



H.H. SHEIKH AHMED BIN SAEED AL MAKTOUM

THE GIFTED AVIATOR

Dubai has been successfully established as the most desirable leisure destination in the region. However, the city was one of the loneliest places before Sheikh Ahmed came forward with the idea of connecting it with the rest of the world by constructing world's fourth busiest airport.

Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, 55, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Emirates Airline and Group has devoted more than half of his life in building the Emirates Empire.

Emirates is a name synonymous to class and comfort, and is one of the most luxurious plane to travel with. Emirates has grown from being a mere regional airlines to one of the most acclaimed international flier with a fleet of more than 150 aircraft and over 100 destinations across 6 continents. The company is the key contributor in the sector with a work force being employed from more than 160 nationalities. The Aviation chief has his

horizons flying in many other industries namely banking and finance, global financial stability and education. He is the chairman of Dubai's biggest bank, Emirates NBD and the Dubai World, which is also world's third-biggest port company.

Sheikh Ahmed embarked his career in the flying industry in 1985 when he was appointed at the Presidential position of the Dubai Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), the government body that overall disciplines the civil sector.

He went on to launch "flydubai", Emirates' own budget carrier in the year 2009 which went on to be the

second largest contributor to the air traffic at the Dubai International airport.

He has not restricted his boundaries to business, but has applied his expertise in politics as well. He maintains a good equation with Sheikh Mohammed and at the time of global financial crisis he was assisting Mohammed to lead a team of firefighting lieutenants who cleaned up corruption and organized bailout loans.

He has scaled up the success graph through sheer hard work, self-introspection and pure passion to be the best in chosen field.

A well-informed dignitary who has won many honours in his success journey, some of them being Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur (the Legion of Honour) the highest French civilian award, Verfassungsportugaleser, for outstanding services to the City of Hamburg, Ernst & Young 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the UAE.

The Royal Aeronautical Society, the world's only professional body working towards the entire aerospace commodity. It is treated to be one of the industry's most respected professional association dignified Sheikh Ahmed's achievements in aviation with a fellowship of the Society at the 1994 Farnborough Air Show in the UK.

Many in Dubai Aviation fraternity rank Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum as the most powerful personality after Sheikh Mohammed. An aero professional who moved to a passion career of aircrafts, dating back to more than three decades, he took Dubai Aviation sector to unparalleled heights

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