

# Sharjah Expo seeks to gain from UAE-India ties

## To step up relations with Indian partners of ongoing plastics & packaging shows

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**SHARJAH:** The Expo Centre Sharjah, which is organising an ongoing multi-industry event in association with its Indian partners, is looking to take advantage of the paradigm shift in ties between the UAE and India.

The recent visit of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and later by Mohammed Al Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Future, has laid a clear roadmap for deeper cooperation between the countries.

"The recent exchange of visits between the UAE and India has taken the bilateral relationship between the UAE and India in several areas to new strategic heights. At Expo Centre, we are extremely excited about this. We already have strong ties with our Indian partners and the fresh momentum will help us to take it to a new level," said Saif Mohammed Al Midfa, CEO, Expo Centre Sharjah.

Sheikh Mohammed's first state visit to India came at the invitation of Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, who visited the UAE in August 2015, during which the UAE and India agreed to elevate their friendly relationship to a strategic partnership.

The ongoing 3rd Plastivision Arabia and 2nd Print Pack Arabia are being held in association with



Shri Amar Agarwal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, State Government of Chhattisgarh (2nd row - seventh from right), Abdullah Al Owais, Chairman, Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry (2nd row - sixth from left), Saif Mohammed Al Midfa, CEO, Expo Centre Sharjah (2nd row - sixth from right) and dignitaries from Indian partner states and senior members of AIPMA, IPAMA and Shurooq.

the All India Plastics Manufacturers Association (AIPMA), and the Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers

Association (IPAMA), respectively. On Tuesday the Expo Centre also hosted the 'Investing in India Summit', which was addressed by

RK Agarwal, President, AIPMA, and featured presentations by Shurooq, Indian partner states Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh,

and was attended by Shri Amar Agarwal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, State Government of Chhattisgarh, India.

"Our trade relations date back thousands of years, and I am happy to note that we spotted the strength of the plastics and printing & packaging industries of India long ago, and chose to partner with the apex bodies of the industries to launch Plastivision Arabia in 2012 and Print Pack Arabia in 2014," said Midfa.

The 3rd Plastivision Arabia, 3rd Arabia Mold and 2nd Print Pack Arabia got under way at Expo Centre Sharjah on Monday (Feb 22) and will continue until Thursday (Feb 25).

The tie-ups with AIPMA and IPAMA, the apex bodies of the plastics and printing & packaging industries in India, have also helped Expo Centre in developing and maintaining synergies with the Indian business community in the UAE and the region.

During Sheikh Mohammed's visit, nine agreements were exchanged between the UAE and India, covering cyber security, infrastructure investment, renewable energy, space exploration, insurance, culture, skill development, trade and business, and a currency swap arrangement.

The two sides also reaffirmed their resolve to work together to substantially increase trade by 60% over the next five years as agreed during Prime Minister Modi's visit. The UAE-India bilateral trade stands at US\$60 billion, and is projected to hit US\$100 billion by 2020.

## DLD discusses 'new techniques in land registration'

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**DUBAI:** The 20th World Registry Law Congress 2016' global conference, which is aptly titled 'CINDER Dubai 2016,' continues on a strong note for its second day in a row.

Organised by the Dubai Land Department in collaboration with the International Property Registries Association (IPRA-CINDER), the conference's activities are geared towards facilitating discussions around trending topics such as real

estate registration law and smart registration by industry experts from around the world. Day two of the conference will include two official meetings on parallel session, at a local hotel.

Sultan Al Akraf, Senior Director Real Estate Registration Department, said, "In light of our first opportunity to host such a big event in the UAE, we are delighted and pleased with the huge presence of formidable attendees at this conference. The organisers and sponsors are showing a remarkable effort

in promoting Dubai's image as a premium choice for events of this caliber."

The second day commenced with a session titled, "Land Registries as Producers of Data," which was headed by Ana del Valle from Spain. The panel discussed topics about the digitalization of Land Registry and data protection through the American doctrine in Puerto Rico, land data and the market land registration information in making of decisions by government and public administration.

This was followed by the second session, which addressed the issue of Smart Registration and sustainability, chaired by Nelson Gutierrez from Chile where highlighting the impact of (disruptive) information technology and the important role of the Registrar in (future) e-conveyancing.

Following panels, started with Lavinia Figueroa from Guatemala with four speakers, who discussed the personal data outlined in the process of electronic land registration, including the collection, use and

limitations of the right of dissemination of personal data and registry data in the European Union.

The second plenary session was about Smart Registration in Sustainable City, headed by Cemile Hecibeyoglu from the World Bank, the panel discussed Land Registration trends in African counties and the World Bank.

Day two of the event also hosted a public session titled, "New Trends in Land Registration," which was headed by Hugo Dolmetsch, President of High Court in Chile. Astrid

Stadler from Germany spoke about the German land registration system and the principle of abstraction, whilst Francisco Marin Castán from Spain spoke about the evolution of the Spanish Supreme Court's case precedents surrounding registry attestation between 2007 and 2016.

Two additional plenary sessions, with the first one discussing land registries as producers of data, importance of confidentiality of registered information, and data quality and responsibilities of the recorder.