracing

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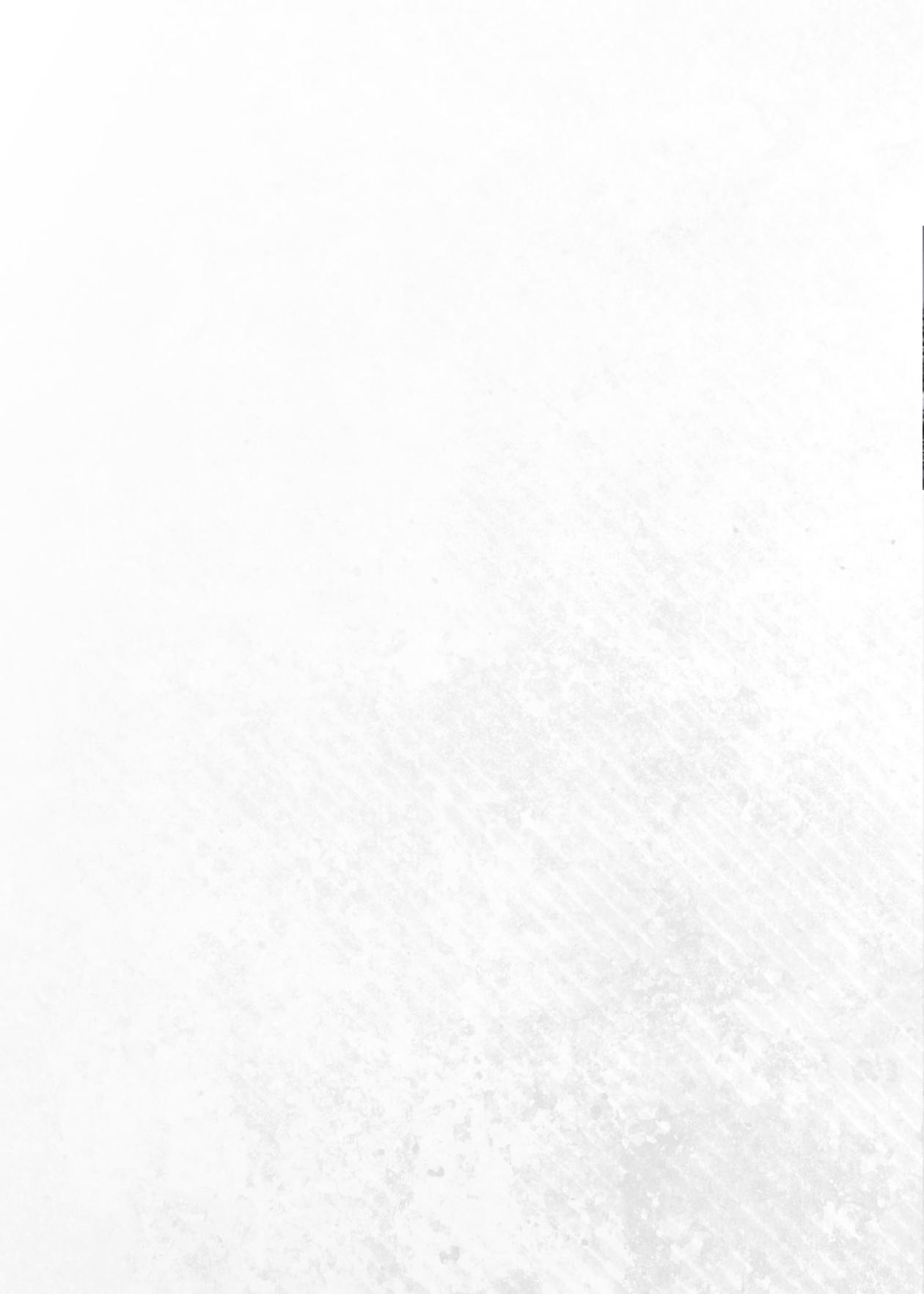
Media and Photographers Association during the awards ceremony called “Derby Awards”.

The deceased was awarded the title of the Arabian Horse Owner Championship, granted by the Arabian Racing Organization in Britain “ARO” 19 times. In 2014, he was awarded the “Cartier Daily Telegraph” Award which is presented to the people who make momentum in horse racing, in recognition of his achievements, in addition to other awards in the field of equestrian and horse racing.

The horses of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid used to be at the front in major races, the most prominent of which is the Dubai World Cup, during which they earned top titles in different stages. These horses were coronated two times with the title of its main match by “Al Mutawakkel” in 1999 and “Invasor” in 2007.



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CHAPTER THREE



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**Tribute and
Commemoration**





Establishing Charity Hospital Named After the Deceased to Care for Cancer Patients

Mohammed bin Rashid to Commemorate Hamdan bin Rashid's Name as Philanthropist

His Highness: Hamdan bin Rashid will always be remembered for giving more than he was asked, and for working silently

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, the Al Jalila Foundation establishes the “Hamdan bin Rashid Cancer Charity Hospital” in Dubai, to be the UAE’s first charity hospital to help cancer patients who cannot afford the costs of treatment. The Foundation is affiliated with the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives (MBRGI) and is concerned with improving the lives of individuals and societies through medical innovation.



The hospital will be a comprehensive, high-level medical edifice, equipped with the latest treatment tools and technologies. It will also attract qualified medical cadre of specialized doctors and trained nursing staff, in addition to playing a leading research and training role. It will explore new treatment technologies for cancer diseases and invest in qualifying medical expertise to meet the needs of the hospital and seek improving its efforts.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum tweeted: “Today, we announce plans to establish the Hamdan bin Rashid Cancer Charity Hospital to provide free cancer care for people in need. Spanning 50,000 square meters, the 250-bed capacity hospital will treat 30,000 patients a year.”

He added: “Hamdan bin Rashid was known for his humility and selfless giving that touched millions of lives. His devotion to education, healthcare, and orphans continued throughout his lifetime, and the impact of his work is still seen in

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Hamdan bin Rashid was known for his humility and selfless giving that touched millions of lives

every corner in Dubai. His demise left a void.”

“Hamdan bin Rashid will always be remembered in our nation for giving more than he was asked, and for working silently for the service of humanity,” Sheikh Mohammed added.

“We commend Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed’s efforts to make the new hospital a reality and honor Hamdan bin Rashid’s legacy,” said Sheikh Mohammed.

The charity hospital was named after the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, in honor of the deceased’s generous giving through many humanitarian, relief, health, educational, and economic initiatives that he sponsored in various parts of the world. These initiatives touched the



lives of hundreds of thousands of people, especially in fragile and less fortunate communities. His generosity contributed to improving the quality of life within a vision adopted by the deceased based on the necessity of individual and community rehabilitation and empowerment.

