



DP WORLD MARKS 42ND NATIONAL DAY WITH CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 27, 2013:- DP World marked the 42nd National Day of the UAE with Emirati-themed festivities and events for its customers, partners, employees and friends at its global Head Office in Jebel Ali Port & Free Zone.

Hundreds of people including high-level representatives of DP World customers, government officials, police officers, senior managers and employees, attended a flag-hoisting ceremony led by His Excellency Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, Vice Chairman, DP World, and Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World, UAE Region.

The dignitaries were briefed on the on-going expansion plans of DP World's flagship Jebel Ali Port, including the construction of its mega Container Terminal 3.

H.E. Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman, DP World, said:

"The UAE National Day is an occasion to pause and recall the achievements of this young nation. As we look at the tremendous progress our country has made in the past 42 years, we are extremely proud of our leaders whose vision guides us in the pursuit of excellence. We take this opportunity to extend our sincere greetings and congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai; and Their Highnesses, members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the emirates."

H.E. Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, Vice Chairman, DP World, said:

"The transformational change that we have witnessed across the country during the first four decades and more sets the bar much higher for us today as we search for newer and even more innovative avenues of development and a sustainable future for our children. We remain inspired by the 'Spirit of the Nation' as we salute the UAE national colours today."

Mohammed Sharaf, Group Chief Executive Officer, DP World, said:

"Celebrating National Day reinforces everything we stand for as a nation. DP World has its roots in the development of the country, beginning operations soon after the UAE was born and remaining a frontline contributor to its success."

Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World, UAE Region, said:

“DP World, UAE Region celebrates the National Day on a special note this year, having set a new record by handling over 10 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) in the period between January and September for the first time ever. It is a performance we dedicate to the nation and we reaffirm our commitment to promote the national spirit. We thank all our customers and employees for their ongoing contributions and in helping to make this happen.”

The centerpiece of the ceremonies held outside the DP World Head Office was a long wooden boat – a replica of boats once used by local fishermen and pearl divers – with a sail in the colours of the national flag.

Cultural activities included a parade by the Dubai Police band and local performing bands Ayallah, Yolla, Na’ashaat, Habban, and Lewa, as well as a display of Bedouin handicraft and kitchens serving traditional Emirati cuisine and qahwa. There was a special demonstration of skills by dogs from the Dubai Police, live traditional games and henna sessions.

Scores of volunteers queued up at a mobile blood collection bus to contribute blood for thalassemia carriers – a cause passionately supported by DP World.

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