

Good Morning My Friends,

As salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuh.

Your Highness, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Ladies and Gentlemen, let me extend to you a warm welcome to the 2nd Trans Middle East 2006 Exhibition and Conference being held in this beautiful Emirates of Dubai. This Event is packed with relevant topics that affect us in the transport and logistics industry today and is clearly designed to enable us to share our experiences in our respective field of activities.

The Event also provides us with immense opportunities to network with our fellow delegates and share our experiences more closely on a one-on-one basis.

International trade is growing with the new 'globalisation' way of doing business. Companies are expanding into new markets while seeking new ways of improving their service levels and reduce delivery time. A competent logistics solutions provider today seeks to provide customers with personalized door-to-door services in the worldwide markets.

Working in this environment, we have to accept that for all the expertise and shrewdness, a businessmen still needs to be informed about his market especially the new markets. I hope that the exchanges at this 2nd Trans Middle East 2006 Exhibition and Conference will provide one more opportunity to gain a better knowledge of our respective markets.

Ladies and Gentlemen, while you all are here in Dubai, I cordially invite you to explore the enormous business opportunities that Dubai offers. I will be happy to put you in touch with the various organizations.

I am sure you will be delighted to discover what we call "Business Tourism", the experience of doing serious business as well as enjoy the leisure activities here in Dubai.

May I now request HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum to deliver the keynote address.

Thank you for your attention.