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Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka Presents Credentials to Bahrain King

Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka presented to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, his letters of credence as Rwanda's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain with residence in Abu Dhabi.

The ceremony took place on Tuesday July 6th 2021 at the Royal Palace in Manama, the capital city. Speaking after the ceremony, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka appreciated the existing good relations between the two friendly countries and reiterated his commitment to strengthen bilateral cooperation across fields of common interest.

"Such a great honor and privilege to represent my country following presentation of my credentials to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as Rwanda's non-resident Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Looking forward to even stronger bilateral relations between Rwanda and Bahrain," Ambassador Hategeka said.

He added: "I conveyed to his majesty the warm greetings of my President H.E Paul Kagame and his desire his desire to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries." Ambassador Hategeka also took the opportunity to wish his Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa continued good health and well-being and to his country, peace, continued progress and prosperity.

Rwanda and the Kingdom of Bahrain enjoy good relations. Both countries established diplomatic ties on 2nd March 1998. Potential areas of collaboration include Trade and Investment, Tourism, Financial services, Energy, Technology, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

With residence in Abu Dhabi, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka is also Rwanda's envoy to the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Rwanda's Permanent Representative to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

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Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

Amb. Hategeka, Bahrain officials discussed cooperation opportunity

On July 7, 2021 in Bahrain, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka met with H.E. Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor, Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Kingdom of Bahrain. They discussed ways to strengthen cooperation between Rwanda and Bahrain in tourism, Trade and investment, financial services, Education and technology

On July 7, 2021 while in Bahrain, H.E. Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka also held talks with Undersecretary for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Ambassador Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. The two discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral relations between the two friendly countries.



Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka with H.E. Ambassador Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor



Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka with H.E. Amb. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa



Rwanda may see soon more tourists from Bahrain

On July 7, 2021 in Bahrain, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka had a meeting with Mr. Ahmed A. Al Rayes, Managing Director of Al Rayes Express Travel and Tourism one of leading tourism agencies in the the kingdom of Bahrain!

Their discussions focused on how to promote destination Rwanda to Bahrain and GCC tourists.

Kwibohora27: The love for Rwanda and Rwandans is a pass to success- Rwandan youth told



The Rwandan youth in the United Araba Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain was reminded that the love for Rwanda and her people is a winning secret in every battle they may face.

The call was echoed by Minister Rosemary Mbabazi, Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka and Major General Emmanuel Bayingana during the Virtual Youth Forum for Rwandan Youth in UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in celebration of the 27th Liberation Day. The event with the theme “The Role of the Youth in building the Rwanda we want – post the Liberation struggle” was held on 9 July, 2021.

Opening the forum, Ambassador Hategeka said that Rwanda is not limited to land boundaries. He noted “The meaning of Rwanda extends to a growth and expansion mindset and Rwanda is present wherever a Rwandan or friend of Rwanda is regardless of geographical boundaries. Rwanda’s development is built on collaboration of all Rwandans and friends of Rwanda.” He urged the youth to learn from young men and women who took the lead in Rwanda’s liberation struggle back in the 1990s always stand out as embodiment of Rwandan values of hard work, courage, integrity and self-respect wherever they may be in the world.



Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka called for love for Rwanda and Rwandans

"The youth of today is reminded that unconditional love for their country Rwanda and Rwandans should come first because nothing can be achieved without having the love for your country. Especially for the Rwandan youth living abroad, we urge them to work hard, to learn new skills, learn new practices, and make good connections for their benefit and for the country's benefit."

Ambassador Hategeka emphasized on the role of the youth in delivering Rwanda's vision 2050, underlining that the future of Rwanda is in the hands of the youth, therefore "Your role and participation are highly important. We are investing in our youth through numerous programs. We want the youth that moves forward, not backward, in the ongoing race for development, the youth that advances the legacy of the liberation struggle."

