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His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, stressed that the UAE, under the leadership of President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, provides great support for culture, literature, science and knowledge, placing them among its priorities, while encouraging authors and cultured people from Arab countries and all over the world.

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This was said during His Highness's reception on Monday at the Al Bahr Palace of the winners of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award, most notably the Moroccan historian and intellectual, Dr. Abdallah Laroui, the 11th Cultural Personality of the Year 2016-2017, as well as the winners of the Prince of Poets competition, the judging panel, publishers, organisers of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair and the Chinese delegation as the fair's guest of honour, while accompanied by Faris



His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, poses for a photograph with participants of the Sheikh Zayed Book Awards, during a Sea Palace barza on Monday —WAM

Khalaf Al Mazrouel, Chairman of the Committee for Festivals and Cultural and Heritage Programmes (CFCHP); Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority, and Dr. Ali bin Tamim, Secretary-General of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award.

His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan congratulated the winners of the 11th Sheikh Zayed Book Award and the Prince of Poets competition, expressing his happiness for the cultural, intellectual and literary elite and his appreciation for their role in strengthening the cultural and knowledge scene in the community through their intellect and creativity, for which they deserved this honour. His

Highness also thanked the judging panel for their significant efforts in the judging process.

His Highness stressed that culture and intellect were, and will continue to be, the primary standard for measuring the advancement of nations and their civilisation, and the extent of their ability to develop and advance.

He added that the UAE's wise leadership considers knowledge as part and parcel of the nation's civilised and historic heritage and its development process. He added that culture and intellect are also key to educating the human who is aware and capable of serving his nation, open to others and capable of spreading the values of tolerance, peace and coexis-

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His Highness greeted all the guests of the Abu Dhabi Book Fair, notably the cultured, writers and publishers from different countries of the world, especially the delegation representing China, which is the guest of honour for 2017. China provided Arab readers with the opportunity, through their great and remarkable presence in the fair, to become familiar with their country's rich creativity and intellect that has a known civilised history, connecting them with historical ties of friendship.

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