

DMCC Connects with UAE Ambassador to Canada through Virtual Conference

- *DMCC's Executive Chairman and CEO hosts virtual briefing with UAE Ambassador to Canada*
- *The briefing highlighted the UAE and Canada's strong bilateral relationship and opportunities for further collaboration*
- *This comes as part of a briefing series being hosted by DMCC to connect with various markets*

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DMCC – the world's flagship Free Zone and Government of Dubai Authority on commodities trade and enterprise – hosted a briefing call today with His Excellency Fahad Saeed Al Raqbani, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Canada via a virtual conference.

The two leaders commended the UAE government for being at the forefront of the global battle against COVID-19, emphasising the wide range of measures and initiatives that have been developed and implemented across the seven emirates from the early stages to protect the safety and wellbeing of citizens, residents and visitors. The pair also expressed their pride in the unprecedented level of humanitarian support and assistance being provided by the leadership to countries across the globe to help safeguard lives.

Both leaders also praised the Canadian government for their swift action to protect the public health of the nation as well as their commitment towards the robust global effort to address the challenging health crisis, and towards supporting partners on the frontlines who are working to prevent, detect and combat the COVID-19 outbreak.

Bin Sulayem and H.E. Al Raqbani discussed the strategic bilateral relations between the UAE and Canada, considering ways to further strengthen existing ties, while also working together to attract Canadian businesses to the UAE and support the presence of UAE businesses in Canada over the coming period.

Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DMCC, said: *"The current health emergency the whole world is experiencing has shown how vital international openness and collaboration are. The next phase poses many challenges for the global economy, and countries and organisations should extend support to each other for a mutual benefit. I look forward with great expectations to working with H.E. Fahad Al Raqbani and his colleagues to further strengthen the bilateral relations between the UAE and Canada."*

Also on the agenda was the exceptional support being provided to businesses in both countries through bold initiatives that aim to strengthen financial resilience and boost economic recovery throughout this period. Bin Sulayem took the opportunity to brief H.E. Al Raqbani on DMCC's strategy to support the national economy and the business environment, including an update on DMCC's Business Support Package.



H.E. Fahad Saeed Al Raqbani, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Canada, added: *“As the world enters the recovery phase, cooperation and solidarity among countries, governments and organisations, as well as individuals are key. I am confident that the exemplary endeavours undertaken by the UAE and the Canadian governments, coupled with the support that entities like DMCC have extended to the business environment, will ensure that the global economy overcomes the challenge and emerges in a position of strength.”*

DMCC is hosting a series of virtual briefings with Ambassadors of the United Arab Emirates across key markets to further strengthen bilateral relations and discuss ways to support ongoing trade ties.

About DMCC

Headquartered in Dubai, DMCC is the world’s most interconnected Free Zone, and the leading trade and enterprise hub for commodities. Whether developing vibrant neighbourhoods with world-class property like Jumeirah Lakes Towers and the much-anticipated Uptown Dubai, or delivering high performance business services, DMCC provides everything its dynamic community needs to live, work and thrive. Made for Trade, DMCC is proud to sustain and grow Dubai’s position as the place to be for global trade today and long into the future.

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