Major General Emmanuel Bayingana, the Permanent Secretary at Rwanda Ministry of Defense who took part in the armed struggle for the liberation of Rwanda between 1990 and 1994 shared his experience with the youth. He explained how the youth at the time felt the responsibility to liberate Rwanda in order to give Rwandans real independence and restore dignity for all Rwandans. He told the youth that the struggle was tough but their motivation to fight on was the love for Rwanda imparted by parents and RPF movement.

"We were motivated by the love for Rwanda. Rwanda really needed us, the country needed to be liberated and the armed struggle was necessary as the very last option. But the struggle of the youth today is not also that easy, the struggle of competing in technology and business. But the secret I can tell you is that when you strive for the betterment of Rwanda and Rwandans you absolutely win, be it an armed struggle, business or technology," Major General Emmanuel Bayingana emphasized.

The Minister of Youth and Culture, Hon. Rosemary Mbabazi told the youth that they are lucky to "Have a country everyone can call home, a country you feel proud of and where you are allowed to do what you need to develop.

"You do not only have a country but a country with dignity that makes her people proud wherever they are. We build a country with dignity because we want the youth with dignity. The youth with a dignified life where you are because you represent a country with dignity," Minister Mbabazi reminded the youth.

The youth living UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain pledged to contribute their skills and experience to Rwanda's development through establishing links with companies in Rwanda for knowledge sharing, linking business people in Kigali to commercial hubs like Dubai, among others. "I encourage my colleagues to share knowledge with their counterparts in Rwanda. To young entrepreneurs in Rwanda, we are ready to support you with our knowledge and link you to potential partners in UAE," Aimé Musonerwa, a Rwandan IT Professional working in Dubai said.

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Statement of Rwanda Mission in the UAE on the occasion of Liberation Day

Remarkable Turnaround As Rwanda Celebrates 27 Years Post Liberation



Rwandans and friends of Rwanda celebrated Rwanda's Liberation Day on Sunday July 4. The 27th anniversary of the liberation of Rwanda is marked under the theme "Together we prosper".

Celebrations of the Liberation Day continue around the world during the month of July. On 9 July 2021, the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in UAE hosted a Virtual Youth Forum for Rwandan Youth in UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in celebration of the 27th Liberation Day with the theme "The Role of the Youth in building the Rwanda we want – post the Liberation struggle"

The Liberation (Kwibohora) marked annually on 4 July reminds us of the landmark victory of freedom fighters motivated by unconditional love for their homeland and her people's emancipation, a force of brave young men and women led by H.E Paul Kagame that on 4 July 1994 stopped the genocide against the Tutsi and embarked on the daunting task of rebuilding a shattered nation. "Kwibohora" is the ultimate result of the armed liberation struggle that started on 1 October 1990 by mainly young Rwandans, whose parents had been forced into exile periodically since 1959..

For more than 30 years, part of the population, in particular the Tutsi, was forced into exile and refused the right to return home while Tutsi that remained inside the country were persecuted, killed systematically, segregated and in political and socio-economic exclusion. July 04, 1994 is therefore an important day that all the Rwandan people celebrate because it marks the end of the 1994 genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in which more than a million innocent lives were slain over a period of 100 days. It is also a date to reflect and pay tribute to the patriots who defied all odds and sacrificed themselves to stop the genocide perpetrated against the Tutsi in 1994 and freed the country from the genocidal regime and all chains of hate and divisionism.

Decades of bad politics and horrors of the genocide against the Tutsi blighted the socioeconomic and political fabric of the country and left a failed state hanging in doubts of the ability to rise and stand. Post Liberation, thanks to the visionary leadership under President Paul Kagame, Rwanda has risen from the ashes with a remarkable turnaround built on wise choices of unity, accountability and thinking big in delivering people centred development.

