

**During H.H. chairing of Executive Council's meeting**

**Mohammed Bin Zayed approves number of projects for Human, Social and Infrastructure resources development.**

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H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and Chairman of Abu Executive Council, with the attendance of H/H/ Hazza Bin Zayed, National Security Advisor and Vice Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive council, presided an Executive Council meeting at his highness court on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2011.

Meeting discussions were focused on the recommendations driving to support and develop work approach in the terms of Housing sector in Abu Dhabi, and initiatives that will improve performance; through the identification of all work frames in between the concerned entities, so as to facilitate the application process of housing and loans for nationals, provide all fruitful cooperation and coordination measures, and ensure the social stability for national families across the emirate.

**Employment of 6000 nationals**

The Council also reviewed an overall outline of the nationalization progress on ground that graced by H.H. Crown of prince custody during the meeting held in last June, towards employing about 6000 nationals in various fields across departments and government entities in the emirate.

During the meeting, H.H. confirmed the importance of mobilizing the national capacities towards a momentum transformation in the emirate economic platform.

Abu Dhabi Tawteen Council had already put H.H. Crown Prince's guidelines into practice, whereas relevant statistic demonstrated that up to 5763 nationals were recruited thus far, and

the process is still undergoing to recruit the rest of them, through the nomination of job seeker by the council to the government entities.

### **1367 beneficiary from housing loans**

The council approved the disbursement of new housing loans for nationals, whereas 1367 national will benefit from 2 billion and 734 million Dhs. in the form of housing loans. This fund is integrated to the national housing budget set for the current year (7 billion Dhs.), announced by the executive council during the last meeting.

Approval of such payment materializes the wise leadership concern on providing all well-being life standards and suitable housing units for nationals; that will proactively contribute to the communal stability and family welfare.

### **New standards for the valuation of residential land additions**

The executive council discussed the valuation of additions to residential land areas in Abu Dhabi, whereas no. of different rates based on accurately searched -standards were presented on the valuation of additions, by setting definite and constant fees for the additional increase in the residential land area in Abu Dhabi; coinciding with the public interest, extremely reducing the valuation burden of area addition/ increase, and reflecting the government persistence to ensure particular and easy services for nationals.

### **Exemption of Special needs form government charges**

The executive council called all Government entities in the emirate to exempt special needs from some government service charges, and asserted the significant provision of support and care to them, and assigning them the priority in the process of all government transactions. It is worth mentioning that Zayed Higher Organization for Humanitarian Care, Special Needs &

Minors Affairs is taking care of the Special needs rights; to include them in the community as active members.

### **Issuance of building licenses within 30 days**

In line with the vitality and significance of providing nationals with their required services, utilities and needs, and the activation of the societal participation among no. of government entities in the emirate, the council reviewed the building license service proposal submitted by Department of Municipal Affairs seeking to reduce the time consumed in the issuance of licenses, and the potential negative impacts of delay, in addition to the key challenges and future plans thereof.

Department of Municipal Affairs and Abu Dhabi three municipalities focused on the most main challenges the applicants encounter when applying for building license as for the time consumed in the follow-up of their applications. In this regard, a plan was laid down to reduce the turnaround time for such issuance from 55 days to 35 days. The plan also includes the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between municipalities and the appropriate government entities; running up to timely finalize transactions. Municipalities will also coordinate with the concerned entities to issue “No Objection” certificates on behalf of customer, who used to personally follow-up with entities for this purpose in the past.

### **Integrated work system for “No Objection” certificates**

Towards ensuring successful services for national applications; Department of Municipal Affairs and Abu Dhabi system and Information Center cooperated together to assume an electronic system for “No Objection” certificates for Abu Dhabi facilities and infrastructure; that will ensure the coordination of transactions between the concerned entities pertaining to the emirate’s facilities and infrastructure services.

Putting this system into action is a promising step per se; towards highly and professionally promotion of government framework and constituting an essential drive toward making building license a friendly user transaction.

“No Objection” certificates system will also provide outstanding government services, through the standardization of frameworks and processes relevant to those certificates throughout all sectors in the emirate, achieve the most cooperation and coordination levels in between entities, consolidate the decision making process, save time, effort and cost, while ensuring an easily access to all services.

### **2.75 billion Dhs. for the Sewerage extension**

In parallel with Abu Dhabi Government contribution to develop the infrastructure required to accommodate the urban and economic growth envisioned by Abu Dhabi plan 2030, Executive Council addressed some projects related to the main sewerage extension in Abu Dhabi city included in the Strategic tunnel establishment program with the cost of 2.75 billion Dhs. This comes within the services provided by Abu Dhabi Sewerage Service Company for residential, industrial and commercial projects and their associated future plans.

The council also reviewed Abu Dhabi Government budget performance update for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011, in addition to a number of other important memos and projects submitted for inclusion on the agenda by some departments and government entities in Abu Dhabi, and issued the appropriate guidelines thereof.