

Khalifa: No one more worthy of honour

PRESIDENT PRAISES MOHAMMAD'S LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS

ABU DHABI

President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan congratulated His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, for being chosen the Cultural Personality of the Year by the Shaikh Zayed Book Award.

"Shaikh Mohammad is truly deserving of being named the cultural personality of the year by the Shaikh Zayed Book Award, a massive iconic award that is named after the founding father Shaikh Zayed," Shaikh Khalifa said.

There is no one more worthy of such an honour, Shaikh Khalifa added, pointing out that the people of the UAE, Arab and Islamic world, and everyone who knows Shaikh Mohammad, can testify to his developmental, humanitarian and cultural achievements.

"Honouring Shaikh Mohammad is like an honour to the UAE's founding fathers, because he has preserved culture and heritage and continued their march with dedication and diligence.

"He succeeded in driving the country towards progress and development, and he is empowered with hope, determination and ambition. Year after year, the UAE Government continues to perform exceptionally in all fields under his leadership, paving the way towards



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achieving UAE Vision 2021," Shaikh Khalifa said.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, also congratulated Shaikh Mohammad. "Naming Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Cultural Personality of the Year is meant to honour the vision and achievements of a leader who has sought to have the name of the UAE engraved in golden letters in history, as well as to strengthen the UAE's position in the global arena," he said.

Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed added that the honour comes in recognition of Shaikh Mohammad's long record of achievements in development, knowledge and culture.

"It is a prestigious honour for a unique leader who devoted all his efforts to press ahead with the march of development and building of the nation, extending bridges of communication, following in the footsteps of Shaikh Khalifa," he said.

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development, becoming a role model for inspirational leaders," he added.

His Highness Dr Shaikh Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member, and Ruler of Sharjah, said that the honour is a recognition of Shaikh Mohammad's dedication to the UAE's progress. "It is a well-deserved honour for Shaikh Mohammad, who embarked on a march filled with dedication and diligent efforts to serve the UAE and its citizens," he said.

Shaikh Hazza Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, National Security Adviser and Vice-Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, said that the honour is well-deserved for an exceptional Emirati figure that enjoys a fine reputation that has spread beyond UAE borders.

Shaikh Hazza said that Shaikh Mohammad's humanitarian achievements have reached global heights, and represent a unique model that has lasted over decades. He added that Shaikh Mohammad does not know the meaning of the word 'impossible' when it comes to his vision for his people.

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