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During the first half of the current year, the Sharjah Finance Department has honoured the Sharjah Ports, Customs and the Free Zones (SPCFZA) with several awards including the honouring received by SPCFZA from His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Crown Prince and Ruler of Sharjah when it won "Sharjah Award in Public Finance-strategic Partner Category", 5 Awards in the Fifth Round of the Finance Excellence Performance Award and the Excellence Partners Trophy for Implementing «Tahseel» Smart Receipt System.

The awards reveal the commitments and obligations of the authority towards the criteria designed by the awarding party and reflect the high performance and achievements in field of finance control, performance and management.

Great successes recorded by Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in many fields which add to its performance record and strengthen its role in the economic development in the Emirate of Sharjah.

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## Sharjah



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### **Sharjah Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler**

Honours Sharajah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority

His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, and Chairman of the Executive Council, has honored the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in recognition of its partnership and sponsorship of the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services throughout the 2023-2022 academic year.

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, received the honor, affirming the authority's steadfast commitment to continuously supporting and sponsoring the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services, thereby enhancing its ability to fulfill its humanitarian endeavors.

The honouring ceremony of sponsors and partners of Sharjah City of Humanitarian Services was held in Al Barajil Hall of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 17th May 2023.



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## **Sharjah Crown Prince**

**Honours "SPCFZA" For** 

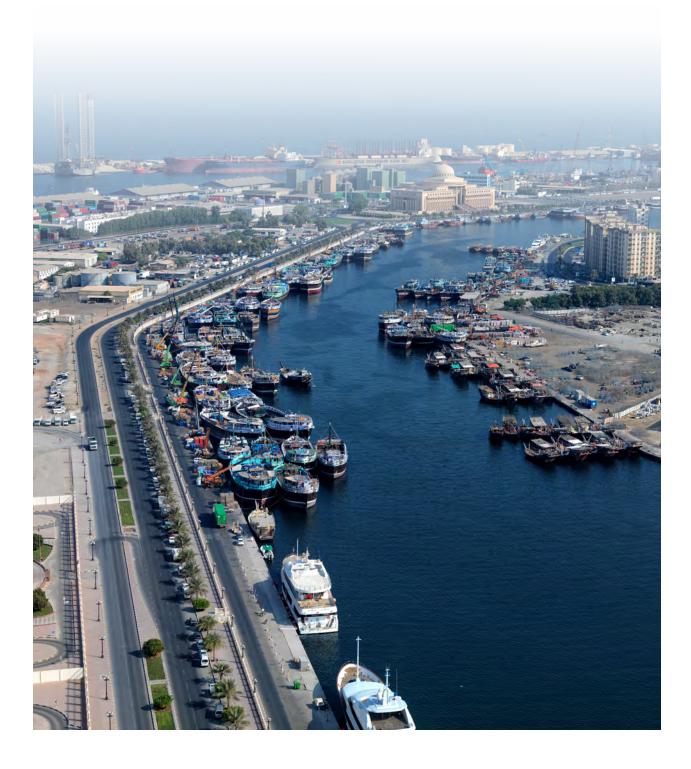
### "Sharjah Award in Public Finance"

His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed bin Sultan Al Qasimi Crown Prince, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and Chairman of the Sharjah Executive Council, honored on 8th May 2023 the winners of the second edition of the "Sharjah Award in Public Finance" at the Culture Palace in Sharjah. Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) won the category Strategic Partner of the award. The award was received by Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Authority in the presence of Salem Yousif Al Qasser, Chairman of Board of Trustees of Sharjah Award in Public Finance.

The Authority expressed its appreciation for this honor, commending the award's role in promoting and enabling government agencies to effectively implement financial and accounting management functions while keeping pace with the best international practices in managing government finances and the general budget.

The Sharjah Award in Public Finance was established in 2016, to promote a culture of excellence and development of administrative thought and to give a

single identity to various government agencies titled "Efficiency and Excellence". The Award is based on a vision that it is a leading and Arab award in the field of public finance. Its mission is to promote and disseminate the culture of quality and excellence as an approach to developing and improving the performance of Arab financial institutions, through adoption standards of excellence in the award, exchange of expertise and best practices and experiences in financial management.





# Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zone Authority Wins 5 Awards in the Fifth Round of the Finance Excellenc Performance Award

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority earned five awards of the Financial Performance Excellence (FEP) Award, organized by the Sharjah Finance Department(SFD). This was announced at a ceremony held to celebrate the winners of the fifth round of FEP Award on February 9th 2023 at Al Qasimia University Theater.

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, received from Sheikh Mohammed bin Saud Al Qasimi, Chairman of SFD, five finance excellence awards from which three went to Sharjah International Airport Free Zone, being awards of; Leading Independent Entity in Auditing, Leading Independent Entity in Finance Innovation and Leading Independent Entity in Application of Budget standards.

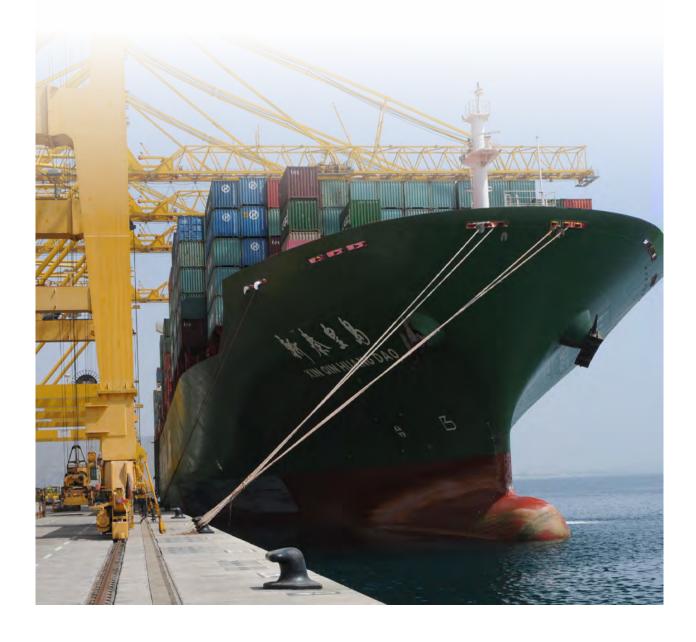
Hamriyah Free Zone was awarded the Leading Independent Entity in Financial Performance Award and Sharjah Ports was awarded the Leading Independent Entity in Excellence for Standards in Revenue Category.

Amnah Al Mazimi (from Sharjah Ports) was awarded

the distinguished comprehensive employee in the independent entities category.

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority and HE Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Chairman of Hamriyah Free Zone and Chairman of Sharjah International Airport Free Zone attended the ceremony.

The award aims at promoting a culture of excellence in government financial performance. It follows the requirements of the Sharjah government in developing the financial system and honouring distinguished institutions and individuals within finance in governmental, independent, and Emiri agencies for their efforts in improving resource management and preserving public funds.







**During His Inspection Visit to 9 Customs Centres,** 

# Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs Awards Staff for Their Performances

HE Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs - Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority- made an inspection visit to 9 Customs Centres in the Emirate of Sharjah. His Excellency started his inspection tour from Hamriyah Customs Centre and then to SAIF Zone Customs Centre, Post Office Customs Centre, Sharjah Creek Customs Centre, Sharjah Airport Customs Centre, Air Cargo Customs Centre, Container Customs Centre and finally Khorfakkan Customs Centre.

His tour witnessed meetings with the directors of these customs centres. The Director of Ports and

Customs awarded 44 staffs (most of them Customs Officers) with appreciation Certificates for their awareness, loyalty and for being role models to be followed by their colleagues. He thanked them and praised their outstanding performances.

He also inspected customs facilities at the customs centres and port facilities at Hamriyah Port and Khorfakkan Port.







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# **60 KgS** of Smuggled Drugs **Seized at Port Khalid**

Customs Inspectors in Port Khalid foiled smuggling attempts of 60.216 Kgs of drugs and 14,378 tablets of other drug substances within nine seizure operations during the first third of the year.

