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Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (Dewa)'s Research and Development (R&D) Centre at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park, received 16 high-level international delegations in Q1 of 2022.

The delegations visited the R&D Centre to learn about its efforts in energy, water, green hydrogen, smart grid, space technologies, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution applications.

The official delegations that visited the R&D Centre included Hage Geingob, President of Namibia and Namibia's First Lady, as well as several ministers in Namibia; Sarah Al Amiri, UAE Minister of State for Public Education and Advanced Technology; Antonio López-Istúriz White, President of the UAE-EU Parliamentary Friendship Group at the European Parliament; Grace Fu, Minister of Sustainability and Environment in Singapore along with Kamal R Vaswani, Ambassador of Singapore to the UAE and a high-level delegation from Singapore; Patricia de Lille, Minister of Public Works & Infrastructure in South Africa and officials from South Africa; Jose Luis Acero, Vice Minister of Water and

Sanitation in Colombia; delegations from the Korea Basic Science Institute (KBSI); the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Khalifa University in the UAE; and the state of Bavaria in Germany, among others.

Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, MD and CEO of Dewa, welcomed the visits by the official delegations to the R&D Centre.

He emphasised Dewa's commitment to exchanging expertise in research and development with ministries and organisations worldwide in renewable and clean energy, water, environmental sustainability, and other areas of common interest.

"Through the R&D Centre, Dewa develops the disruptive technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution to provide world-class services to enhance the quality of life in Dubai as well as develop the research and development sector in the UAE and support it with qualified Emiratis. We also aim to support the scientific community in the UAE and the world by spreading knowledge and nurturing Emirati talents, as well as enhance Dewa's position

at the forefront of utilities worldwide. The R&D Centre, through its pioneering projects and qualitative partnerships and innovations, supports DEWA's vision to become a globally leading sustainable innovative corporation," added Al Tayer.

Waleed Bin Salman, Executive Vice President of Business Development and Excellence at Dewa, said that the R&D Centre focuses on four major operational areas: electricity generation from solar and clean energy, integration of smart grids, energy efficiency, and water.

Its internal labs study and test system reliability, and it carries out external field testing of new technologies and equipment, including the performance and reliability of solar photovoltaic panels and removing dust.

Meanwhile, Dewa has started receiving applications from exhibitors, companies and visitors to reserve their stands and participate in the 24th Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) and Dubai Solar Show (DSS). The events are being held under the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid

Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai; and the patronage of Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, from 27th to 29th September 2022 at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

The annual exhibition, which is the largest of its kind in regionally and globally, witnesses major participation from regional and global companies to promote their products and services in the fields of energy, water, sustainability, green technologies, renewable and clean energy, conservation, green buildings, electric vehicles and other vital sectors.

Al Tayer noted that WETEX & DSS provide an ideal platform for signing deals and creating partnerships between local and international companies. It also enables decision-makers and investors worldwide to meet, sign deals and build partnerships, and learn about market needs, future projects, and opportunities to join renewable or clean energy projects in the UAE.

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Significant moments for graduates

DUBAI: The English Language Private School celebrated the graduation of A level batch of 2022 recently with great pomp and show.

It was indeed a significant moment for graduates to come together and celebrate their lofty achievements. Elated and joyous parents made the evening even more memorable with their positive involvement.

The event was organised at Pakistan Auditorium in Pakistan Association Dubai and was graced by the presence of Consul General of Pakistan, Hassan Afzal Khan as the chief guest.

The event was also honoured by the board of governors Hassan Ibrahim Hokai, Muhammad Rashid Ashraf, Bilal Ahsan, Ahmed Geddy and Masroor Ahmed.

The opening of the ceremony was followed by recitation and translation of the Holy Quran. The batch of 56 graduates was awarded certificates and plaques by the distinguished guests. High achievers were presented with appreciation certificates by the chief guest. Friends and families watched and applauded as the graduates walked on the stage to receive their certificates. It was truly a moment of great pride for the parents who have supported them throughout this journey!

The valedictorians Sahar Farooq and Syed Nashit Jamil took the audience through an emotional journey as they shared their experiences and memories. The auditorium erupted with laughter as Mohammad Yahya Bhoja, president of the student council and Momin Hassan, another member of the student council shared their past experiences. Moreover,



the graduates were filled with enthusiasm and motivation as the high achiever of the graduating batch Syed Mohammed Rayyan Akhtar delivered his speech.