In addressing the plight of a society gripped by trauma, the Government of National Unity was steadfast in instituting and implementing policies that nurtured justice, unity and reconciliation. Not the winner takes it all! In the aftermath of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, over 20,000 officers and personnel of the former army were integrated in national armed forces and over 3.5 million refugees were repatriated, resettled and reintegrated successfully, the 2016 National Unity and Reconciliation Commission report on unity and reconciliation process highlights.

Restorative and reconciliatory justice has worked! Genocide related cases that would take a century in courts, were investigated and tried in a single decade. Homegrown traditional Gacaca courts were reinstated and tried almost two million cases in only ten years, according to the 2012 National Service for Gacaca Courts.

Economically, according to the World Bank, Rwanda is one of the ten African countries that have consistently enjoyed rapid growth (averaging 8%), and the second country in Africa where it is easiest to do business, where investors only need six hours to set up a business.

The economy has grown remarkably with the GDP rising 14-fold between 1994 and 2019 while the GDP per capita increased seven-fold over the same period.

Thanks to openness and ease of doing business, many of the most famous companies have settled in Rwanda, including Volkswagen whose factory produces vehicles assembled in Rwanda, DP World from UAE that launched in 2019 a \$35m inland dry port/ cargo handling facility in Kigali, Unilver, Maraphones, regional and continental banks, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and others.

The Government has restored security of people and property. Rwanda is safe and secure and Rwandans no longer need special permits to move around within their own country as it was before 1994. Rwanda ranks the safest country in Africa and 5th safest country to walk at night worldwide.

The wellbeing of people has tremendously increased thanks to inclusive and transformational good policies. 81.3 percent of the Rwandan population is food secure. Rwandans with access to electricity accounted for less than 1% in 1994 rising to 61.5% in March 2021 while access to water is currently close to 90%.

Thanks to a social protection policy, the country has extended so many strategic development programs for its population. Throughout 27 years of liberation, a population of over 80 villages has been moved to model villages which include modern apartments and school infrastructure, a modern early childhood development centre (ECD), a health post and sports facilities, among others.

More than 90% of Rwandans are currently covered with universal health insurance. Health facilities are more accessible including the use of technology such as drones that deliver life-saving blood and other materials to remote health facilities. Life expectancy almost tripled from around 28 years in 1994 according to the World Bank to 67.8 years in 2020.

Rwanda's politics of inclusion also focused on gender parity. Rwanda remains the world's leading country with the highest number of women in legislative positions, according to the latest edition of the 'Women in Parliament' report by the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Besides the 61 per cent of the country's parliamentary seats being occupied by women, the report also ranked Rwanda as the sixth country with women holding 50 per cent or more ministerial positions in cabinet.

Rwanda's education has significantly improved. A free universal 12-year basic education is offered to all children without any discrimination. Today the country has over 40 tertiary institutions accommodating over 86,000 students from a single university back in 1994 graduating less than 2000 students annually. Rwanda hosts and finances international universities like Carnegie Mellon University -Africa campus and many other higher learning education institutions in the fields of ICT, Mathematics, sciences open to all Africans and people of all nationalities. With visa on arrival to all nationalities, Rwanda is open to the world.

Rwanda is now clean, green, least corrupt and a safe country for everyone, easiest place to do business in Africa, a liberal open economy and an emerging hub for IT, MICE and financial services.

Regarding the regional, continental and international role, Rwanda is an active member country of more than 200 international organizations. Because Rwanda understands the cost of insecurity and instability, it is a top UN peacekeeping troop contributor country. Rwanda has been a key player at the continental level in the reform process of the African Union to facilitate the AU to orient itself towards its Agenda 2063 including the African Continental Free Trade Area agreement, signed on March 21, 2018, during the 10th Extraordinary Summit of the African Union that took place in Kigali, Rwanda.

As the country now faces the COVID19 pandemic like the rest of the World, His Excellency President Paul Kagame has been at the forefront of advocating for vaccine equity and localization of vaccine production in Africa. The country has deployed all possible means to contain the pandemic while supporting the economic recovery rolling out an economic Recovery Fund projected to Rwf 350 billion by end 2021.