An amount of AED300 million to establish the hospital was raised in less than 3 months after the announcement of establishing the hospital, out of the AED 750 million fund-raising target.

Spanning 50,000 square meters, the seven-storey hospital will be Dubai's first fully modular-built hospital equipped with the cutting-edge medical technologies. It will be built in two phases, to reach the capacity of 250 beds, at the end of the second

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 محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم



His devotion to education, healthcare, and orphans continued throughout his lifetime

The impact of his work is still seen in every corner in Dubai. His demise left a void

phase, to treat 30,000 patients a year.

The new hospital will be transformed within a short period into a comprehensive medical facility for the care of cancer patients. It will combine innovative expertise and medical technologies that simulate the best in the world. The new hospital aims to accelerate the UAE's efforts to be a leader in healthcare excellence and a pioneer in medical innovation shaping the future of medicine in the coming period of time.

A Fitting Tribute

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Al Jalila Foundation's Board of Trustees, said: "As the UAE prepares for its Golden Jubilee and the next 50 years, there is no greater priority than good healthcare and the Al Jalila Foundation aims to play its part in providing medical excellence in the UAE, especially for the

most vulnerable in society.”

He added, “The Hamdan bin Rashid Cancer Charity Hospital will bring together innovative expertise, advanced medical technologies and wellbeing strategies to propel the UAE’s vision forward to become a leader in cancer care.”

He stressed that “the hospital is a fitting tribute to the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, one of the world’s greatest philanthropists, and we are proud to come together to build on his legacy to make quality healthcare within reach for all.”

The new cancer hospital will provide the best and latest cancer treatments for those who cannot afford them, and will collaborate with the Mohammed bin Rashid Center for Medical Research, part of the Al Jalila Foundation, to advance research related to the disease.

The Hamdan bin Rashid Cancer Charity Hospital will be Dubai’s first fully modular comprehensive hospital delivered through the most advanced technologies and construction techniques using plug-and-play components optimized for off-site factory production. The modular concept allows flexibility for future expansion and reduces design time by 50%, construction time by 30% and cost by 20%.

The first phase will see the construction of the first wing of the hospital with 150 beds while the second phase will see capacity expanded to 250 beds. The facility will incorporate Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESS) principles across its design and construction, whilst reducing energy use and operational cost.

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**The UAE
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Khalifa Mourns Hamdan bin Rashid



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The UAE President ordered a 3-day mourning and the flag be half-mast flown

The Ministry of Presidential Affairs has expressed its condolences on the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, who passed away on 24 March 2021.

President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan expressed his sincere condolences and sympathies to the Al Maktoum family, asking Almighty Allah to grant them patience and solace to bear their loss.

The UAE President has announced a three-day mourning period and ordered that the UAE national flag be flown at half-mast starting Wednesday, 24 March, and be raised on Saturday, 27 March 2021.



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Mohammed bin Rashid: Rest in Peace my Brother, my Support, and my Companion



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Vice President: We belong to Allah and to Him we will return

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, mourned his brother Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. His Highness Sheikh Mohammed shared a photo of his brother with a caption that translates to: “We belong to Allah and to Him we will return. Rest in peace my brother, my support, and my companion.”



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Mohamed bin Zayed: Hamdan bin Rashid is One of the UAE's Patriots



The Life of Hamdan bin Rashid is Full of Giving and Sincere National Work

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, mourned the passing of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace.

He said, on his Twitter account, "Today we lost one of the Patriots of the UAE after a life full of giving and sincere national work. May Allah have mercy on my brother Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid and reward him with the best rewards for what he gave to his country and his people. My condolences to myself and my brother Mohammed bin Rashid and the Al Maktoum family. I pray to Almighty Allah to grant them patience and solace to bear their loss."



Sultan Al Qasimi Mourns Death of Hamdan bin Rashid in Phone Call with Mohammed bin Rashid



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Sharjah Ruler Court Expresses Condolences on the Deceased and Declares a 3-day Mourning

His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, made a phone call to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai.

During the call, HH the Ruler of Sharjah offered his sincere condolences and heartfelt consolation on the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum,

Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, may Allah rest his soul in peace, who passed away on Wednesday, 24 March 2021. His Highness prayed to the Almighty Allah to have mercy on the deceased, and to grant patience and solace to his family and relatives.

Ruler of Sharjah's Court mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid with the following statement:

{In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful (O reassured soul, return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him], and enter among My [righteous] servants and enter My Paradise) Almighty Allah has spoken the truth.

With faithful hearts submissive to Allah's decree and destiny, the Court of HH Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, mourns Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum who passed away on Wednesday, 10 Sha'ban 1442 AH, corresponding to 24 March 2021 AD.

His Highness the Sharjah Ruler's Court extended sincere condolences and sympathy to HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, and to the family and relatives of the deceased. His Highness also prays to Almighty Allah to rest the soul of the deceased in peace and to grant patience and solace to his relatives.

We belong to Allah and to Him we will return}.

Official mourning was declared with a flag flown at half-mast in the Emirate of Sharjah for 3 days.

Humaid Al Nuaimi Mourns Death of Hamdan bin Rashid in Phone Call with Mohammed bin Rashid



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Ajman Ruler Offered Condolences to the Deceased's Sons, Praying to Allah for Mercy and Forgiveness on him

His Highness Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ajman, telephoned His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, expressing his sincere condolences and sympathy on the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and praying to

Allah to rest his soul in peace. HH the Ruler of Ajman also made a similar phone call to the sons of the deceased, expressing his condolences and sympathy and praying to the Almighty to shower the deceased with His blessing and forgiveness.

The Ajman Ruler's Court mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan in the following statement:

{In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful (O reassured soul, return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him], and enter among My [righteous] servants and enter My Paradise) Almighty Allah has spoken the truth.

With faithful hearts submissive to Allah's decree and destiny, The Ajman Ruler's Court mourns Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum who passed away on Wednesday, 24 March 2021.

The official mourning was declared with a flag flown at half-mast in Ajman for 3 days. We are begging the Almighty to have mercy and forgiveness for the deceased and to grant patience and solace to his family.

We belong to Allah and to Him we will return}.

HH Ruler of Ajman expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and to the deceased's family. HH Humaid Al Nuaimi also prayed to Allah to grant patience and solace to HH Vice President, the sons, and relatives of the deceased.

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Fujairah Ruler: Hamdan bin Rashid was a Noble Patriot



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His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Fujairah, said, “By the death of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, the UAE loses a noble patriot man, one-of-a-kind leader, and an economic thinker. The deceased dedicated his time to serve his nation and saved no efforts to meet the needs of people.” In a speech lamenting the death of Sheikh Hamdan, HH added, “The UAE today bid farewell to one of its men, recalling his deeds, and that he was one of the developers and a man who accompanied the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, may their soul rest in peace, on the journey of establishing this great country.” His Highness concluded, “I extend my sincere condolences to His Highness Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, and to the deceased’s sons and family. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return.”

