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2022: A Year of Growth and Progress for the UAE



2022 has been a remarkable year of progress for the UAE. In a [video message](#), UAE Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba reflects on a number of accomplishments, noting that the nation is “moving further and faster than any other country.”

These efforts will continue in 2023, in close partnership with friends and partners across the US.

Happy holidays and a peaceful New Year from everyone at the UAE Embassy.

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Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba: “@brittneygriner - We shared a very warm greeting in Abu Dhabi. Your spirit and energy is remarkable. Honored to have played a small part in getting you home for the holidays.”



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CG Almheiri kicked off her second day in #Boston, MA at the @HaleyPilotK8 to visit with students and teachers. @UAEEmbassyUS and @BostonChildrens partnered with @BostonSchools in 2019 to deliver a soccer field for the #community.



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I had a productive meeting with @GovRonDeSantis together with UAE Ambassador Al Otaiba. We gave an overview of the Abraham Accords & the strategic significance & opportunities that they present to our region, the world & to Florida. We invited him to visit our countries in 2023.



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Insights from @MBRSpaceCentre's team on the historic launch of Rashid Rover, the first Arab mission to the Moon. #UAETotheMoon [[VIDEO](#)]



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DCM Shaima Gargash participated in @wfp's WPS webinar last week, highlighting the UAE's efforts to uplift women as agents of their own progress. She echoed the UAE's support of the UN's WPS agenda to bring more women to the negotiating & peacemaking table.



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"Now more than ever, it's important to develop strong international cooperation and collaboration for civilian space exploration."

In @NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson's virtual speech at #ADSpaceDebate, he recognized UAE @Astro_Alneyadi's upcoming journey to the @ISS.



This Month in History

December marks 51 years since six of the emirates bound together to form the UAE, with Ras Al Khaimah joining as the seventh emirate the following year. UAE Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, led efforts to unite the emirates and became the nation's first president. The UAE celebrates this important milestone every year on National Day, December 2. [Here](#) are highlights from the Embassy's 2022 celebration.



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