Looking back, the genocide against the Tutsi was stopped, Rwandans set free 27 years ago and the new leadership embarked on the struggle to return the country to normalcy, bring back unity, security and safety of people and their property, restore their right to live, to education, to health and to shared prosperity. Indeed, Rwanda has achieved a lot but a lot remains to be done too as President Paul Kagame underscored at the 25th Liberation Day: "The logic of liberation is to turn bad things into good things. What Rwandans have achieved is undeniably real. But we must stay humble enough to know that our main challenge is sustainability."

Young and brave liberation struggle fighters who gave their all for the Rwanda we see today inspire the new generation to serve the country without reservation. The youth today are called upon to embrace the values of sacrifice, integrity, courage and determination to carry on the legacy of the liberation struggle.

The Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in UAE wishes a Happy 27th Liberation Day to all Rwandans and friends of Rwanda wherever they are!

Statement on Liberation Day: Remarkable Turnaround As Rwanda Celebrates 27 Years Post Liberation

Amb. Hategeka, H.E Sheikh Shakhbut discuss the advancement of bilateral ties



On July 4, H.E Ambassador Emmanuel Hategeka had a virtual meeting with H.E Sheikh Shakhbut bin Nahyan Al Nahyan, Minister of State in the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The two exchanged on advancing existing good relations between UAE and Rwanda in areas of mutual interests. H.E Sheikh Shakhbut bin Nahyan Al Nahyan seized the opportunity to wish Rwanda and all Rwandans a Happy Liberation Day.

Rwanda Secures Rwf 15 billion for the rehabilitation of Rambura-Nyange Road



H.E Amb. Emmanuel Hategeka and H.E Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi at the signing ceremony at ADFD Headquarters

The Government of Rwanda and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development signed on July 12, a concessional loan agreement worth US\$ 15 million (approximately Rwf 15 billion) for the rehabilitation of 22 kilometers Rambura - Nyange road section of the Rubengera-Muhanga road upgrading project.

The construction of Rambura - Nyange road and completion of Rubengera – Muhanga road will promote trade, increase mobility and reduce transport costs by facilitating regional mobility of both goods and people. In addition, the road will contribute towards provision of efficient transport by improving the road transport sector and the realization of NST-1 targets.

The agreement was signed by Ambassador of Rwanda to the United Arab Emirates H.E Emmanuel Hategeka on behalf of the Government of Rwanda and His Excellency Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi, Director General of Abu Dhabi Fund for Development.

Speaking after the signing Ambassador Hategeka said "Improving Rwanda's road infrastructure was a key pillar of the success of Rwanda Vision 2020 and will continue to be as we implement Vision 2050. Strengthening the connection of our rural and urban centers contributes to so many aspects of our national economic and social development agenda, touching everything from small and medium enterprises, trade, travel and tourism, to food security. We have established good cooperation with Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and the United Arab Emirates and greatly value their support in this important infrastructure development program."

He went on to add: "The concessional loan agreement symbolizes good collaboration of friendly countries and we appreciate the support of partners like ADFD in our development journey. With a focus on investing in infrastructure; economies stimulate growth for a number of economic sectors i.e. agriculture, tourism as well as creation for jobs for the locals."

The Director General of Abu Dhabi Fund for Development His Excellency Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi, said: "Improving road infrastructure is a key pillar of the continued economic development and social growth strategy of Rwanda. While it brings numerous benefits, one major impact is that it will better connect trade routes across multiple Central African nations, a region that represents growing international trade potential for the UAE. ADFD's support of this strategic project will directly benefit the Rwandan people while also contributing to economic growth in the African region and expand trade opportunities."

Rambura - Nyange road project is a section of the 61.15 kilometers Rubengera-Muhanga road connecting the Southern and the Western provinces. It is expected to support transport, agriculture, and tourism sectors to enhance economic and social development by raising the efficient transportation between cities, enhancing traffic safety and improve the population's access to various government services.

