

### **UAE Centennial Plan 2071**

The UAE government introduced their 50-year plan last March 2017. They call it “The UAE Centennial Plan 2071”. The projected year coincides with the country’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The plan was outlined to make UAE the best and most competitive country in the world on four aspects: education, economy, government development, and community cohesion.

Excellent quality of education is important to prepare the future generations help the country to be on top of the game. It starts with the educational institutions. The plan for them to have a more innovative learning system would persuade international students and educators from different parts of the world that UAE is the best option for education. The balance of being taught history and cultures of other countries and the advanced branches of sciences would make the students more aware and mindful of other people but also ready to face the challenges of the modern world.

As for the economy, the UAE Centennial Plan 2071 aims to strengthen the country’s economy by establishing strong ties with other developed countries but also open opportunities to developing countries. Their main agenda is to boost the economy on national level first; meaning supporting and encouraging national companies to be globally competitive especially in research and advancement of projects that will help promote UAE as one of the fastest growing countries with strong economy. The programs and strategies the government outlined will inspire the next generations, especially the locals or Emiratis to be involved in helping their country achieve the goal of becoming the best in innovation with a lot of foreign investors.

Government development plays an important role to make UAE a great country. The plan is to become a prepared and equipped government that caters to everyone’s needs. Long-term plans to improve leadership and really listen to the people will create a more harmonious relationship between the government and the community. Their future plans will also encourage the younger generation to take part in creating more people-friendly government policies.

Last but not the least is the community development. The government will develop programs to equip the next generations with proper trainings to be more tolerant, happy and hopeful. They will also promote positivity in every establishment that requires interaction with other people. Happy and content society has a positive effect in successful governance. When people from different parts of the world hear about how the government is doing their best to make their people feel heard and valued, chances are they would like to visit, invest, or even move here to have the first hand experience. Both tourism and the economy will benefit from it.

To quote what Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid said during the launching of the UAE Centennial Plan 2071, “We must plant the seeds today for future generations to grow and prosper tomorrow. The world is rapidly changing, and we must equip our youth with the new tools, knowledge and skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving environment.” We must take every opportunity given to us to help them achieve the government’s future goals. Not everyone is lucky enough to experience the life we live here in UAE. With every privilege comes responsibility. Together, we can all make it happen.