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# Introduction



## Visit to support education, too ...

- It was a wonderful visit in all aspects – the visit carried out by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization «UNESCO» on the top official delegation answering the invitation received by H. H. from the Director-General of UNESCO, which was a reflection of the high position occupied by H. H. in the record of such an international organization.
- The invitation also reflects the appreciation of the role played by H. H. in developing and strengthening the educational relationship between UNESCO and the UAE, as well as the humanitarian considerations for his contributions through the award of excellence in educational performance in supporting the international programs to enhance education, especially that the award, despite its modest potentials, has proven its impact on achieving the objectives of education in different places of the world. It was able to add to the efforts and initiatives in support of UNESCO in the field of providing and improving education service, so it deserved the universality it gained thanks to this partnership with the international organization.
- The visit achieved gains exceeded the person of H. H. Sheikh Hamdan to the UAE as the events of the visit, whether the introductory exhibition of the Awards of H. H., the activities of Al Maktoum Charity Foundation, the cultural visits to the Louvre and the Arab World Institute in Paris, or the meeting of His Highness with the UAE students studying in France, such events have established a precious civilized value for the UAE national embodied in H. H., who was truly a true symbol for the UAE civilization, which is lovely, peaceful and contributing to human civilization.
- The two agreements between «UNESCO» and Al Maktoum Charity Foundation on the one hand and Hamdan Award for Distinguished Academic Performance on the other one constituted important initiatives to support programs of education dissemination and development in an amount of two million US dollars, in order to combat ignorance and disseminate education and training, and fostering the culture of peace in the poor communities.
- Such a visit has opened new windows to work in order to provide educational rights for many of the disadvantaged, and to improve the quality of education, which is seen by H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid as valuable humanitarian and civilized projects deserving and requiring efforts, at a time others do not care about them, rather they see them as a burden of tampering they endure for (God bless you).

Thus, the visit of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan to UNESCO was also a visit for supporting education.

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## 7.34 Million Dirham worth of «Al Maktoum Charity Foundation» and «Hamdan Award» financing UNESCO's charity and education projects

«Attamauz News». Paris



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization «UNESCO» has signed two memorandums of understanding with Al Maktoum Charity Foundation, and Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance to finance charitable and education projects by allocating a grant of two million US Dollars «7.34 million Dirhams». Where one million Dollars will be allocated to support the project «Building teacher's skills for implementation of teacher-centred policies of curricula reform», while the second million, granted by Al Maktoum Charity Foundation, was allocated to contribute to the support of UNESCO's human and cultural projects in several countries.

H. H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, has met H. E. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, in Paris on the occasion of his official visit to the International Organization.

H. H. described the UNESCO as «The incubator of education and culture in the world», and added: «I am proud and pride to be at the headquarters of UNESCO today in response to the kind invitation I have received from H. E. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO to whom I have the utmost respect».

H. H. expressed his appreciation for the efforts exerted by «UNESCO» to improve human society through the dissemination of education and knowledge as well as combating poverty and underdevelopment, and its contributions to building the future of the world civilization on the basis of a culture of peace, freedom, justice, equality, dialogue, and respect for the other in order to reach the welfare and happiness of the humanity.

Moreover, H. H. thanked the General Conference, Executive Board, as well as the heads and members of permanent delegations for their achievements and their support to UNESCO-Hamdan Award to reward outstanding practices and efforts to improve teachers' performance. He also asserted that this award grew out of the vision in harmony with the objectives of the organization, and started from the conviction of the necessity to push forwards UNESCO's efforts to achieve its objectives. H. H. also expressed the UAE's pride of ideal collaboration between his country and UNESCO due to the attention and care attached by the sapient UAE government, led by H. H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, and H. H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister, Ruler of Dubai, regarding the programs and projects designed by UNESCO and aimed at enhanc-



### **Hamdan bin Rashid: «UNESCO» incubator of education and culture in the world**

### **Deputy Ruler of Dubai: Teacher skills development programs are a motivating and beneficial tool which improves teachers' performance**

ing the quality of education, and seeking to build a knowledge society, which pushed and encouraged Hamdan Award Foundation in launching its initiatives and partnership, and reflected the common belief in the value of the teacher and his role in transmitting the message of knowledge and noble human values to successive generations.

H. H. pointed out that his efforts, in promoting education quality and building a knowledge society, are backing noble goals sought by both parties, and that his contribution is an extension of these trends in light of the common belief in the value of the teacher, and the importance of his role in transmitting the message of knowledge and noble human values to successive generations.

