

...in the emirate's hotels in 2015, compared to 6.6 per cent in 2014. Air Arabia contributed to the growth by increasing the accessibility to Sharjah with 112 flights from 13 Indian cities, he added.

Al Midfa pointed out that SCTDA pays special attention to the Indian market and is keen to participate in specialized travel and tourism exhibitions in the country. The Authority has also been organising annual roadshows in a number of Indian cities to introduce the latest developments in the emirate's tourism industry and promote its major projects, facilities and attractions, he said.

EPG honours International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union

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Emirates Post Group (EPG) recently honoured the International Bureau of the Universal



Postal Union, UPU, as one of its strategic partners, during a reception with the Director-General of the UPU, Bashar al-Hussein, in the Swiss capital, Berne.

The EPG delegation consisted of Acting CEO, Fahad Al Hosani, CEO of Emirates Post, Abdullah Alashram, Director of International Relations, Abdullah Saqr Al Suwaidi and International Relations Officer, Khalid Al Doukhi. During the meeting, the EPG delegation presented the Director-General with a framed set of UAE postage stamps.

Al Hosani said the ongoing strategic partnership with the UPU International Bureau reflects EPG's focus on exchange of international expertise and adoption of latest solutions and best practices to meet the challenges facing the postal sector. He expressed the hope that the International Bureau achieves its goals of enhancing cooperation with all UPU member countries.

Abdullah Alashram said, "During our meeting with the UPU Director-General, we raised important postal issues involving our partnership with International Bureau, in keeping with the ongoing dialogue with different postal administrations. The discussion stressed the need to speed up the mail processing and delivery chain, and keep pace with the rapid changes in the transport and logistics sector, as well as support the development of small and medium enterprises through easier import and export procedures in order to boost global trade through e-commerce and improved parcel services."

Museum Exhibition

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His Excellency Humaid Al Qatami, Chairman of the Board and Director-General of the Dubai Health Authority, toured on Tuesday the Nobel Museum Exhibition, which is taking place at the Children's City venue at Dubai Creek.

The exhibition is being held for the second time in Dubai and highlights breakthroughs in medical and health fields by Nobel laureates. The month-long travelling museum is organised by the Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation (MBRF)

The exhibition held under the theme, 'Exploring Life: Nobel Prize in Physiology' will introduce visitors of all ages to several aspects of medicine, from the achievements of Islamic scientists in the medical and pharmaceutical fields to Nobel-prize awarded discoveries related to chronic diseases and the efforts to prevent and



cure them.

Al Qatami, said: "Such an exhibition is of vital importance because it reflects the progress of medicine and the breakthrough achievements and milestones in the history of medicine. It also encourages our youth and those in the field of medicine to under-

stand how simple ideas lead to path breaking discoveries and inventions that change the face of medicine for the better."

He lauded the efforts of the Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation (MBRF) to spread the importance of knowledge and science among community members.

participation in social, cultural and sports activities in the country. The report also contains the 'Happiness Index' results of female employees during the same year, with their happiness level reaching 74 per cent compared with 79 per cent for their male counterparts.

The report also indicates the Council's successful implementation of the 'Saadati' initiative, the 'Nursery' project, and the Springboard Women's Development Programme, all of which led to increased happiness, higher creativity and more innovative ideas among women.

The Council has also made great strides in

...ary, humanitarian and sports activities, and promoted the 'Learn my Sign Language' initiative. The Council's charitable works complemented Dubai Courts' goal of enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of its employees.

H.E. Judge Ebtisam Ali Al Bedwawi, Honorary President, Al Jawhara Women Council, said the 'Annual Report 2015' reflects the Council's exceptional performance and remarkable progress in deploying its initiatives and projects designed to enhance the quality of life in women in accordance with its vision.

UNICEF, Al Tamimi sign pact

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The UNICEF, and Al Tamimi & Company, have signed a partnership agreement to support UNICEF's efforts to advance the welfare of children in the United Arab Emirates.

As part of this engagement, Al Tamimi has supported UNICEF's Gulf Area Office project to build the capacity of social workers in

child protection institutions earlier this month.

The project, entitled, "Capacity Development of Social Workers", focuses on providing social workers with the tools and support necessary to ensure the protection of the children in all aspects. To achieve this, a 3-day training workshop was organised by UNICEF, the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood and

General Women Union earlier this month in Abu Dhabi.

"We are thankful to Al Tamimi for their generous and timely support here in the UAE," said Dr. Ibrahim El-Ziq, UNICEF Gulf Area Representative. "This contribution will help us scale up our efforts to provide support to develop the necessary capacity required to have a lasting difference in children's lives."

Expo Centre seeks to gain from UAE-India ties

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

Manufacturers' Association (IPAMA), respectively.

On Tuesday (Feb 23, day two of the shows, Expo Centre also hosted the 'Investing in India Summit', which was addressed by Mr. RK Agarwal, President, AIPMA, and featured presentations by Shurooq, Indian partner states Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh, and was attended by H.E. 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 Mr. Midfa.

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

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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.