

Khalifa stresses support for green energy plans

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Abu Dhabi: President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday stressed the UAE's keenness to provide the necessary support for the success of the International Renewable Energy Agency (Irena), through boosting its strategy, targets and future plans.

Shaikh Khalifa pointed out that the UAE is working to enhance its resources and expertise in international energy markets and to highlight its leading role as an international hub for renewable energy research and development.

The statement was made when the president received the UAE work team from various ministries and government bodies which was behind the selection of Abu Dhabi to host the Irena headquarters.

General Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and Shaikh Sultan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President's Representative, were present.

"We are paying special attention to developing the renewable energy sector, which is witnessing increasing growth," Shaikh Khalifa said.

"We are keen to go ahead with implementing an integrated energy policy to transfer from technology consumption to production, through adopting renewable energy solutions and benefiting from the experience Irena will provide," he said.

On their part, the team members expressed their happiness at meeting the President and offered him Ramadan greetings. They said the selection of Abu Dhabi for the Irena headquarters came as a result of his support, care and directions. They expressed their hope that Abu Dhabi would become the capital of renewable energy in the next few years.

Shaikh Khalifa also received senior employees of the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, who came to offer Ramadan greetings.

The President stressed the importance of matching the ministry's strategy to the demands of the next empowerment stage and the UAE's ambitious vision, to raise the ministry's efficiency to a high level based on international standards and the UAE's progress.

He urged the Ministry's employees to continue to offer the best services and exert greater effort in line with national strategy, which calls for upgrading government performance.

Shaikh Khalifa stressed the importance of developing national human resources as the main platform of civilisation, and wished the employees success in discharging their responsibilities.

Shaikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, underscored the President's support for the ministry and all other government departments to enable them to better serve the UAE. He said the Ministry's team will continue to work in light of the guidance of Shaikh Khalifa.

The meeting was attended by Lieutenant General Shaikh Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Foreign Minister, and other shaikhs and senior officials.

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