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Editorial

The Sharjah Ports Customs and Free Zones Authority practices several roles aiming at enhancement of the services by promoting e-services, decreasing processing time of formalities and broadening specialized and customized training sessions for all functional competencies.

The Authority is keeping on its keenness to strengthen technical capacities, reinforcing its infrastructure for both of its ports and customs sectors and adopting technical solutions including truck tracking technologies via land ports of Sharjah, among other things.

The approach of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority in affording prompt customs services, trade facilitation, consumer protection and standing strong against smuggling attempts are indeed right visions, all of which streaming in serving our homeland and its prosperity.

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Opens Jewels of Emirates Show

Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, inaugurated the 5th session of the Jewels of Emirates Exhibition.

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The show, was organized by Expo Centre Sharjah with the support of Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry(SCCI) and the presence of Abdullah Sultan Al Owais, Chairman of the SCCI; Saif Mohammad Al Midfa, CEO of Expo Center Sharjah; several members of SCCI's Board of Directors and Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Director of Hamriyah Free Zone and Sharjah International Airport Free Zone. The fair displayed a remarkable collection of rare and exquisite jewellery pieces including diamond, gold, and silver sets, as well as gemstones, pearls, and luxury watches. This edition featured over 500 renowned local and international brands and more than 144 exhibitors, marking a 40% increase from the previous edition.







Director of Sharjah Ports and Customs Inspects Khorfakkan Customs Centre and Port

H.E. Mohammed Meer Abdul Rahman Al Sarrah, Director of Ports and Customs - Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority- made an inspection visit to Khorfakkan Customs Centre and Port.

His Excellency started his inspection tour by visiting Khorfakkan Customs Centre. He met with Mr. Adnan Al Kassar, Director of The Customs Centre.

His tour was concluded by visiting and inspecting the Port of Khorfaakan where he was accompanied by Al Kassar and Mr. Tareq Al Humadi, Director of Security Department of Khorfaskkan Port.







Sharjah Airport Customs-Inspectors Recognised

In an acknowledgment to their spirit of teamwork, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority honoured several inspectors at the Passengers Customs Centre at Sharjah International Airport.

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The honoured customs inspectors showed a great sense of commitment by ensuring the seamless operation of their duties despite the challenging and exceptional weather conditions experienced during the Al Hadeer (Arabic for roaring) rainstorm that the country had experienced in April 2024.

Sultan Obaid Muhair BalRasheed, Acting Assistant Director of the Passenger Customs Center, presented the inspectors with certificates of appreciation for their exceptional efforts and valuable contributions to maintaining operations during that period.









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Foundation Course for Customs Inspectors

On Jun 06 2024 The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) concluded the foundation Course for Sharjah Customs inspectors. Organized in collaboration with the Sharjah Police Science Academy, a key strategic partner to the SPCFZA, the course attracted participation from over 25 customs inspectors, all of them newly joined officers from across customs centers in the Emirate of Sharjah. The two weeks course took place in the Academy>s halls. It included a series of lectures delivered by a team of experienced police officers, focusing on customs laws and their practical application in the realm of customs inspection.

The course also featured a practical session at the Container Customs Centre, aimed at training customs inspectors in manual and technologically advanced inspection methods, such as using scanning machines for containers and other goods. The program also covered the operations room's tracking and monitoring systems for shipments on trucks, complemented by hands-on exercises.







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ICP Honours Sharjah Customs Inspectors



الهيئة الاتحادية للهوية والجنسية والجمارك وأمن المناهذ FEDERAL AUTHORITY FOR IDENTITY, CITIZENSHIP, CUSTOMS & PORT SECURITY The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security (ICP) represented by the General Administration of Customs honoured several customs inspectors from the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority.

His Excellency Ahmed Abdullah Bin Lahej Al Falasi, Director General of the Federal Customs (ICP) honoured 31 inspectors from Sharjah Customs in presence of H.E. Alia Al Marmoom, Executive Director of Customs Affairs and Muteb Al Bannai, Director of Customs Inspection Department Director.

Al Falasi said that the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security appreciates the commitment of all staffs of the local customs departments in controlling movement of goods and passengers through customs ports, thus enhancing the safety and security of the community and maintaining its stability. He added that the honouring of the Sharjah inspectors is also to acknowledge their key role in customs related activities and encouraging them for more efforts in performing customs tasks and protecting the community from the drawbacks of smuggling.

Mr. Salem Majid Al Zomar, Director of Port Khalid Customs Center attended the appreciation ceremony.