Umm Al Quwain Ruler's Court: Hamdan bin Rashid is a Loyal Emirati Figure



The Court of His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Umm Al Quwain mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. In its statement, the Court confirmed, “The UAE has lost one of its righteous sons, and one of its loyal figures who dedicated their lives to their country, nation, and humanity.” HH Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai. He also extended his condolences to the sons and family of the deceased, praying to the Almighty Allah to rest his soul in peace, and to grant us patience and solace

10-day mourning was declared in UAQ with a half-mast flag, while local government departments closed for 3 days starting from Thursday 25 March 2021.” (WAM)

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RAK Ruler: Hamdan bin Rashid's Career is Full of National and Humanitarian Achievements



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His Highness Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, praying for the Almighty to bless his soul and to grant patience and solace to the Al Maktoum family. The statement issued by the Court of RAK Ruler, cited "With faithful hearts submissive to Allah's decree and destiny, HH Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi's Court mourns the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum who passed away after a career full of national and humanitarian achievements. The deceased spent his life serving and representing his country in various international events."

HH extended his sincere condolences and deepest sorrow to the honorable Al Maktoum family and to the UAE people, praying to the Almighty to rest his soul in peace and to grant patience and solace to his family." (WAM)

Hamdan bin Mohammed: Our Country Bid Farewell to the Knight Who Departed After a Journey Full of Giving



His Highness: We learned many lessons from his ever-lasting efforts in elevating our nation and disseminating good deeds

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council, stressed that the country bid farewell to the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace. He was one of the icons and a knight who departed after an ever-lasting giving journey from which we learned lessons for elevating the status of our country and disseminating good deeds.

In a tweet, HH said, “We belong to Allah and to Him we will return. We pray to Allah to rest the soul of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum in peace.”

Maktoum bin Mohammed: Our Condolences to the UAE People and Leadership on the Death of Our Beloved



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His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Finance, offered his condolences on the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, to the UAE people and leadership, praying to the Almighty to rest his soul in peace.

In a tweet via his official account, His Highness said, “Our condolences to Emirati people and leadership on the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return.”

Sharjah Crown Prince Offer Condolences to Mohammed bin Rashid on the Demise of Hamdan bin Rashid



HH prayed to the Almighty to bless the deceased

His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, telephoned His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai. During the call, he extended sincere condolences and sympathy on the demise of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid who passed away on Wednesday, 24 March 2021.

He prayed to Allah to bless the late Sheikh Hamdan and to grant patience and solace to his family. (WAM)

Sultan bin Ahmed: Hamdan bin Rashid Left a Rich Legacy



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His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and Chairman of the Sharjah Media Council, said, “The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum was an icon of the federal government from the foundation of the UAE until his departure, leaving a rich legacy of giving and achievements. HH offered sincere condolences and sympathy on the death of Sheikh Hamdan to the Al Maktoum family and to the UAE. He stated “The deceased had a close relationship with His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, during the latter’s assumption of the Federal Financial Committee. They worked together in various financial affairs at the Council.” He added, “Because of his financial acumen, the deceased gained the leadership’s trust by assuming the Ministry of Finance that played a pivotal role in the UAE advancement.” He also highlighted the deceased’s acumen in dealing with international crises, as the UAE successfully faced repercussions, thanks to its wise leadership and the good management of financial affairs, stressing that the deceased will be remembered by Emiratis.

Ammar Al Nuaimi Pays condolences to Mohammed bin Rashid on Hamdan's Departure



Ajman Crown Prince prayed for blessing the deceased's soul

His Highness Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Crown Prince of Ajman, telephoned His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, to offer his sincere condolences on the passing of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

He prayed to the Almighty to bless the deceased and to grant patience and solace to his relatives. (WAM)

Fujairah Crown Prince: The Biography of Hamdan bin Rashid is a Source of Pride and Inspiration for Generations



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His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah, asserted that the leadership of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, will always remain a source of pride for the UAE and an inspiration for its youth. In a lamenting speech, he said, “Our sorrow is deep today for the loss of Sheikh Hamdan, who was known for his dedication to serving people. We lost a dear brother of high morals, who gave so much to his homeland over decades. We lost a man of generosity, good nature, and noble morality – a man who saved no efforts to serve his country, so his efforts and initiatives spread in many fields. The deceased was a faithful official who served his country and people with dedication and sincerity.”



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He added, “The biography of the late is a source of pride for the UAE and an inspirational message for its youth, embodying his keenness on the Emirati interests and citizens’ affairs. He was known for his wisdom, loyalty, and successes in various sectors.” He continued, “The deceased’s distinctive and great impact on the UAE history cannot be forgotten, and will be an ineffable historical symbol as his traits will be a source of motivation, encouraging us to persistently follow his steps.”

He concluded, “May Allah bless him and grant patience and solace to the honorable Al Maktoum family. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return.” (WAM)

RAK Crown Prince: Hamdan bin Rashid Symbolizes Giving and Humanity



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His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Crown Prince of Ras Al Khaimah, confirmed that by the death of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE lost one of its loyal men who worked faithfully for advancement since the foundation of the Union. During a life full of care, the late was a symbol of giving, goodness, and humanity for his country, people, and the world. He expressed sincere condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Finance; the sons of the departed; Sheikh Saeed and Sheikh Maktoum bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; and to the deceased's relatives. He also stated, "The deceased performed his duties sincerely and assumed the Ministry of Finance from the very beginning because he was trusted by the founding fathers. He was a great supporter to his father, the late Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, and his brothers, and a contributor to the country's development until its 50th anniversary." (WAM)

Hind Al Maktoum: Hamdan bin Rashid is an Outstanding Symbol and His Achievements Inspire Generations

Her Highness Sheikha Hind bint Maktoum bin Juma Al Maktoum, consort of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace.

She said, “We bid farewell to a great national symbol who dedicated himself, his efforts, and giving to the advancement of the UAE. Though he passed away, his great legacy will always remain in our memories, reminding us of great achievements for the sake of serving the country and its citizens. The deceased was a wise knight who dismounted after a long journey where he did not hesitate to serve the education and motivate excellence at various levels.” She asserted, “By the death of Sheikh Hamdan, the UAE lost one of its great faithful icons, who left a legacy of achievements that will always inspire generations on how to dedicate ourselves for the nation’s glory and leading its advancement.” She added, “The deceased was a supporter of the development process since the UAE foundation as he had an abundant contribution to empowering the young generation to continue construction and development, saving no effort towards the interest of the country and citizens, so that the UAE will always be in the highest positions.”

