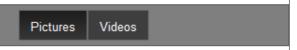
Mohamed bin Zayed congratulates Mohammed bin Rashid on his selection as Cultural Personality of the Year by Zayed Boo Award

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ABU DHABI, 15th April, 2015 (WAM) -- His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan,



Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, has congratulated Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum on his selection as the Cultural Personality of the Year by the Sheikh Zayed Book Award in its ninth session.

The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi said, "The naming of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid as the Cultural Personality of the Year by the Award is a tribute to the vision of a leader keen to record the name of the UAE in the golden annals of history, and to strengthen the country's position on the world stage. He has won one success after another, and one achievement after another in various development, knowledge, culture and other fields."

He added, "It is a tribute to the leader of a unique calibre who exerted his efforts to complete the process of development, and continues to build the state. He achieved the development, built the bridges of communication and optimism in line with the course set by President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan."

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed said that the UAE Vice President has acquired inspirational and model development and cultural experiences that took the UAE to new heights of progress, development, and civilisation. He added that his developmental and typical cultural experience have shown the world the possibility of coexistence of cultures and diversity along with tolerance, love and peace for the welfare of humanity.

He continued, "I congratulate my brother, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid on this honour," noting that his excellent initiatives complement the development process outlined by the late leaders, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum.

Sheikh Mohamed concluded, "I am pleased to take this opportunity to greet Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid: we are moving forward together with the loyal people of the UAE, propelled by your positive and inexhaustible energy in the areas of innovation, creativity, excellence, and armed with science and knowledge to elevate the nation and enhance the dignity of citizens and humanity everywhere."

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