

# Khalifa hails Mohammed on winning award

ABU DHABI — The President, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, has congratulated His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on his selection as the Cultural Personality of the Year for the 9th edition of the Shaikh Zayed Book Award.

Shaikh Khalifa said: "The naming of Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid as a cultural personality by this huge symbolic award which bears the name of late Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, is a deserved honour. Who else deserves this honour

than my brother and life mate, whom I, the UAE citizens and the Arab and Islamic nation owe him so much because of the development, humanitarian and cultural achievements as well as their impact across the world."

"Honouring of Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid is an honour for the founding fathers of the country, since he is the best person who carried on their legacy and completed their march wisely. He also led the march of progress and development with ambition, hope and determination with the will that does not know what is impossible. Here is our country, un-

der his chairmanship of the UAE Government, developing in various domains year after year, and moving steadily towards achieving its vision 'The UAE Vision 2021'," Shaikh Khalifa added.

## **Mohammed bin Zayed congratulates VP**

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, also congratulated Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid on his selection as the Cultural Personality of the Year. — *Wam*