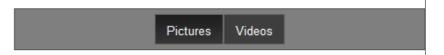
Mohammed bin Rashid thanks Khalifa, Mohamed bin Zayed and Rulers

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ABU DHABI, 16th April, 2015 (WAM) – Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His



Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, has thanked President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Members of the Supreme Council, Their Highnesses Rulers of Emirates, for congratulating him on being named Cultural Personality of the Year by the trustees of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award in its ninth edition.

He said, "The words of the President conveyed warm regards from a person raised by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and brought up in an exceptional Zayed leadership school. Sheikh Khalifa is always keen to be the first well-wisher on such occasions and achievements."

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid also thanked Mohamed bin Zayed, describing him as a "brother and friend," noting that his congratulation carried themes of love and appreciation.

The Vice President thanked the Rulers for congratulating him.

"I am honoured to accept this award, which bears the dear name of a person whose legacy, values and principles are still fresh in the minds of all Arabs," Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid said, adding that, "What we have been achieving in all areas is attributed to what we have learned from the school of the founding fathers: Zayed and Rashid. It is a legacy, which I, with my brothers, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed and Rulers will continue to serve our people."

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