

# UAE President welcomes winners of second edition of Nafis Award

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President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan today received at Qasr Al Bahr the ten winners of the second edition of the Nafis Award in the individuals' category for 2023-2024. The ceremony was attended by His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Presidential Court, and Chairman of the Emirati Talent Competitiveness Council (ETCC).

His Highness congratulated the winners, wishing them continued success in their distinguished careers. He expressed his appreciation for the efforts of partners in supporting the goals of the Emirati Talent Competitiveness Council and the UAE's vision for Emiratisation targets in the private sector.

His Highness engaged in discussions with the winners, listening to their experiences and success stories in the private sector, as well as their achievements and initiatives that qualified them for the award.

His Highness the President emphasised the UAE leadership's commitment to encouraging national talents to continue excelling in the private sector across various fields and professional specialisations to enhance their role in this crucial sector and contribute to the UAE's sustainable economic development. His Highness also highlighted the importance of private institutions in promoting Emirati talent participation and fostering a culture of excellence and competition in the labour market, acknowledging their efforts in supporting the leadership's initiatives on Emiratisation.

His Highness stated that the roles of the public and private sectors are complementary, with the private sector serving as a vital contributor to the national economy and a key partner in achieving the ambitious developmental vision of the country while advancing its economic system.

Ghannam Butti Al Mazrouei, Secretary-General of the Emirati Talent Competitiveness Council, presented an overview of various council programmes and projects in the presence of several council officials. This included the Nafis Award, its categories, evaluation stages, and the selection of winners in both the individuals and companies categories for the second edition of the award.

The winners expressed their joy at meeting His Highness the President, affirming their commitment to continuing their journey of excellence to achieve the leadership's vision and ambitions for empowering youth in the private sector.

The Nafis Award aims to honour outstanding Emiratis working in the private sector, along with private-sector establishments registered with the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation and the Central Bank of the UAE, which have shown a commitment to investing in Emirati talent.

The reception at Qasr Al Bahr was attended by H.H. Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi; H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Mohammed Al Nahyan; H.H. Sheikh Suroor bin Mohammed Al Nahyan; H.H. Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed

Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior; H.H. Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan; H.H. Sheikh Theyab bin Zayed Al Nahyan; H.H. Sheikh Khalid bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Board of Zayed Higher Organisation for People of Determination; H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Adviser to the UAE President; H.H. Sheikh Theyab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Court for Development and Fallen Heroes' Affairs; Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence; Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Tahnoun Al Nahyan, Adviser for Special Affairs at the Presidential Court, and a number of sheikhs, officials, citizens and guests.

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