

Mohammed launches new water transport

Dubai: Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum visited the Dubai International Boat Show 2011 at the Jumeirah Beach in Dubai on Friday.

Accompanied by Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Sheikh Mohammed toured the show's main tent in which, all boat, yacht and marine sport equipment and items are on display.

Sheikh Mohammed officially launched "Ferry Dubai", the latest water transport services offered by the Dubai Roads & Transport Authority (RTA).

He was briefed by the RTA Chairman Matar Mohammed Al Tayer about the ferry which will serve in the first stage Dubai creek and the coastal line stretching along Jumeirah Beach, Dubai Marina.

The 32-metre long ferry can travel at a maximum speed of 24 knots/hour. It can carry 100 passengers and is fitted with modern entertainment facilities.

Al Tayer said the first stage will see two ferries serving a number of lines. They will be increased in later stages to 10 ferries.

Sheikh Mohammed said he was pleased with the achievements of RTA and its efforts to provide quality services and infrastructure to the citizens, residents and visitors of Dubai.

He also praised the success of the Boat Show and the growing interest among local, regional and international players to take part in such an important event.

Those present were Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority & President of the Emirates Airlines, sheikhs and senior officials.