

The 50th UAE National Day Anniversary - A Story of Success

Having celebrated its milestone Golden Jubilee, the UAE has cemented its place on the global stage. The federation, a unique entity in the Middle Eastern landscape, has marked a number of notable achievements in recent years. While much has been achieved the journey is far from over. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the UAE on their 50th birthday, and we look forward to seeing what can be accomplished in the coming years.

The UAE and Israel, in forging an unprecedented alliance through the Abraham Accords, have created something historic. 50 years since the unification of the Emirates and 73 years since the founding of Israel, our countries are both young. However, in the past year we have achieved many feats which we should all be proud of, and our journey is far from over.

In our newfound cooperation, we have begun to change the region for the better. Working together on solving the most pressing issues facing our world, our cooperation has gone beyond our government policies. What we witness today is that our researchers, students, religious leaders, and citizens from all walks of life have started to work together. Our people have put their differences aside and realized that more brings us together than what pulls us apart. This is what is truly inspiring about the accomplishments of the Abraham Accords.

Not only have we begun to cooperate in the realms of government, security, and technology, but we have created a new culture. This new culture brings tolerance, understanding, and peace to the region. It has created a new atmosphere for hope, a hope that we can and will create a new, different kind of Middle East.

One year later, we must continue to strengthen our alliance and push for it to spread into new fields. Not only must we focus on the important work of diplomacy to further create change, but we must continue to build up from the ground level. Further cooperation in education, science, and local government is needed. Bringing our people closer together will only be productive. By expanding on this, we can bring our countries even closer together, and, moving forward from the Golden Jubilee, share in the golden future that lies ahead.

Aside from the many challenges we face today, what we have witnessed in the past year proves we can overcome these challenges together. In doing so, we can build a bridge by which to transfer ourselves to a new Middle East, not just for the next generation, but for all those to come in the future.

All the best

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