Her Highness concluded, “Sheikh Hamdan passed away but his memory will always be present as a symbol of giving, encouraging the Emirates to be at the forefront, and to keep working on human prosperity and spreading goodness everywhere. May Allah bless the deceased and bless his soul for all his giving. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return.”

Hamdan bin Zayed: Hamdan bin Rashid Symbolizes Modesty and Wisdom



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His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, Ruler's representative in Al Dhafrah region, mourned Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, describing him as a symbol of modesty and wisdom.

In a tweet, HH said, "May Allah bless the soul of the deceased, the elder brother and the symbol of modesty and wisdom, as his love and devotion to the UAE will remain in our hearts, after all his good deeds and giving. We offer condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and the honorable Al Maktoum family. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return."

Tahnoun bin Mohammed: The UAE Lost a Noble Man Who Spent his Life Serving Public Interest



The deceased contributed to strengthening the construction process

His Highness Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, Ruler's representative in Al Ain Region, confirmed that by the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, may his soul rest in peace, the UAE lost a noble man who spent his life serving the public interest and contributing to support the construction process.

In a tweet via his official account, HH said, "The nation lost a noble man who spent his life serving the public interest and contributing to support the construction process, may his soul rest in peace, and may Allah grant solace to the Emirati people and the honorable Al Maktoum family."

Saqr Ghobash: Hamdan bin Rashid is a Unique and Exceptional Character



The deceased is a high-ranked patriot leader

His Excellency Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the Federal National Council, confirmed that the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, is a patriotic symbol and a statesman who enriched his career with outstanding achievements. He pointed out that Sheikh Hamdan had a unique and exceptional character as he was a statesman and a high-ranked patriot leader, who had prominent roles in the foundation phase we enjoy today in the UAE.

Ghobash asserted that the UAE finds condolences in the ever-lasting works of the deceased in various fields, and we will always remember them with love, gratitude, and appreciation. (WAM).

Hazza bin Zayed: We Lost a Father, Brother, Friend, and Exceptional Leader



His Highness Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council, confirmed that with the loss of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, we bid farewell to a father, a brother, a friend, an outstanding leader figure, and an authentic Emirati symbol, whose achievements and giving reached everywhere.

He tweeted “We bid farewell to a father, a brother, a friend, an outstanding leader figure, and an authentic Emirati symbol, whose achievements and giving reached everywhere. We pay condolences to ourselves and the Al Maktoum family. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return.”

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Saif bin Zayed: Hamdan bin Rashid is the Man of Giving



The deceased left memorable impacts on the national history

His Highness Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, extended his sincere condolences and deepest sorrow to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, on the demise of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. His Highness described the deceased as a man of giving. In a tweet, HH said, “We extend our sincere condolence and sympathy to HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid on the departure of Sheikh Hamdan, the man of giving, who left his memorable impacts on the history of the nation, may Allah dwell him in Paradise for his great deeds.”

Mansour bin Zayed: The UAE Lost One of Its Faithful Man



His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Presidential Court, mourned the demise of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may Allah rest his soul in peace, stressing that the UAE lost one of its loyal men whose life was full of humanitarian and patriot action.

He said via Twitter, “May Allah bless the soul of the deceased. The UAE lost one of its loyal men whose life was full of humanitarian and patriot action. On the death of the late Sheikh Hamdan, we express condolences to the honorable Al Maktoum family and the people of the UAE on this loss. We are praying to Allah to shower him with blessing and forgiveness.”

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Abdullah bin Zayed: The UAE Will Always Remember the Name of Hamdan bin Rashid



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The deceased devoted his life to giving. He was a man who lived in dignity and passed away in pride

His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may Allah rest his soul in peace.

HH tweeted, “The UAE will always remember the name of Hamdan bin Rashid and his noble achievements. The deceased was a man who devoted his life to giving. He lived in dignity and passed away in pride, may Allah rest his soul in peace.”

Sultan bin Khalifa: Hamdan bin Rashid's Career is Rich with Patriot Work and Giving



His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Adviser to the UAE President, stated, “The UAE bid farewell to Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum who passed away leaving behind a career rich with faithful patriot work and giving to the citizens and the world.”

He pointed out that the deceased, may Allah have mercy upon him, witnessed the advancement phases of the UAE and contributed to its development as one of the pioneers of its union and the establishment of its present and future. The deceased was a statesman who had an evident impact on the political, economic, social, cultural, and sports. His character was distinguished by exceptional acumen and leadership in all events and positions. His Highness offered sincere condolences and sympathy to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, and to the honorable Al Maktoum family, praying to the Almighty to bless him, and to grant patience and solace to his family. (WAM)

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Ahmed bin Saeed: Hamdan bin Rashid had Distinguish Impact on the UAE Advancement



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His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports, and Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Group, mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. He tweeted, “The dearly departed had a distinguished impact on the UAE advancement and the prosperity of Dubai. His giving in charitable and humanitarian action will be remembered forever in the UAE and all over the world.” He added, “We pray to the Almighty to shower the deceased with His blessing and forgiveness and to make his position in the highest ranks. Our loss is great, as he was an elder brother, teacher, and source of inspiration. Feeling sorrowful for his departure, we have nothing to say but - there is no power nor might except with Allah.”

Ahmed bin Mohammed: We Will Always Consider You a Role Model for Giving



His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Media Council, confirmed that the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum will remain a role model for giving and an example in serving the family and nation.

He tweeted, “Today, you passed away, but we will always remember you as a role model for giving and an example in serving your family and nation. We are praying to the Almighty to bless you and place you in His spacious Paradise.”

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Mansoor bin Mohammed: The Deceased Passed Away but his Legacy is Still Living



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His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Sports Council, assured that although the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum passed away, his legacy is still living. We are praying to the Almighty to bless him and to reunite us with him in the Heavens. We belong to Allah and to Him we will return.”

Latifa bint Mohammed: Rest in Peace, Good-Hearted Uncle!



Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority (Dubai Culture) and member of the Dubai Council, mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. In a tweet, she stated, “O’ my dear, good-hearted uncle and the man missed by Dubai and the UAE. May the Almighty shower you with His blessing. We are saddened over your departure, but we would say nothing but words pleasing Allah (We belong to Allah and to Him we will return).”

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A Dear Brother Passed Away After a Career Full of Giving and Achievement



*A Speech by
Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan,
Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence*

Every time I talk about the dear Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, I remember his great biography in serving his country and nation. The deceased had a sincere and devoted patriotic commitment, as well as important contributions to national and humanitarian action.

On this sad occasion, I reiterate my condolences to his relatives, represented by the Al Maktoum family, the Al Nahyan family, and the entire Emirati family that benefited from his ideas, efforts, initiatives, and achievements. We pray to the Almighty to have mercy upon our deceased, and to grant patience and solace to his people. May the Almighty shower the deceased with blessing, and place him in His spacious Paradises.

