

Zayed Humanitarian Work Day



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The 19th of Ramadan every year, the UAE commemorate the anniversary of 'Zayed Humanitarian Work Day'. The day coincides with the passing away of the founding father, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan – may God rest soul in peace.

On the occasion, the UAE starts initiatives and in kind projects for humanitarian works. Besides, numerous events and activities allocated for local and international charitable purposes. The activities are sponsored by UAE government and communal institutions, contributing to the revival and establishing of Zayed legacy.

Zayed Humanitarian Work Day objectives and proceedings:

Zayed Humanitarian Work Day comes in Ramadan annually to establish the values of Sheikh Zayed and spreading his universal principles in society to benefit humanity in general.

Significant objectives:

1- Commemorating the late Sheikh Zayed the founding leader of the UAE.

2- Accentuating the principle of humanitarian work in society and assuring its significance in the development of human communities.

3- Relieving world peoples suffering, particularly the needy and disadvantaged.

4- Launching pioneer initiatives and in kind projects in the realm of humanitarian work at local, regional and international levels.

5- Promoting UAE image in the international arena of humanitarian work.

Thus, 'Zayed Humanitarian Work Day' is considered as a platform for creativity and diversity pertinent to humanitarian work. Notably as it is an incentivizing time for community to keep doing good through events, activities and initiatives launched by government and non-government bodies in all humanitarian fields to serve humanity and spread humanitarian work culture in the world.

Zayed, the Example in Humanitarian Work:

The late Sheikh Zayed life was a good example of charitable work at local, regional and international level. As the world still remembers his benevolence manifest in the streets, hospitals, bridges and schools named after Sheikh Zayed. Whose wisdom went down in history as saying 'We believe that the good out of the wealth God has bestowed upon us, should reach our friends and brothers'. On this basis, Sheikh Zayed directions are firm principles constituting the UAE vision and strategic plan for sustainable giving to humanity regardless of faith and ethnicity.

Zayed Charitable Deeds:

His inspiring giving has never ceased since he assumed the ruling of the Abu Dhabi emirate. Sheikh Zayed spirit was magnanimous enough to reach for people in crisis everywhere. Moreover, he would urge the locals, authorities and official institutions





to respond to humanitarian initiatives launched by the UAE from time to time. No wonder his words and deeds have established humanitarian work in people; he says 'For a better future, building human is a national necessity prior to building of factories and facilities. Because without human, all other things are meaningless'. Truly, he was an incessant source of giving, goodness and humanity.

UAE on the Footsteps of Zayed:

Under the leadership of HH Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan (may God save him), the UAE is emulating the late Sheikh Zayed – may God rest his soul in peace. Whose principles and values will ever remain as a source of inspiration for the UAE march for excellence, human development and charitable works. As his directions are still in effect, with regard to locals and expats alike.

The Emirati giving to beneficiaries is so distinct, that it has nothing to do with political, religious or ethnic affiliations. Notably, as what is considered in the first place, is the humanitarian need and situation. A recent validation has come from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) whose 2017 report put the UAE on top of international donor countries, as per the adopted international standards.

UAE Humanitarian Aid:

Believing in the significance of the humanitarian work, the UAE established the UAE Office for the Coordination of Foreign Aid, based on a wise decision issued by the Cabinet in 2014. Through the Office, the UAE government and its people, affirm their commitment to their moral obligation towards humanitarian issues in the world.

Humanitarian Aid in the UAE:

The UAE is a hub for a number of local and international humanitarian organizations serving peoples of the world on a fair basis. Of these organizations, are the following:

- 1- Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation;
- 2- Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation;
- 3- Al Maktoum Foundation;
- 4- Dubai Cares;
- 5- Emirates Red Crescent.

In their field endeavors, the foundations care for various aspects of humanitarian works needed by the beneficiaries. Examples of works executed are development projects and humanitarian aid.

In general, 'Zayed Humanitarian Work Day' will remain as a symbol for giving and humanitarian inspiration from the UAE part. The annual commemoration of the Day is but an incarnation of recommitment to continue the legacy of the late founding father.









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