The message of perseverance, determination and diligence was given by Hassan Afzal Khan. Member of the board of governors Ahmed Geddy encouraged and motivated the graduates to set their goals high and aim for excellence.

Students pose for a group photo at the graduation ceremony in Dubai.

Mohammed Atif, the Acting Principal extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests, read out the message sent by the Founding Chairman, Musarrat Hussain; and gave a bird

eye view of the splendid achievements of the students and the laurels that they had brought to the school. He motivated and advised graduates, believe in your dreams strongly and passionately. Always be ready to climb the lofty mountains, follow every rainbow or stream till you fulfil your aspiring dreams.

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Drive for road safety intensified in Dubai

DUBAI: The General Directorate of Traffic at Dubai Police has recently concluded a traffic awareness course on traffic safety, in which 50 drivers of Dubai Taxi Corporation took part.

The awareness course was organised by the Traffic Institute Department in cooperation with the International Centre for Security and Safety at the Dubai Police Academy.

Colonel Jumaa Salem Bin Suwaidan, Acting Director of the General Directorate of Traffic at Dubai Police, emphasised the need to educate all segments of society on traffic rules and regulations to raise the level of compliance with road traffic regulations among drivers.

"During the course, drivers were briefed on the significance of adhering to traffic safety rules to avoid accidents and reduce road fatalities. They also learned about the legal liabilities upon violating traffic laws and proper procedures to follow", Col. Bin Suwaidan added.

He also explained that the awareness course discussed several topics, including vehicle safety procedures and regulations, overtaking on the road shoulder, wrong parking, traffic signs and the lack of keeping a safe distance between vehicles.

Separately, the Sharjah Police General Command, represented by the Traffic and Patrols Department, recently launched a traffic awareness campaign, entitled "Traffic Safety for Electric Bicycle Users", which lasted for a month, starting from the beginning of this May, as an embodiment of the vision of Sharjah Police in line with the Ministry of Interior's strategy to make roads safer.

Lt. Col. Muhammad Allay Al Naqbi, Director of the Traffic and Patrols Department at Sharjah Police, indicated that the campaign, which was launched, aims to educate members of the public about the importance of adhering to traffic rules while using personal means of transportation such as electric bicycles, and adhering to the advice and instructions that guarantee their safety and the safety of their lives and properties.

Pointing out that the campaign published awareness designs and instructions in several languages, including Arabic, English and Urdu, through the social networking sites of the Sharjah Police General Command, as well as a number of print, audio, visual and smart media.

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Relations between UAE, Spain, Israel grow stronger

MADRID: The UAE Embassy in the Kingdom of Spain has organised the "Madrid and the New Middle East" conference, which focused on economic and investment diversity in the UAE.

The event saw the participation of Majid Al Suwaidi, UAE Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and Isabel Diaz Ayuso, President of the Community of Madrid. José Luis Martínez-Almeida, Mayor of Madrid, and Rodica Radian Gordon, Ambassador of Israel to Spain, were also present along with a number of business professionals from the UAE and Spain.

In his speech during the conference, Al Suwaidi reviewed the UAE's strategies to achieve economic diversification, which have increased

the contribution of non-oil sectors to the national economy, such as manufacturing, aviation, tourism, banking, trade, real estate, services and alternative energy projects.

Al Suwaidi said that the UAE Government is taking steady steps to promote the contribution of these sectors to the national economy, and the economic and commercial partnerships that the UAE enjoys with key global investment entities play an important role in attracting foreign investment.

For her part, Isabel Diaz Ayuso emphasised the importance of positioning Madrid as a leading economic hub, while pledging to continue to cooperate on initiatives related to digitalisation,

cybersecurity and entrepreneurship. She praised the continuous development in relations between the UAE, Spain and Israel, which is reflected in the steady increase in trade exchange between the three countries in recent years.

For her part, Rodica Radian Gordon praised the signing of the Abraham Accords, commending the Accords' significant impact on achieving stability in the region, stressing that this progress has become tangible in many memoranda of understanding signed by the UAE and Israel in various fields, especially in the economic, commercial and investment areas.

She referred to the possibility of benefiting from the distinguished relations that bring

together the UAE, Spain and Israel to boost cooperation in the fields of investment and political engagement.

José Luis Martínez-Almeida highlighted the significance of these events in exploring additional cooperation at the economic and investment levels.

For his part, Gerardo Seeliger, President of Madrid Open City, hailed the UAE's leading position in the global economy, as it is a promising economic and investment environment capable of advancing economic growth as a result of national strategies to encourage and attract global investments.

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