I would briefly express the great pride that I was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance for many years during which I witnessed closely his great efforts to link educational performance with the best standards, and to disseminate educational and societal awareness to lead the academic advancement. This prestigious Foundation was named after him, and was an important tool, not only for stimulating enthusiasm among education elements, but also for raising the expectations of educational performance among students, teachers, and schools in the UAE and all over the world. May Allah reward the deceased for his good deeds.

I am also proud to personally receive the Hamdan bin Rashid Award for Distinguished Medical Personalities. I was happy that the award was named after Sheikh Hamdan, in another evidence of his great efforts and his keenness on encouraging human development, and urging to achieve successful development in all sectors. I saw this as an important embodiment of the deceased's great interest in medical care, and his interest in supporting beneficial initiatives in this field, including the launch of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences, and the establishment of treatment centers inside and outside the UAE. May Allah reward the deceased for his good deeds. I saw how the late Sheikh Hamdan was keen on highlighting the UAE's leading role in the fields of tolerance and coexistence, and on providing an opportunity for everyone, particularly university students, for the purpose of communicating with their peers abroad on the values and principles shared everywhere.

I witnessed closely his generous and lavish efforts exerted for showcasing the UAE model of tolerance and coexistence, reflecting his belief that human values are the basis for building strong and fruitful



The deceased exerted great efforts in introducing the UAE model of tolerance and coexistence

relations in society and the world. May Allah reward the deceased for such wonderful humanitarian efforts. I also observed closely how the late Sheikh Hamdan represented a role model for promoting giving, solidarity, and compassion, as he had a noble humanitarian sense pushing to serve the needy, show care about the sick, and help people everywhere for providing a decent life for all. The efforts exerted by the late Sheikh Hamdan in this field were not limited to donating money, but they went beyond to include working hard on spreading useful ideas and adopting beneficial practices. May Allah reward the deceased for his efforts in all fields of charitable and humanitarian action.

It is known that the deceased played an important role in supporting sports in the UAE. As a President of the Al Nasr Club, he contributed to providing

sports infrastructure in the country. Thanks to his special interest in horses, especially purebred Arabian horses, his horses won many of the most prestigious awards in the world. The deceased saw sports as a means to build a person, and even a tool for shaping the present and future of the country, sustaining strong loyalty, sincere belonging to the UAE and leadership, and taking pride in the authentic national heritage. May Allah reward the late Sheikh Hamdan for his efforts exerted in supporting Emirati sports.

Furthermore, I was very happy that I witnessed, during the cabinet meetings, all discussions and comments of the late Sheikh Hamdan, who was the Minister of Finance since the declaration of the Union in 1971. His discussions were an expression of love for the UAE, and an affirmation that we live in a country with great heritage, with prolonged history and culture – a country supported by an authentic people, a maker of civilization and history, keen on achieving progress and achievement in every field, where all achievements are nurtured and supported by a sincere leadership that strives to make people happy, and to provide a quality life for all. The achievements of the deceased in the governmental and federal arena and in the Emirate of Dubai have contributed to making the UAE, in a record time, a majestic fortress of renaissance, reconstruction, and development in various fields. May Allah reward the late Sheikh Hamdan for all such good deeds.

We all have witnessed how the whole world honored the late Sheikh Hamdan through the prestigious international awards he received in many fields. We, the sons and daughters of the UAE, are proud and grateful that the deceased will always be our role model for serving the country and saving no efforts for its advancement.

May your soul rest in peace, Abu Rashid! And may Allah have mercy upon you, and place you in His spacious Paradise.

Abdulaziz Al Nuaimi: Hamdan bin Rashid Devoted his Life to Sincere Service of the UAE



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Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Chairman of Ajman Department of Land and Real Estate Regulation, confirmed that the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, was a great man and an inspiring leader who devoted his life to serving his country and his people with sincerity and loyalty. He was exemplary in giving, and a role model for generations through his noble qualities and insightful vision, with an influential impact on political, economic, and social life. He added: “The UAE has lost a patriot man with lofty principles, who was keen to support humanitarian actions and serve humanity. He gained love and respect, and left behind a fragrant memory.” He expressed his sincere condolences to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, and to the honorable Al Maktoum family, praying to Allah to bless the deceased with His mercy and dwell him in Paradise. (WAM)

Rashid Al Nuaimi: Hamdan bin Rashid is a Wise Leader with a Distinctive Impact on all Forums



The deceased excelled in the Federal Government and his achievements are countless

Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Chairman of the UAE Football Association (UAEFA), mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace.

He tweeted, “Today, we lost a wise leader who made a distinguished impact in all forums. His countless achievements and clear plans testify to a sound mind. He excelled at the Federal Government level and the sports field. I am praying to the Almighty to bless Sheikh Hamdan and to grant solace to his relatives.”

Rashid Al Sharqi: Hamdan bin Rashid's Virtues will be Remembered by Emiratis



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Sheikh Dr. Rashid bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Chairman of Fujairah Culture and Media Authority, stressed that by the death of Hamdan bin Rashid, the UAE has lost a statesman, a character as great as the nation, and a symbol for the values of humanity, loyalty, and wisdom. He stated, “The future generations will always remember the giving of the late Sheikh Hamdan inside and outside the country, and in various fields of giving and charity. Those generations will remember how he supported education, economy, and development since the foundation of the country. The deceased stood by the Rulers with determination, so that the UAE occupies the distinguished ranking worldwide.” He added, “The virtues of the deceased, will always be remembered by the Emiratis: those virtues of noble attitudes, exceptional and inspiring character of giving, and wise leadership. We pray to the Almighty to bless him and to have mercy and forgiveness upon him, and to grant us patience and solace.”

