

'Mohammad epitomises the vision of Zayed the founder'

AWARD RECOGNITION FOR BRINGING CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT IN SOCIETY, OFFICIAL SAYS

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In recognition of his work and initiatives in promoting the UAE and social causes, His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has been chosen the Cultural Personality of the Year by the Shaikh Zayed Book Award. The award was announced yesterday at the ninth annual event of the Zayed Book Award, which aims to honour intellectuals, researchers, writers and prominent figures.

Dr Ali Bin Tamim, the Award's Secretary-General, praised Shaikh Mohammad for his positive role and influence with the work he has carried out. He said that Shaikh Mohammad is one of the most prominent persons in bringing change and development to all aspects of society.

He also praised Shaikh Mohammad's role in fostering Arab culture and identity as well as his promotion of tolerance and peace. He added that Shaikh Mohammad is a source of optimism and motivation for individuals in all fields, and that he epitomises the vision of Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

Among the many projects and works that were highlighted was the establishment of the Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Mak-

MOHAMMAD'S BOOKS

Observations on life and leadership

Ro'yatee

- A detailed account of Dubai's and UAE's transition to international hubs for commerce and finance.

Poems from the desert

- A translation of 27 Nabati poems by Shaikh Mohammad, written originally in Arabic, in which Shaikh Mohammad discloses his inner emotions.

Spirit of the Union (transcribed lecture)

- It documents an era in the history of the UAE as narrated by Shaikh Mohammad in a lecture delivered in December 2011 on UAE's 40th National Day.

40 poems from the desert

- A translation of selected poems tackling human and social matters, issued in celebration of UAE's 40th anniversary

Hippodrome's Glory

- Interactive e-book offers glimpses of success achieved at Group-1 international races by 11 of Dubai's most recognised horses



toum Foundation, launched by Shaikh Mohammad in 2007 with a \$10 billion endowment, with its goal of developing educational standards and research in the Arab World.

Other initiatives that were highlighted was Shaikh Mohammad's work in promoting

and preserving Emirati culture, ensuring social justice and welfare, protecting the rights of Arab women, and his focus on creating programmes to help children and young people.

Shaikh Mohammad was congratulated by Sultan Bin Tahnoun Al Nahyan, Presi-

dent of the Abu Dhabi Culture and Tourism Authority, as well as the board of trustees of the Khalifa Book Award.

Prize-winners for the award will receive Dh750,000, as well as a certificate of merit and a gold medal at a ceremony to be held in Abu Dhabi on May 11.