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H.E. Ahmed Humaid Al Tayer Governor of the Dubai International Financial Centre, E. Ahmed, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India and Oommen Chandy, Leader of Opposition, Government of Kerala, India, were also present at the function.

'India and the UAE: In Celebration of a Legendary Friendship', is a 260 page coffee-table book that chronicles the age-old and dynamic India-UAE alliance with insights into the historical, political, cultural and business aspects of both countries.

The ICLF is a treasure trove of facts, figures and stories of the ancient, yet modern and dynamic ties that India and the UAE share. This unique coffee-table book takes you on a journey through time, where glittering vistas of ancient and contemporary narratives, rare photographs as well as facts and figures are juxtaposed to provide the reader with a comprehensive glimpse of this strong association.

With inspiring messages from UAE Rulers and interviews of senior ministers and leaders of the UAE business community, ICLF is the most definite and current narrative of the India-UAE equation.

It is a significant documentation of information for both the Indian and Arab communities in these times of dynamic and unprecedented growth and development for India and the UAE as well as fears over the economic down-turn since September 2009. Copies of the book will be distributed to Government heads, Corporate Establishments, Media, Educational Institutions, and the diplomatic community.

The first copy of the book was presented to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on January 25, 2010, the eve of India's 61<sup>st</sup> Republic Day.

In a message for the book, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum has said "We look upon India as our neighbors and its people as friends; we consider India a force for peace. It is an active member of the Non-aligned Nations Organizations and the United Nations, as well as a great economic power, not only regionally but also internationally. With this in mind, we are keen to maintain and enhance existing bridges of cooperation with India for the mutual benefit of both nations, so that the security and the economic stability of the Gulf region, the Indian subcontinent and the whole world can be achieved".

Venu Rajamony says "The idea of writing this book came to me while preparing for my posting to Dubai. There is no book or article which provides a comprehensive overview of this very special relationship. Material on India-Gulf relations is also few and inadequate. 'India and the UAE: In Celebration of a Legendary Friendship' has been a labor of love, an effort that has taken almost nineteen months of research and compilation of photographs, interviews, comments from both prominent UAE nationals as well as Indians in the UAE".

Outgoing Consul General Venu Rajamony's ode to his dynamic three year tenure in Dubai, the book is produced and published by Indian Expressions Management Consultancy in association with Motivate Publishing.