He stressed that the teacher's skills development programs, as well as the rise of his status will be a motivating and beneficial tool which contributes to

the teachers' performance improvement in order to achieve the objectives of education for all, it will also be serving as a platform for the deployment of outstanding practices related to teachers at a global level, and targeting authorities and units having recognition of their work in the improvement of teachers' performance in line with the objectives of UNESCO.

H. E. Humaid Mohammed Al Quttami, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, confirmed that the cooperation between the Award and UNESCO has created opportunities for the development of the relationship in the interest of global education.

He also pointed out that the recent understandings between the two parties promise to expand contributions of the Award in the education area, and achieve objectives of H. H., sponsor of the Award, which is an extension of the kind initiatives of H. H. Sheikh Hamdan, alluding that they represent a practical interpretation of his care to support UNESCO's efforts to achieve the goals of sustainable development, and build a global community based on peace, love, justice, equality and stability.

H. H. explained that the UAE is a partner of UNESCO in several projects including UNESCO's schools, Regional Centre for Educational Research, in addition to a number of awards like Hamdan Award.

He explained that human responsibility requires to back and support international efforts to establish civilizational values, supporting responsible freedom and peace process, enabling dialogue and multiculturalism, accepting the other in human coexistence, and encouraging efforts on deployment and development of education, as well as development of the culture to achieve noble goals, and solve many issues which are plaguing the modern world, especially poverty, ignorance and illiteracy.

## Bokova valued Hamdan bin Rashid's commitment to support UNESCO



### «Attamauz news». Paris

H. E. Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO, has valued the strong commitment of H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of finance, to work in the interest of education and support the international organization. H. H. Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance was

briefed, in presence of senior officials of the International Organization, on the vital role played by the «UNESCO» in terms of deployment and development of education, as well as educational programs which it implements at a global level within the framework of the project «Education for All», and the development of joint efforts between UNESCO and Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, in addition to the possibility of opening up new prospects for bilateral cooperation through Al Maktoum Charity Foundation projects in the field of education and culture.

In her speech, UNESCO Director-General welcomed H. H. Sheikh Hamdan and the accompanying delegation,

and alluded to a new strategy adopted by the organization in respect of professional development of teachers as well as the improvement of their performance.

she said: «In a rapidly changing world, curricula shall harmonize with the community, and help students to understand their environment and acquire skills to achieve their potential through learning how to gain values and knowledge for global citizenship, including respect of human rights, equality between both sexes, diversity, and promoting solidarity and mutual understanding to build a culture of peace.

She also pointed out the urgent need to expand the opportunities of lifelong learning in Africa, «if we are to give this

enormous human potential, the opportunity to contribute to their communities».

Director-General of UNESCO also praised achievements made by the UAE in the field of heritage conservation and modernity embrace by drawing the attention to the experience of the country in the areas of good education, water management, and maintaining of intangible heritage.

She also valued the UNESCO-Hamdan Prize joint venture to reward outstanding practices and efforts to improve teachers performance, stressing on the role they play in the teachers performance development, dissemination, creation and deployment of certain practices which will increase the value of education, so as to achieve human development goals.



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«Attamauz news». Paris

H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of finance, and H. E. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, opened the exhibition of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Awards in the gallery of the international organization, the exhibition included

a introduction of activities, events and incentive programs adopted by the foundation, which are: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences, Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance, Al Maktoum Charity Foundation and Dubai International Award For Best Practices To Develop Human Settlements.

During her visit in the exhibition held on the occasion of the visit of H. H., Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of finance to the Organization, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was briefed on the initiative of Dubai International Award For Best Practices To Improve The Living Environment, which is supervised by Dubai Municipality.

Engineer Hussein Nassier Lootah explained the objectives of the award, countries participations therein, as well as underpinning principles to reach its noble human goals. UNESCO's Director has voiced her support for such initiatives which serve communities and citizens' living therein, as well as their help in any field which may require to be backed and supported by UNESCO.





Expressing his pride in the imperishable Islamic heritage,

## Hamdan bin Rashid dedicates a painting embodying the heritage of the UAE to the Islamic Museum

«Attamauz news». Paris

H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, visited Louvre Museum where he walked with the accompanying delegation in the building of Islamic Art, inaugurated last September, and has, in its walls, 35 thousand pieces of art from ancient times, and until the 19th century, including ten thousand Islamic pieces.





