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ABU DHABI: UAE 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, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Members of the Supreme Council, Their Highnesses Rulers of Emirates, for congratulating him on being

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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 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 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." Also during

the day, Sheikh Mohammed issued Law No.07 of 2015 on aviation safety in the Emirate of Dubai. The new law aims to enhance safety and security measures in Dubai's airspace to ensure smooth aviation according to international standards approved by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, ICAO, and the UAE's General Civil Aviation Authority.

It also aims to organise the activities and professions in the civil aviation industry, apply best practices to insure best usage of Dubai's airspace and prohibit all acts that may endanger aeroplanes, airports or any facility related to aviation services.

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