This is the second project ADFD has supported in Rwanda in a relationship that started in 1981 with the USD14 million (AED51 million) construction of the Kigali International Airport in the nation's capital city.

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Rwanda receives Covid-19 vaccines, kits from UAE



H.E HazzaAlqahtani, the UAE ambassador to Rwanda and Hon. Dr Daniel Ngamije, Rwanda Minister of Health

Rwanda has received a consignment of Covid-19 vaccines and medical kits from the United Arab Emirates government. The kits that were received on Saturday, July 24, consisted Covid-19 vaccines, medical beds, personal protective equipment, coveralls and ventilators.

Commenting about the donation, Dr Daniel Ngamije, the Minister of Health said that the medical donation is expected to speed up the Covid-19 pandemic fight.

“This implies we are not alone in the fight, we have the support of partner states, and when they are adding up to what the government has done, it really speeds up the battle,” he said at Kigali International Airport while receiving the donation.

Hazza Mohammed Kharsan Al Qahtani, the UAE Ambassador to Rwanda reiterated that this donation is a symbol of good ties between his country and Rwanda.

“This is evidence that UAE stands with Rwanda, be it the administration or population side and during all sorts of situations, good or bad, we shall stand together,” he affirmed.

Our country is committed to work with Rwanda in the Covid-19 fight, and if God wishes, we shall make it, he continued. “This is the second donation stressing our partnership to show solidarity to our brothers and sisters in Rwanda,” concluded the UAE envoy.

The donation is expected to be a major boost to Rwanda’s commitment to vaccinate at least 60 per cent of the population by the end of 2022.

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Project from Rwanda among AGFUND prize winners



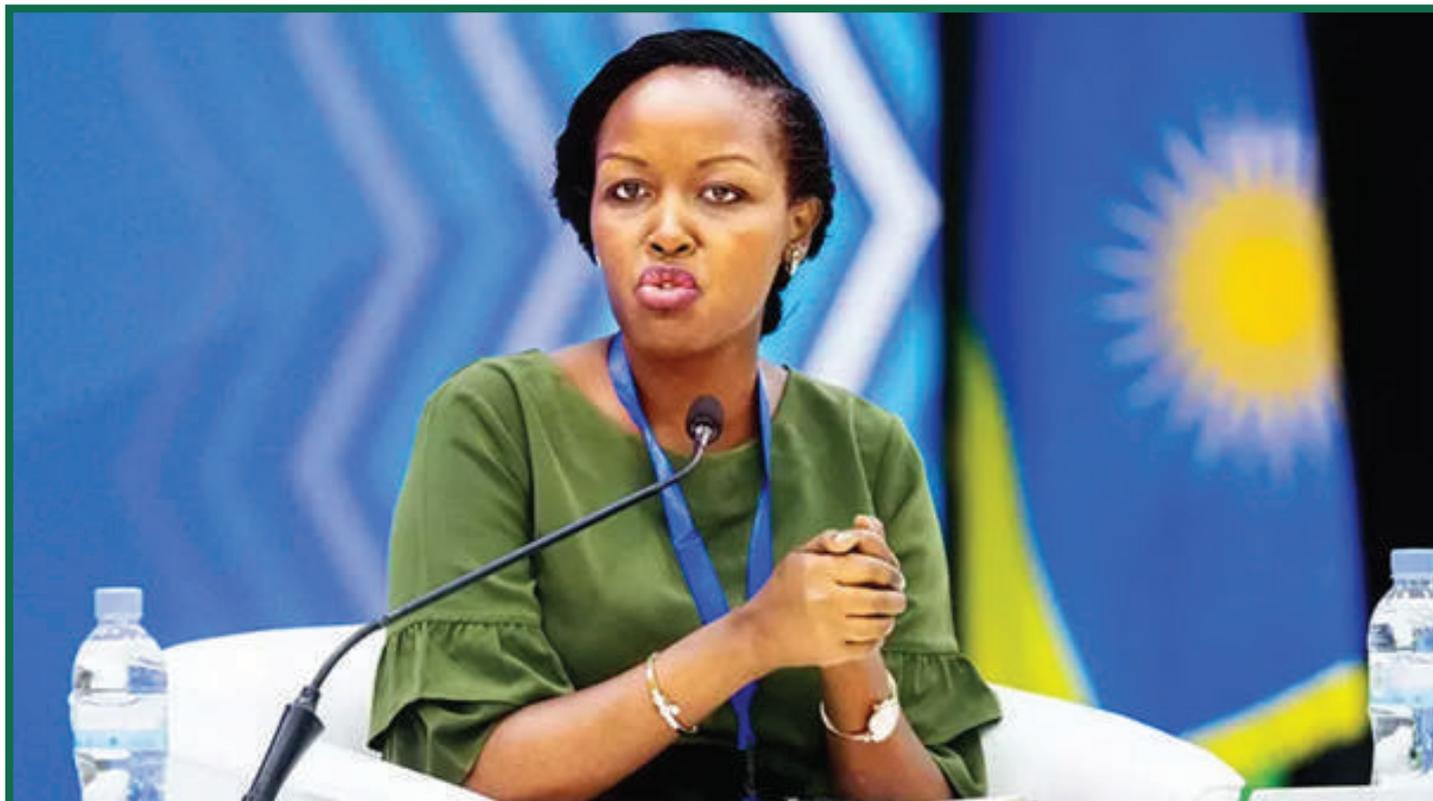
RIYADH –Chaired by Prince Abdulaziz Bin Talal, president of AGFUND and chairman of Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development, the committee announced during its 22nd meeting held on July 6, this year's prize laureates.