The smugglers attempted to bring into the country narcotics by various ways, including being hidden inside reefer containers and suitcases but all their attempts failed.

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority declared that it will spare no effort to deter such offences. Moreover, it will continue strengthening efforts to foil all smuggling attempts, especially drug smuggling operations through all ports in Emirate of Sharjah and that it will maintain the national course of safeguarding the security and safety of the community which leads to prosperous national economy.

Commenting on the drug seizure operations, Salem Abdullah Majid Al Zomor, Director of Port Khalid Customs

Centre said: "The great care shown by Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zone Authority over Customs sector, using modern scanning devices and latest technologies and holding training sessions for the customs staff throughout the year have a pivotal impact on improving customs performance and maintaining the fluency of cargo and passengers' movement via the ports of Sharjah Emirate, particularly Port Khalid."

It is noteworthy that Customs inspectors in Khalid Port are dealing with a various types of maritime cargo shipping, including containers, general cargo, reefer containers, agricultural products, live animals, liquid bulk cargo, dry bulk cargo, vehicles, heavy equipment as well as passengers and tourists through the terminal.



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**The Second Meeting Between** 

## **SPCFZA** and **Sharjah** Police

As a part of the joint cooperation with Sharjah Police, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) hosted the second coordination meeting between the two parties.

During the meeting several topics were discussed including strengthening cooperation in the fields related to Land, Sea and Air Ports; establishing solutions for security, reinforcing security systems and developing the quality of services provided through the Ports in the Emirate of Sharjah.

Several directors and officials from both entities attended the meeting at the headquarters of SPCFZA.







# Sharjah Customs Wins Excellence Partners Trophy for Implementing «Tahseel» Smart Receipt System

Sharjah Customs Team has been awarded the Excellence Partners Trophy in recognition of its outstanding efforts in implementing the «Tahseel» Smart Receipt System.

In a ceremony attended by Huda Al Yasi, Director of Financial System Department in Sharjah Finance Department (SFD), Mai Sahooh, Director of the Accounts Department, SFD, and Baan Saati, Executive Director of «Tahseel», the honor was received by Khalid Khalifa Sultan Al Nabooda, Director of the Information Technology Department, and Dr. Nadia Musa, Head of Financial Control and Revenue Department.

The event took place in the meeting room of Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority, bringing together officials from the Sharjah Finance Department, Sharjah Customs, and «Tahseel» company.





# Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Honours a Number of Distinguished Staff of its Strategic Partners

Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority has honored several employees from its strategic partners.
Salem Abdullah Majid Al Zomor,
Director of Khalid Port Customs Center,
presented certificates of appreciation to Hind Marzouq Abdullah Al Matrooshi from the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, Dr. Najeeb Mustafa Mohammed from the Ministry of Health and Prevention, and Abdulrahman Mohammed Al-Zaini from Sharjah Municipality.

The honouring was in recognition of their professionalism and performance, as well as their effective contribution to cooperation with Khalid Port Customs Centre in the field of customs control.

Al Zomor expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the authority's partners and their continuous cooperation. This cooperation is essential in achieving the highest levels of control over products imported into the country through the Khalid Port customs port. He described this cooperation as strategic and beneficial, particularly in verifying the safety of agricultural products, animals, live animals, food products, and media materials entering the port.

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## Training Courses

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority organized several training courses in which many customs inspectors participated. It is aimed by these training courses to improve skills of staff in field of Customs Control which might reflect positively on their performance including the following courses:

#### Training Courses



### Drug Smuggling and Detection

Within the cooperation of its key partner Sharjah Police Academy, Sharjah Customs organized a training session on "drug smuggling and detection".

The Session highlighted methods, challenges and solutions for drug smuggling and detection. It was held at the meeting room of the Civil Aviation Centre and lasted for four days (06-09 March 2023) with the participation of many inspectors from Sharjah Customs.