H. H. dedicated a painting to the Islamic Museum, which embodies the heritage of the United Arab Emirates, and expressed, after signing in the golden register of the Museum, his pride in that imperishable Islamic heritage.

H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum also visited the headquarters of the Arab World Institute, as the UAE was one of its founding countries in 1980 to be a foundation which aims to develop the Arab world, launch depth researches on the Arabic language, its cultural and spiritual values, and encourage exchanges and cooperation in these areas between Arab countries and France..

During his visit, H. H. met with the UAE students studying in the universities, colleges and

institutes in France, checked their living and studying conditions, and wished them success and excellence to return home and contribute to the development of its institutions and development path in all fields.

H. H. and the accompanying delegate walked throughout the Institute, particularly the museum exposing manuscripts, decorations and artifacts belonging to the Arabic and Islamic heritage which reflect Arabic and Islamic ancient civilization, which were donated by a number of Arab countries to be one of the museum's pieces.

It is obvious that H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum is building up a cooperation relationship with UNESCO, as the cooperation of both parties in the launch of UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid



Al Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practices and Performance Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers at an amount of USD \$ 270,000 to encourage and benefit those working to enhance the performance and effectiveness of teachers towards objectives of education for all, and gave priority of support to developing countries, as well as marginalized and disadvantaged groups worldwide. The thing which contributes to facilitate the sharing and dissemination of outstanding practices regarding teachers at the global level.

The award is given to governmental and non-governmental, international and local organizations, as well as local, na-

tional or regional bodies and associations that contribute in improving the effectiveness of teachers' performance, and it should be noted that this award is not given to individuals.

The award was launched in 2009 where each of Congo Center for education for all of Democratic Republic of Congo, Center of Excellence for Teachers Training of Dominican Republic, and Ali Education Institution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan were awarded in its first edition, while in its second edition, the awarded were Rato Banghala Institution of Nepal, the African Institute of Mathematics Sciences of South Africa and books bank in Venezuela.





## Accompanying delegation

The delegation accompanying H. H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, in his visit to Paris, involved H. E. Mohammed Ahmed Al Murr, Chairman of the Federal National Council, H. E. Mariam Mohammed Khalfan Al Roumi, Minister of Social Affairs, H. E. Humaid Mohammed Obeid Al Quttami, Minister of Education, H. E. Abdul Rahman Mohammed Al Owais, Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development, H. E. Dr. Rashid Ahmad bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, H. E. Ambassador Mohammed Meer Abdullah Al-Raesi, UAE Ambassador to the French Republic, and H. H. Sheikh Rashid bin Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Al Maktoum Charity Foundation, along with a number of economic figures, as well as Directors and Heads of local governmental departments, Heads of universities, and members of the Board of Trustees of Hamdan bin Rashid Award for Distinguished Academic Performance.





## «Hamdan Award» participates in Khalifa Award's workshops

«Attamauz News» -  
Abu Dhabi

Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance participated in the workshops conducted by Khalifa Award for Education in the headquarters of Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research (KUSTAR) in Abu Dhabi. This participation came under the Award's plan to disseminate the culture of excellence, to familiarize all segments of educational field with the excellence standards, and in order to achieve its vision in

leading excellence of academic performance and nurturing the gifted.

Fatima Al Hashimi, head of Assessment & Design Section in Hamdan Award, explained that Hamdan Award's message is to promote the academic performance and nurturing the gifted through positive cooperation with other educational awards in the United Arab Emirates, the thing which contributes to establishing a distinguished educated society that promotes the level of performance, creativity and mastery in the educational and academic field. She also added that Hamdan

Award is working on assigning and utilizing all the scientific and educational data to develop the excellence program through the Assessment & Design Section which focuses on the developmental processes in the management, standards of excellence and competition through advisory and training services prepared by the Section for the targeted groups of all the award's categories.

On the other hand, the Award stand received a huge audience from all categories of the educational field and interested people, where the visitors showed clear interest

through their different inquiries including how to participate in the competitions of the 15th Cycle.

At the closing of the event, Her Excellency Amal Abdulqadir Al Afifi, Secretary-General of the Khalifa Award for Education, gave a trophy and a certificate of appreciation to Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance in return to its active participation in the events of Khalifa Award, assuring that cooperation Hamdan Award will deepen the principles of the academic excellence among the students.

