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Late H H Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan
Founder Father of the UAE



H H Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates



H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai

UAE : Looking ahead

ON 2nd December 2011, the United Arab Emirates celebrates its fortieth National Day, completing four decades since the establishment of the state in 1971. Not surprisingly, the occasion is being marked with celebrations throughout the seven component emirates, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ra's al-khaimah, Ajman, Umm al-Qaiwain and Fujairah.

Located in the south-east corner of the Arabian peninsula, the seven emirates, formally known as the "Trucial States" were in

treaty relations with Britain for 150 years. With the announcement by the British that they would be withdrawing from the region in 1971, the rulers of emirates, led by the UAE's founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, decided to form a federation, to work together to bring prosperity and development to their people. Aided by the vision of Sheikh Zayed, who believed that the revenues from the oil and gas resources of his own emirate, Abu Dhabi, should be put to use in the service of the inhabitants of

the country as a whole, the UAE has subsequently emerged as one of the fastest growing and most stable countries in the middle east region.

Sheikh Zayed himself died in 2004, after over thirty years as President. The process of growth, however, has continued under the leadership of his son and successor as president, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid AL Maktoum, Their fellow members of the UAE's

Supreme Council of Rulers and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, despite the vicissitudes of the global economy in recent years, the programme of development is still firmly under way.

The guiding principles that underline the success of the state, originally laid down forty years ago, remain fundamental elements in the policies of the UAE's Government. One was that the resources deriving from

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Ambassador's Message

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

It is a great pleasure that we are observing today the 2nd December 2011 the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the United Arab Emirates. The year 2011 marks an important page in the history of the UAE as Federation of the UAE was formed in 2nd December 1971. For the past four decades Emiratis and expatriates alike have celebrated National Day with much pride and energy. The UAE's 40th National Day celebrations were planned as a 40-day program recognizing all aspects of the nation's life and heritage. A great diversity of projects and events were also prepared at federal, emirate and local levels. This great nation was created by a few with the prosperity of many. It is now a nation that is made up of faces from different places, bringing with them important skills, culture and personalities from every corner of the globe. Living side by side together, under one spirit, working to help the nation continue to prosper and grow. The success of the nation today and tomorrow has been and will continue to be through the collective strength of the many.

As we celebrate the 40th

UAE National Day, we should reflect that there is a spirit that ties us all together. A spirit that enables millions of people to coexist and build lives together. It is a spirit that can be shared across a cosmopolitan community, and a spirit that everyone can play a role in sustaining. Each person defines, shapes, and shares this spirit in their own way. This spirit is well enunciated in the great sayings of late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan as His Highness said: "A nation without a past is a nation without a present or future. A nation's people are a product of their history and culture, and a function of the land on which they live. The UAE has a long history, a history that extends well beyond the last 40 years. Our history is made up of millions of stories that inspire each generation that passes. These stories and the spirit contained within them need to be captured and shared."

By the grace of Almighty Allah and sagacious leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and His Highness Sheikh Muhammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and their Highnesses the Rulers

of the Emirates and in particular by the charismatic leadership of His Highness Late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the United Arab Emirates has emerged as one of the most prosperous countries in the comity of nations with higher standard of living of its people and become an imitable model for economic and social development. It is worth mentioning that Sheikh Zayed, who used money for the benefit of the people, laid foundation of an advanced nation in a record time with his tireless efforts and care of a father, infusing modern ideas into traditional values.

The government and people of the United Arab Emirates are strongly bound by brotherly relations with Bangladesh since the dawn of its independence. The visits recently paid by leaders of both the countries opened the door of friendship and fraternity more widely for the people of the two countries. The bonds of fraternity between the two countries were strengthened by the remarkable visit of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan to Bangladesh in 1984, which resulted in the formation of a joint committee for bilateral cooperation in economic, social and cul-

tural fields. The private sector in the two countries has also played an effective role in cementing bilateral relations between UAE and Bangladesh through investment in various development sectors. We also appreciate the role and contribution of Bangladeshi nationals working in the UAE in development sector and wish them a happy stay with their brothers in the UAE.

We pray to Almighty Allah for continued progress and prosperity of Bangladesh and its people, and do hope that the existing bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries will strengthen further in the days to come.

Wa Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu



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