

Marhaba, my friend! How are you? I hope you are well! I have been spending the last few days with my granddaughter, Annabel, enjoying pumpkin patches and cuddle time together! Thought you might enjoy this fun photo from our autumn fun!

I was reflecting on the past few months as I watched my granddaughter sleep, and felt happy at all of the good work we have been doing together across the world. This shared work could not happen without important leaders who welcome collaboration with open arms.



I am so honored and thrilled to say a very big congratulations to His Highness **Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan** for his recent appointment as UAE Minister of Tolerance. He exemplifies this role every day. Thank you for all you do to promote understanding! And Shokran for always welcoming our groups to your esteemed Maglis. It is an honor and a special memory for all who meet you there.

We were honored to enjoy an outdoor concert alongside **His Highness Sheikh Saeed bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan**, **Her Excellency Noura Al Kaabi**, and **US Ambassador Barbara Leaf** during our last visit. We shared the wonderful experience of attending the first concert of the season under open skies at Fort Jahlila, a historic site in Al Ain. A perfect night!



A big "Mabrook" to **Her Excellency Noura Al Kaabi** who will take over as UAE Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development from Sheikh Nahyan. She is a true leader and champion for the Arts, and will continue in the amazing footsteps of Sheikh Nahyan. And it was fun to see her at the concert!

Thanks to the ongoing leadership support across the country, my trip back to the UAE in September and October was all about advancing some important initiatives with colleagues there on behalf of **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**, **the University of Cambridge** and **Mount Sinai Health System**.

The big news is that **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** signed a memorandum of understanding with the **The Ministry of Health and Prevention of the United Arab Emirates** to begin working with hospitals in the Northern Emirates to see pediatric patients in subspecialty areas. Hopefully, more kids and their families can now stay at home for their treatment.

Children's Hospital's visiting physicians will start working with clinical teams, perform clinical and inpatient consultations, collaborate on research and share lectures with the Ministry of Health colleagues, while they continue research and educational collaborations with hospitals in Abu Dhabi and Dubai.



*MOHAP Undersecretary **HE Mohamed Al Olama**, Assistant Undersecretary **HE Nasser Al Budoor** and CHOP Senior Vice President Dr. Matt Bailey look on as Assistant Undersecretary for Hospitals, **Dr. Yousif Al Serkal** and Global Partnerships Executive Director, Ruth Frey, sign an MOU.*

The following week, the **University of Cambridge** visited and met **HH Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan** at Maglis with **HE Saif Ghobash**, Director General, **Rita Aoun-Abdo** and other esteemed officials at the **Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism** on a very exciting potential collaboration. We also toured the many amazing historic museums across Abu Dhabi.

Through joint exhibitions, we all hope to research, conserve, preserve, catalogue, digitize and exhibit ancient Islamic manuscripts and even new artwork from our shared collections. We hope that the **Islamic Art Initiative** will engage and inspire cross cultural understanding, and create a positive narrative about our shared and proud history across the centuries together. A few highlights:



*Thanks to Abu Dhabi Culture and Tourism (and the **Zayed Museum**) for sharing rare collections at the Memories of Hajj exhibit located at the **Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**. Stunning artifacts!*



*A big thanks to **Mohamed Al Shamsi**, for hosting us in Al Ain where we visited many historical sites and museums.*



Thanks to Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism for their wonderful hospitality.

University of Cambridge had the distinct honor to meet with **Royal Patrons of the arts** as well as **HE Abdulrahman Al Owais**, Chairman of Dubai

Culture. We also visited with **HE Mona Al Gurg, DG, Etihad Museum, HE Majid Al Mehairi, Executive Director, National Archives**, officials from **Zayed University, NYU-AD**, and other esteemed **patrons** interested in art, manuscripts and the legacy of Arabic arts and culture to promote **Islamic Art Initiatives**.



*And can you believe I visited the **Etihad Museum** three times in one week? It is now a "must see" (like the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque) for all new visitors I bring! :)*

A very big thanks to our hosts, the **Amiri Diwan**, for the warm welcome to Kuwait of **Mount Sinai St. Luke's** to discuss medical research, training and education collaborations. A special thanks to **Sheikh Sabah Faisal Salem Al-Sabah** for your kind attention. We are looking forward to many happy returns!



It was an honor to travel to **Kuwait** with Dr. Jagat Narula and Cassy Kamarck, both from Mount Sinai Health System, where we explored partnership opportunities with **Dr. Ibrahim Hadi**, Secretary General, Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization (**KIMS**), **Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin**, the Director General of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Technology (**KFAS**), and esteemed



After a wonderful visit to Kuwait, Dr Jagat Narula, Cassy Kamarck, **Omar Shafey** and I were welcomed to Abu Dhabi at **HH Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan's** lunch Maglis, which is always an amazing display of hospitality and cultural tradition. And, it was an honor to later spend time enjoying the cooling weather on Palm Island in Dubai with our friend **Arun Mehra**,

officials at the Dasman Diabetes Institute, and at Al Ahmadi Hospital Medical Group.

In the lobby of the KFAS, we were shown a very large Pendulum that tracks the movement of the planet. A physics lesson for visitors, to be sure and the perfect centerpiece to represent the goals of the **Amir, His Highness Sheikh Sabah al Jaber Al Sabah.**

Chairman of Link Global Group.

Thank you for the visit with **Nawaf Saud Nasser Al-Sabah**, CEO of Kuwait Oil Company. It was also an honor to be warmly received by **Fouad Al Ghanim, Chairman and CEO**, Fouad Al Ghanim & Son Group of Companies, in his home. Thank you for your kind hospitality, and thank you to the US Embassy to Kuwait.



Dr. Narula, who is Chief of Cardiology, also was honored to be a plenary speaker at the **8th Emirates Cardiac Society Congress** in Dubai later that week, in collaboration with the **American College of Cardiology Middle East Conference 2017**, and presented a plenary session with Dr. Jasem Al Hashmi to a packed auditorium. It was very impressive!

Looking back, it was a very busy and fun time for me and I can't wait to get back to continue conversations. (Well, maybe a few more cuddles with grandbaby Annabel first...

I will be returning to the UAE on 11 November and look forward to seeing many of you again. If you would like to meet to discuss partnerships or business opportunities, please contact me.

Hope to see you soon and warm regards, pam



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