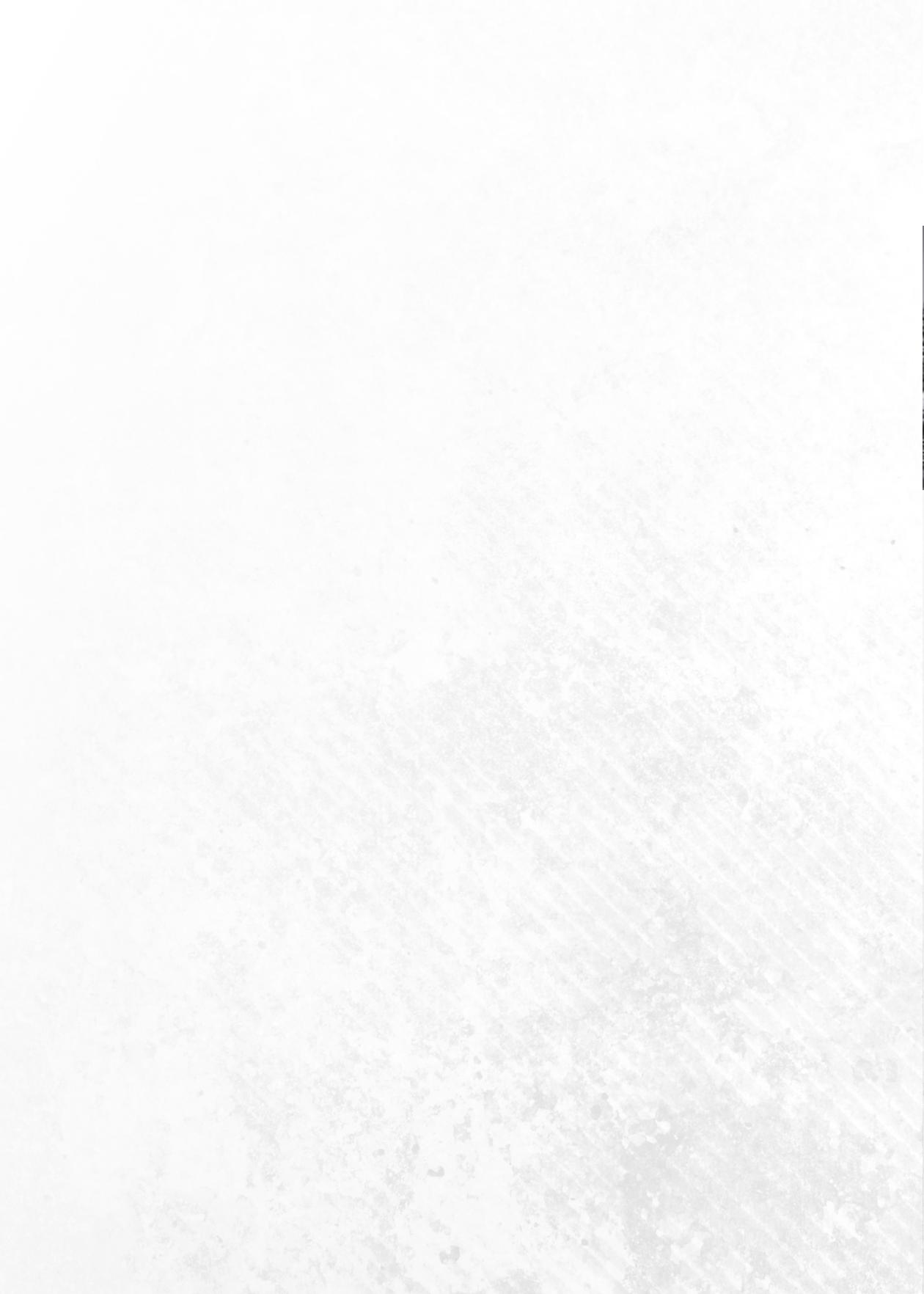
Khalifa bin Mohammed: Hamdan bin Rashid Left a Legacy of Giving and Sincere Attitudes



Sheikh Khalifa bin Mohammed bin Khalid Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Wajib Volunteering Association, mourned the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace.

He stated, “Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum passed away, and we extend condolences with teary eyes, as he left behind a legacy full of a great biography and honest patriot attitudes.” He added, “With his departure, the UAE lost one of its loyal statesmen, and a prominent good symbol, after he performed a great mission, contributing to the process of development, renaissance, and civilized progress.” He offered his sincere condolences and heartfelt consolation to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, and Ruler of Dubai; His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council; His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; and to the sons and relatives of the deceased. He prayed to the Almighty to have mercy upon the deceased and place him in His spacious Paradise.” (WAM)

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CHAPTER FIVE



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**The Deceased Through
the Eyes of Regional
and International
Organizations**



Audrey Azoulay

- Director General,
United Nations
Education, Science
and Culture
(UNESCO)

UNESCO Lost Dear Friend Who Believed That Everyone Has Right To Education

“Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum was a true humanist. UNESCO has lost a dear friend who believed that everyone has the right to education, even the most vulnerable.

His legacy is exemplified through the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development, which has inspired teachers through the power of example, and has contributed to an improved quality of teaching and learning.

May he be remembered by his support for multilateralism and international cooperation in building peace through education.



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Irina Bokova

- Director General, United Nations Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO)

Hamdan bin Rashid was a Leader With Vision and was True Friend of UNESCO

During my eight years as Director General of UNESCO from 2009 till 2017, I have met world leaders who supported and appreciated the importance of its unique mandate — to promote international cooperation in the area of education, science, culture and communication. And I had the privilege not only to meet them, but to engage with them and to work with them so that the world becomes a better place. I would place among those leaders, who have played a pivotal role in support of UNESCO during these years Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, to whom I want to pay a special tribute.

I met for the first time Sheikh Hamdan in April 2010 during my official visit to the UAE, when I attended the first celebration of the newly established UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers. It was for the first time in the history of the United Nations that such a Prize was established that seeks to “support, encourage, and benefit those working to improve the quality of teaching towards “Education for All.” What is remarkable about this Prize, is that it distinguishes outstanding achievements in enhancing the performance and effectiveness of teachers in developing countries or in marginalized or disadvantaged communities. The Prize has been a huge success with already 14 laureates and more



than 500 participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia.

I have met many times since then Sheikh Hamdan on different occasions, celebrating the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize and advocating jointly to put education first on the global political agenda. I had many exchanges with him and I was deeply impressed by his strong commitment to education as the best way to fight poverty and exclusion and to respect human dignity.

Sheikh Hamdan was relentless in his support for teachers. I was extremely happy to be with Sheikh Hamdan for the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the World Teachers Day and the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize in 2014, that helped us include the quality of education as one of the goals in the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development. He understood very well that putting education first means putting teachers first and that far too often, teachers teach without the right training, without the resources they need, without the support they need. Later on, in 2015, Sheikh Hamdan attended the

38th General Conference of UNESCO to celebrate with us the 70th anniversary of the Organization and confirmed the commitment of the United Arab Emirates to achieving the goal of UNESCO. He said: “The desire of the United Arab Emirates drives us towards working more and exerting our efforts, in cooperation with UNESCO, to provide more opportunities to reward outstanding practices of teachers in developing countries”. Sheikh Hamdan was a leader with a vision and convictions. He was generous and a true friend of UNESCO. He supported many educational projects, among them the US\$1.2 million for the project “Implementing the Postgraduate Diploma in Curriculum Design and Development in the Arab region” of the International Bureau of Education (IBE).

I was particularly grateful to Sheikh Hamdan for his generous support of US\$5 million to the renovation of the main UNESCO Hall that was opened in his presence on the 30th October 2017. I have very fond memories and I still remember his words





at the special ceremony during the 39th General Conference of the Organization in the presence of all delegations of the 195 UNESCO Member States: “The opening of this majestic room will remind all with memories of decision-makers and prominent representatives of many States, with echoes of their discussions and numerous constructive and accountable debates that contributed to spreading the enlightenment of education, knowledge and the ethos of human values — all this still resonates between the walls of this magnificent hall. These values help us tackle the challenges, to sustain the welfare and coexistence of humanity, where the values of peace, stability, and mutual respect prevail.”

