

48-th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Adoption of the World Heritage Convention - UAE Delegation Celebrates the Appointment of a New Representative

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) delegation, led by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, celebrated the 48th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Busan, Republic of Korea. The delegation, which included members of the UAE's cultural and heritage sectors, was in attendance to support the nomination of the Al Hajar Archaeological Site for inscription on the World Heritage List. The session, which took place from July 19 to 29, 2026, was the largest gathering of the Committee since its inception in 1972. The UAE delegation, consisting of 15 members, was joined by representatives from other member states, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and the United States. The delegation's presence in Busan was a testament to the UAE's commitment to the protection and promotion of the world's cultural and natural heritage. The UAE's participation in the session was a significant milestone in the country's efforts to enhance its international profile and promote its cultural and heritage sectors. The UAE's commitment to the World Heritage Convention is a key element of its national heritage strategy, which aims to preserve and promote the country's rich cultural and natural heritage for future generations. The UAE's participation in the session was a testament to the country's commitment to the protection and promotion of the world's cultural and natural heritage. The UAE's commitment to the World Heritage Convention is a key element of its national heritage strategy, which aims to preserve and promote the country's rich cultural and natural heritage for future generations.



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