The first category winner "Jersey Inka Nziza Project – Rwanda" which is implemented by Send a Cow Organization. Projects from PalestineBurkina Faso and Philippines won in second, third and fourth categories respectively.

It is worth mentioning that Prince Talal Prize worth \$1,000,000 that's distributed to 4 categories namely UN, international and regional organizations, national NGOs, public institutions and social business enterprises, as well as initiatives led by individuals.

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Rwanda selected to host continental e-trade platform



Minister of ICT & Innovation Paula Ingabire

The African Union, through its department of Economic Development, Trade and Mining, on July 7 chose Rwanda as the continental headquarters for the African e-trade Group. The development, announced during the annual Africa Integration Day, will, among others, facilitate the group's ambition of supporting 600,000 SMEs in Africa over the next five years. The African e-Trade Group is a social entrepreneurship initiative with the primary aim of providing a comprehensive e-commerce platform to enhance the role of Africa's SMEs in inter and intra-African trade.

Minister for ICT and Innovation, Paula Ingabire, said that the move is aligned with Rwanda's vision of becoming an ICT and logistics hub in Africa.

A historic milestone for regional integration in Africa was recorded on 1 January 2021 with the launch of trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Over the last two decades, Africa has recorded a 4.6 % growth rate on average, despite an unfavourable international economic and financial environment.

More recently however the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic plunged the continent into its first recession in 25 years.

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Expo 2020 Dubai ticket prices announced



Mobility thematic Pavilion

Expo 2020 Dubai ticket prices were announced on Thursday, July 1, and went on sale worldwide from July 18.

Three ticket tiers have been announced – tickets for a single visit to the exhibition will cost Dhs95 (\$26), multi-day tickets offering unrestricted entry for 30 consecutive days will be priced at Dhs195 (\$53), while visitors will have to pay Dhs495 (\$135) for a six-month pass.

Expo 2020 tickets will include access to all pavilions, events and live performances. The event, the first to be held in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region, will run from October 1, 2021 until March 31, 2022, under the slogan “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future.”

Children under the age of 18 and students holding a valid student ID from any academic institution worldwide will be given free entry, offering younger visitors access to learning opportunities, a statement said.

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