### **Vehicle Inspection Methods**

Sharjah Customs also held a training course on "vehicle inspection methods" for a number of Sharjah Customs Inspectors.

It was conducted in two phases, the first took place at the Container Customs Centre from 23 to 25 May 2023 and the second was held at Khatm Melaha Customs Centre from May 30 till Jun 1st 2023.

The trainees have attended many lessons on managing vehicle inspection methods.



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OUR SEAPORTS

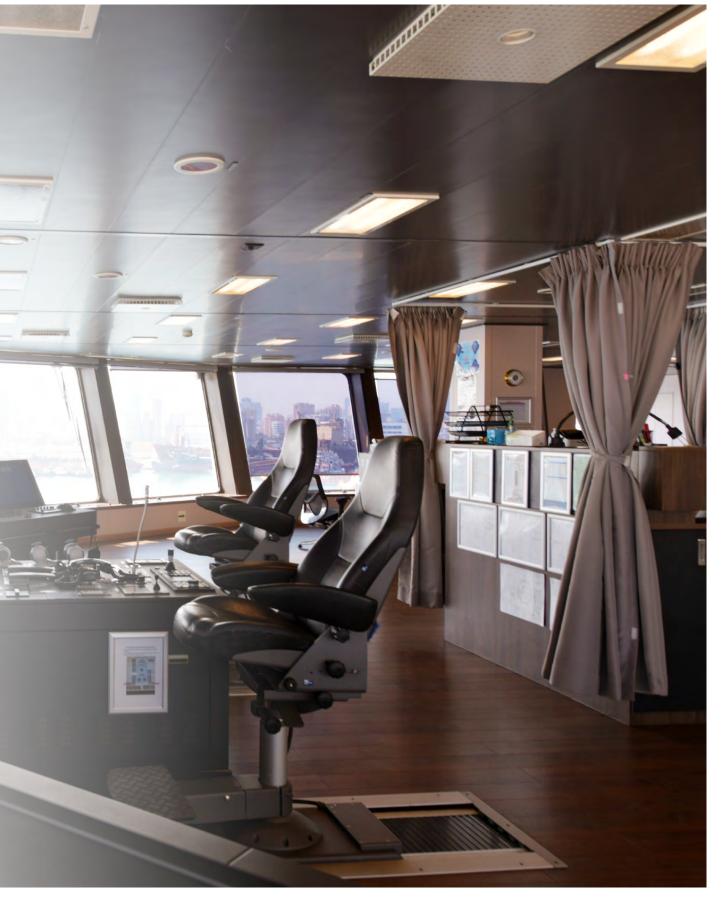
## "EVEREST" at Port Khalid

The Multi-Purpose Ice Class Construction Vessel "Everest" arrived at Khalid Port on the 14th of April 2023 for the first time in a routine visit. Managed by Maritime Construction Services B.V. Amsterdam, "Everest" is operating in the Arctic and the Antarctic as a research vessel, and capable of handling the severest Arctic conditions.

With helideck, several crane, air diving systems, speed up to 15 knots, the MPV Everest is designed to meet the specific requirement for ice navigation and management/sailing astern, diving support, subsea construction, repair, lifting and installation, firefighting service, towing and response of emergency oil spill service.

The vessel is 145 meters in length, 30 meters beam, dead weight 7277 and NRT 6582 and sailing under the flag of Bahamas

The operating Company, Maritime Construction Services chose Port Khalid as their mobilization base because of the availability of all associated services and ease of conducting business.



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# Container Customs Centre Hosts Student of "Taryam American Private School"

Over a period of two weeks, Container Customs Centre hosted Students from "Taryam American Private School".

Male students were hosted in the first week which began on March 6 2023, while female students were hosted in the second week. The staff of the customs centre acquainted the students with functions of the departments including customs inspection and clearance departments.

The hosting comes within the course of cooperation of the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones with educational institutions in the Emirate of Sharjah to acknowledge the role of Sharjah Customs in supporting the national economy of the Emirate and to increase the student's awareness about the vital role of the customs in protecting the community.