The nameplate displayed at UNESCO with his name, will remind the future generations about the vision, generosity and humanism of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

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Speeches about a Rare Man

Doctor Salem bin Mohammed Al-Malik

- Director General, the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)

I had a sole meeting with the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may his soul rest in peace, before he answered the call of his Lord with content and satisfaction, following a benevolent lifetime. We met at his well-trodden palace in Zabeel, Dubai, on 1 February 2020. This meeting was an opportunity for me to feel the great humanitarian dimensions that few nobles like him are characterized by.

From the first sight, he showed a spirit of sophisticated comfort when he invited me to sit by his side. This sincere gesture removed every barrier required by such meetings. Then he started reflecting an atmosphere of responsibility, concern, and care by inquiring about the new vision of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), while attentively listening in a way that indicated a keen interest. As soon as he got acquainted with the projects and programs related to the Arabic language and Islamic culture, he cordially expressed his response in supporting the same. His attitude was a reminder of the Arabic line of poetry which can be translated as:

**Whenever you ask him a favor, you see him welcoming
As if you are giving him what you are asking for**

The meeting was concluded only after he announced his generous donation to establish a special fund to support ICECCO, donating an initial amount of one million US dollars. That donation seemed to reveal



his spirit as it was surrounded with blessing and overwhelmed with growth since it coincided with the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. It caused the programs and projects to blossom and overflow from that blessed grant.

On this occasion, I would not miss mentioning that we would have been pleased to welcome him, at the ICESCO headquarters to handover the award that bore his name and to prepare for the launch of the award in its second session. We were confidently aware of what an award his name would embody in terms of elevation, prestige, and distinction. The award was originally for excellence, but the circumstances of the pandemic prevented that great honor from being achieved. And here lies another characteristic of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, as he remained attached to excellence and leadership in all his activities and areas of interest.

When we mention the tip of the iceberg that he singled ICESCO out with, we know that his giving has extended to horizons that many enjoy its



benefits, embodying the words of the prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): (The best one of you is the most beneficial to his people).

And when I recall all those attitudes, I see a rare personality who combines leadership qualities with the traits of authentic Arab generosity, which puts him among the elite of those whom our countries really need, and you feel their loss when they depart. We were really touched by the loss of the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, as expressed by the masses of those, near and far, old and young, who missed him. Those are among the characteristics of the sublime people who will be immortalized by history, and whose biography will be written in letters of light on gold sheets.

May Allah have mercy on the great deceased and put him in His highest Paradise, and make his deeds an asset to him on “The Day when neither wealth nor sons shall benefit, except him who comes before Allah with a pure heart.”



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Hamdan Foundation's Award and Good Intentions

Doctor Saeed bin Mohammed Al-Mulayes

- Member of the Saudi Shura Council
- Former Saudi Deputy Minister of Education
- Former Director General, the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS)

Whenever I reflect on the awards of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance, I recall many memories in the field of educational work in general, and in the Gulf (GCC) in particular. This is attributed to the ambitious policies in education field, the several initiatives, and the diversity of programs aimed primarily at the human beings as the axis around which education revolves, with their potential and capabilities for building, upbringing, and formulation to take the hand of people, their thought and behavior. Such initiatives are directed to making people good citizens, beneficial to themselves, useful to their societies, and contributors to the building of their nations. If this is the case with education, then its means, when they cooperate in a coherent integrated system, will have the profound impact that nations gain, represented in successive generations where talents in various fields rise.

I would like to pause at one of these means and tools; namely, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance. That is because goodwill is the instrument that leads to safety, and sincerity of orientation adds to work an atmosphere that encourages giving and continuous growth. Hence, the effects reach philanthropic prospects and dimensions that were not taken into account. This is the case with that Foundation's awards, whose founder aimed to contribute to providing a modern and advanced educational environment and



conditions that encourage innovation, leadership, and excellence. Therefore, when we attended the award-giving ceremony and we were honored by handshaking its owner, we realized that it would not stop at the borders of the Emirate of Dubai, because we know that the donor is led by the sincere orientation and intentions that adorn his deeds. Later, the award was extended to include all the United Arab Emirates, from which it set out, through the Arab Bureau of Education to the Gulf States (ABEGS), to include the GCC states, as we signed a memorandum of understanding for this purpose with Dr. Jamal Al Mehairi, in accordance with what was stipulated in the ABEGS's statute on encouraging and activating educational cooperation and taking care of Arab and Islamic culture, and what was stipulated in the mission of the Hamdan Foundation for the advancement of mankind and the achievement of human development goals. The award became an important source of encouragement for the distinguished GCC student, the distinguished teacher, the distinguished school, and the distinguished school administration. Its effects and

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objectives spread, and its scope extended to benefit the Arab countries. It encouraged distinguished research and continued to attract it, and this was within the framework of the strategic partnership with the Arab Organization for Education, Culture, and Science, which had the impact of enriching Arabic libraries with distinguished scientific research.

The Hamdan Foundation did not stop at the borders of the Arab world; rather, it encouraged the development of teachers' performance at the global level, and I recall when we were in a meeting at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, I was honored to introduce Dr. Khalifa Al Suwaidi, and present the award, which became the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development (formerly known as the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers). It is aimed to achieve the goals of "Education for All," which is one of the priorities of UNESCO to support the efforts aimed at developing education, upgrading cadres and tributing the distinguished.

The Foundation continued to grow and expand to





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include several categories, among which: distinguished educator; distinguished university student; best applied project; and best scientific innovation.

The Islamic World was present in the mind of the award grantor as usual and he launched the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities in the countries of the Islamic world, in cooperation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) with the aim of motivating and appreciating those in charge of voluntary initiatives and charity in education.

Thus, success has been and will remain an ally of the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance due to the sincere intentions of its owner, and it will remain a luminous beacon whose light shines from the United Arab Emirates to the world. May Allah have mercy on its owner and grant him eternal life in the Heavens, and may Allah protect everyone who works on it with care, effort, and thought.



Stefania Janini

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Hamdan bin Rashid Will Stay in our Minds Forever

With the demise of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UNESCO has lost a key supporter for its programs in education and development around the world. I express UNESCO's and my personal condolences to the leadership and the people of the United Arab Emirates upon his death. May God have mercy on him.