The Organisational Committee of Ports and Border Points in the Emirate of Sharjah Holds its Sixth Meeting for the year 2024

The Organisational Committee of Ports and Border Points in the Emirate of Sharjah recently held its sixth periodic meeting for the year 2024 in the city of Dibba Al-Hisn.

The meeting reviewed the workflow progress of the infrastructure development project at the Khatm Milaha Border Point, which is carried out by the Roads and Transport Authority of the Government of Sharjah. The Committee also discussed the work procedures and tasks undertaken by various ports and border points in the Emirate, in collaboration with relevant authorities, to manage the flow of inbound and outbound travellers during the Eid al-Adha holidays.

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Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority Organized Customs Intelligences Training Course

In its efforts to enhance staff performances, the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority conducted a three days training session entitled Customs intelligence for the period from 20 to 22 Feb 2024.

Several customs inspectors from various customs centres in the Emirate of Sharjah participated in this training course.

The training course was aiming at expanding the Knowledge base of customs inspectors in field of combating smuggling attempts.





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The Regulatory Committee for Ports and Border Points, which operates under the Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority, recognized its employees who were recipients of the «Deem Award for Excellence Performance» during the ceremony of its second session. The objective of the event was to celebrate the achievements of the employees, encourage their abilities, and enhance their performance efficiency. The ceremony, which also witnessed the recognition of the committee>s strategic partners, was held at the Al Hefaiyah Mountain Conservation Centre for the Conservation of the Mountainous Environment in Kalba. The award was named «Deem» in recognition of the summit of Mount Deem in Kalba, which was named by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah. It is regarded as one of the most promising tourist destinations in Sharjah and the UAE.

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The honouring ceremony was attended by Mohammed Ibrahim AI Raisi, Director of Ports and Border Points Affairs, and Head of the Regulatory Committee for Ports and Border Points in Sharjah; Adnan Al Nuaimi, Vice Chairman of the Committee, and Director of the East Coast Office of the General Administration of Ports Security; Colonel Walid Mohammed Al Nahm, Head of the External Ports Police Department at Sharjah Police; Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Saeed Al Afari, Commander of the Northern Sector in the Border Guard Group; Abdulrahman Al Kindi, Assistant Director of the Khatm Milaha Customs Center, as well as a group of officers, employees, and representatives of strategic partners.

The recognition included the distinguished employees of 2023 who achieved the highest results in performance indicators, employees with qualitative seizures, and the special honour category, which included employees of the operational agencies in the ports. The latter were recognized for their effective and sustainable initiatives and efforts that had a positive impact on the committee>s work. The strategic partners were also recognized for their vital role and outstanding efforts in achieving the common objectives of the committee>s work.

During the ceremony, Al Raisi delivered a speech in which he conveyed the greetings of Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Sharjah Ports, Customs, and Free Zones Authority. He also expressed his gratitude to all entities operating in the ports and border points sector, in addition to all employees who contributed to the committee>s accomplishments in 2023. This period witnessed a significant increase in



operational indicators, such as a 25% growth in the number of passengers arriving and departing through ports and border points in Sharjah, as well as facilitating the movement of intra-regional trade.

Al Raisi praised the efforts of all employees, their spirit of teamwork, and their contribution to achieving national work objectives. He praised their dedication and excellence in customs, security, and support work, as they are the nation>s impregnable bulwark. He acknowledged their efforts in serving passers-by and facilitating procedures based on modern technologies and employing them in this regard.

The Khatm Milaha port security team was also recognized in this ceremony. Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Tariq Nasib Al Belushi from the Sharjah Police General Command, Abdul Rahman Abdullah Al Kindi from the Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority, and Khaled Karam Al Kaabi from the General Administration of Ports Security were honoured for their notable efforts in preparing the security plan for the port and obtaining accreditation as the first land port in the country.



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SPCFZA Participates in Seamless Middle East 2024

The Sharjah Ports, Customs and Free Zones Authority (SPCFZA) participated in Seamless Middle East 2024 Conference and Exhibition. The SPCFZA showcased efforts in terms of developing businesses, digital services and infrastructures for Sharjah emirate's seaports, customs centers, ports and border points. The participation came in collaboration with Hamriyah Free Zone and Gulftainer, the regional operators of container terminals (including Sharjah and Khorfakkan Container Terminals, ports and provider of logistic solutions and supply chains). They also showcased their services, infrastructures, business incentives and customs facilitations afforded to the investors.

The Conference and Exhibition of digital - economy technologies of Seamless Middle East 2024, which was held at Dubai Trade Center during the period of 14th -16th May 2024 has provided a unique platform for businessmen, innovative persons and key entities to draw aspects of the future of the digital commerce.



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