Winners of 'MBR Medal for Scientific Excellence' Honoured

Ten winners received the highest Emirati scientific honour recently when they were each awarded the Mohammed bin Rashid Medal for Scientific Excellence.

Vice President, Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum presented the medals to the winners in the presence of Crown Prince of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and Deputy Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

The winners were selected from a pool of 200 scientists who were nominated for the second edition of the Mohammed bin Rashid Medal for Scientific Excellence, which seeks to recognise outstanding scientists and researchers for their achievements and contributions in various fields.

The award ceremony took place on the sideline of the second annual meeting of the Mohammed bin Rashid Academy of Scientists, which attracted more than 150 scientists and researchers from throughout the world.

Winners included Dr Lihadh Ibrahim Al-Gazali, Senior Consultant in Clinical Genetics and Pediatrics at the United Arab Emirates University, and Dr Ali Almansoori, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Khalifa University, while Omar Yaghi, Founding Director of Berkeley Global Science Institute, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his scientific works.

The award ceremony was also attended by the Chairman of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority and Chairman of Emirates Group, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Minister of Cabinet Affairs and The Future, His Excellency Mohammad bin Abdullah Al Gergawi, and Minister of State for Advanced Sciences Sarah bint Youssef Al Amiri, also attended the event.

The second annual meeting of the Mohammed bin Rashid Academy of Scientists included several workshops that brought together experts in various fields to explore the challenges facing the scientific community, and to proactively propose solutions to overcome them.

Members of the Mohammed bin Rashid Academy of Scientists are experts in a wide range of disciplines, including medicine, electronic engineering, chemical engineering, genomics, mechanical engineering, aviation engineering, physics, artificial intelligence, cyber security, materials science, food security, water technology, biology and genetics, and neurology, among many other scientific fields. ⸙

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Zayed Sustainability Prize Winners Praised

By identifying work across sectors that are cornerstones of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Zayed Sustainability Prize presents "an unparalleled global platform for ideas that have the power to benefit humankind and our planet".

That was the message from His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, when he presented awards to the 10 winners of the 2019 Zayed Sustainability Prize recently.

In the presence of Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed congratulated the winners and praised their efforts and valuable contribution to supporting sustainable development. He encouraged them to keep up the good work to find innovative and sustainable solutions to address current and future global challenges.

He also praised their creative ideas and efforts that have contributed to the economic and social development of their countries and regions.

The awards, presented during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, recognised the winners' efforts across the health, food, energy, water and global high schools sectors.

The prize honours leaders whose work and spirit of enterprise has resulted in working solutions across communities around the world. The global high schools category seeks to inspire young minds and encourage entries based on concepts or proposed projects that can be implement with the award's prize money. ↱

Progress Report on Dubai Future Foundation Projects

Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum visited the Dubai Future Foundation recently, where he was briefed on the development of the foundation's various projects.

HH Sheikh Mohammed toured AREA 2071, which is designed as a collaborative innovation hub to bring together individuals and organisations to form a creative community focused on solving important human challenges at scale. AREA 2071 is considered a physical manifestation of the UAE Centennial Plan that aims to make the UAE the world's leading nation by 2071.

HH Sheikh Mohammed was briefed on the progress of other initiatives, including Dubai 10X, Dubai Future Accelerators, Dubai Future Academy and One Million Arab Coders, among others. He also inspected construction

progress on the Museum of the Future, which is set to open in 2020.

Accompanying HH Sheikh Mohammed on his tour were HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Dubai Crown Prince and Chairman of the Executive Council and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Dubai Future Foundation, plus a number of other dignitaries. ↱