The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid had given a lot to education around the world and was a benefactor to UNESCO's programs to educate girls in conflict and war zones.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid was one of the main supporters of UNESCO and thanks to his support, many children and girls have been able to go to school in poor areas around the world. His partnership with us was through the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development, which is a great incentive for us to endorse the noble message of educators around the world. He deeply believed in the mission of education and the role of culture in achieving peace and promoting dialogue among cultures and religions.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid will stay in our minds forever and we, at UNESCO, are proud to have a plaque with his name in our Organization in honor of him for his efforts supporting educational programs over to many areas.



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A Sheikh Who Will Always be Remembered

History has bright windows on humanity. These windows overlook people's great deeds in the service of humanity, countries, and nations. The late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, may Allah rest his soul in eternal peace, was one of those great personalities who were



characterized by deep faith, a spirit of responsibility, insight, and positive interaction. His personality embodied the love of charity, wisdom, tolerance, passion for knowledge, and an influential presence in crises. Those sublime qualities had been with him throughout his life and sensed by everyone who dealt with him. He was friendly in his conversation and always eager to hear updates, especially about the topics related to developments in the areas benefiting people and related to their basic services such as living, health, education, culture, and sports.

He had never taken into consideration ethnic, religious, or gender affiliation. His first concern was to do whatever he could to solve problems wherever they were, especially in developing and poor communities, where his assistance was not only limited to constructing orphanages and building schools, health, cultural, and vocational centers, but he also ensured their operation to serve hundreds of thousands of people. Writing about his generosity and humanitarian contributions cannot be duly contained by books and volumes. Indeed, his determination and yearning for good deserve contemplation. Despite his significant

responsibilities in government business and his numerous commitments, he was remarkable in charity and initiatives. Since the establishment of the UAE, he was part of the cabinet to contribute to building the country in its most difficult stages, and continued serving it for 50 years, during which there were massive challenges. His influence was noticeable in the sustainable development and the prestigious ranks attained by the UAE in international competitiveness. Perhaps among the prominent initiatives of Sheikh Hamdan – which gained vast regional and global media coverage due to their nature, not because of his desire, as his many activities in charity indicated that he was working silently and quietly – are the launch of the Sheikh Hamdan Award for Medical Sciences in 1999 and the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance in 1998. They received special sponsorship from him until they reached the global level and achieved a reputation among the most prestigious institutions. I worked closely with the late Sheikh Hamdan after I was honored by his trust as Secretary General of the Foundation. He was very enthusiastic about upgrading education and supporting the UAE's efforts in improving it. He was a pioneer in building a matrix of standards for educational excellence, as well as achieving an Emirati-Arab portfolio to discover and sponsor talented students in an unprecedented initiative in the Arab World. Soon, the Foundation spread regionally and internationally to become a reference in programs of excellence, talent, and innovation. That is why he was considered a pioneer in excellence and giftedness in the UAE and abroad. During 23 years, he had been keen on personally laureating the distinguished in education. How happy he was to see the winners' happiness on the podium! He used to pat them on the shoulders, congratulating, and encouraging. He had been standing for long periods honoring the distinguished, and for over 22

years, he did not miss this annual event. He was always saying: “This is one of the wonderful moments for me to see the eagerness of students to be honored. I am proud of them. They deserve this encouragement for their excellence. It was truly a day of academic excellence and an annual opportunity with him that everyone looked forward to.

I learned from the deceased that development is the way of life, and that every individual has a sublime mission of human fraternity that must be sought tirelessly. He was a lover of peace, dialogue, cooperation, and integration on the basis of justice and equality. He was highly affected by humanitarian crises and adversities caused by wars and disasters. Moreover, he was quick to act in meeting the requirements of alleviating people’s suffering. He was a man of missions, and an administrative man who set the strategic goal and let the officials work, while he was present for support and assistance whenever required. Through the administrative practices in the Foundation, Sheikh Hamdan used to carefully follow the progress of achievements. The Foundation’s awards, thanks to his empowerment, have reached universality, and has been associated with partnerships with international organizations. His speeches were abundant in the values rooted in his faith. On top of these values is education being the basis for consolidating the value system in any society and a basis for development and the gateway to the future, while the teacher is the axis around which education revolves, and that the quality of the teacher guarantees an educational movement that seeks excellence.

The late Sheikh Hamdan used to instill in the Foundation’s officials the concept of working for the country, the nation, and the human being, avoiding the traditional notion of ‘job.’ His talks in Zabeel Majlis always contained comments reflecting his wisdom, prudence, and insightful vision. He believed that the prosperity of a society would lead to the

prosperity of others by learning and imitation. Thus, he made sure to make global contributions, especially in raising the efficiency of education. Under his auspices, we succeeded in concluding a partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), resulting in the establishment of the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development in 2009, which impressed officials with positive results in providing distinguished practices worthy of dissemination. The deceased supported other UNESCO projects through his fund, in addition to supporting the Hamdan-ICESCO fund for education projects in the Islamic World. He was keen to attend the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize events at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. And he was committed to fulfilling his obligations towards remote communities.

Being close to Sheikh Hamdan makes you feel safe and comfortable thanks to his tenderness, mercy, and humility. At our meetings as board of trustees, he used to say: “The future of the Foundation is the result of your efforts, your work with the team, and the success of your programs. Therefrom, we anticipate development.” This is a characteristic of an outstanding leader who believes in the team, trusts it, and supports it to achieve goals. His discreet administrative philosophy was a reason to accommodate his potential. At the level of the Arab and Islamic countries, the deceased made sure that the Foundation’s services include the geographical scope to which he belonged. He always directed support to accurate destinations. As a result, we launched the Hamdan-ICESCO Prize for Voluntary Development of Education Facilities, and the Hamdan-ALECSO Award for Distinguished Educational Research, to achieve harmony in the educational movement worldwide and motivate funders to support educational efforts everywhere. The late Sheikh Hamdan believed in the right of the disadvantaged in

education and vocational qualification.

Years have passed, and Sheikh Hamdan left us with a valuable legacy of noble thought and great deeds. May Allah have mercy on Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, accept his works in the balance of his good deeds, and dwell him in the highest Paradise. Our consolation is in continuing his mission and achieving the hopes and ambitions he aspired to. Sheikh Hamdan was the righteous son of the UAE who planted his love and appreciation in the hearts that he will never leave.

In this book, the Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance attempted to unveil hidden features of the personality of the man who will be missed by the entire humanity, the late Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who was known for his nobility and giving in secret and in public. This book also uncovers some aspects of his national and humanitarian achievements that we tried to collect, although we are sure that this publication is a modest initiative in front of his abundant giving, generosity, and charity. At the end of this documentary book, we appreciate and express our pride in the elite officials, companions, and institutions who participated in it, to whom we are very appreciative, whether for the accurate testimonies or the informational and documentary contributions that we received from the relevant institutions, such as images, reports, and others, hoping that we will be successful in this endeavor, asking the Almighty for the continuation of success and correctness.

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