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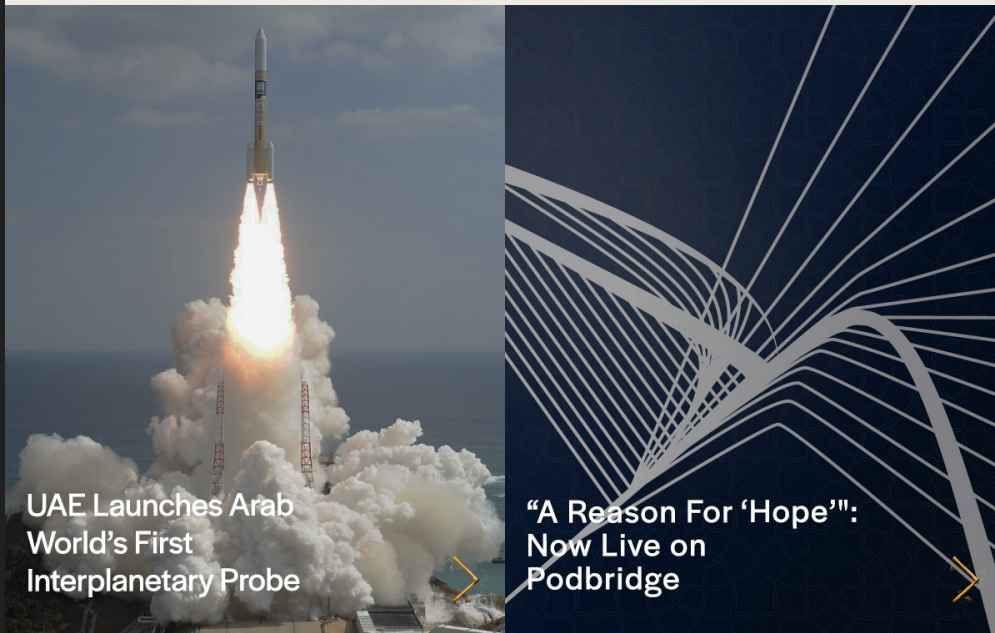


### UAE Supports Global Expansion of Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®

July 23, 2020

Special Olympics International (SOI) [announced the expansion](#) of its [Unified Champion Schools](#) (UCS) program to six countries: Argentina, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Romania and Rwanda.

Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba, SOI Board Member, joined SOI Chairman Dr. Timothy Shriver and SOI Youth Ambassadors to discuss the UCS program's global impact and the UAE's commitment to inclusion and tolerance. Watch the announcement [here](#).



UAE Launches Arab World's First Interplanetary Probe

"A Reason For 'Hope'": Now Live on Podbridge





## Special Olympics @SpecialOlympics

As part of the legacy of the 2019 World Games in Abu Dhabi, we're proud to announce the global expansion of our Unified Champion Schools program, thru the support of [@MohamedBinZayed](#).

More from today's announcement -> <https://bit.ly/2OB8cX7>.  
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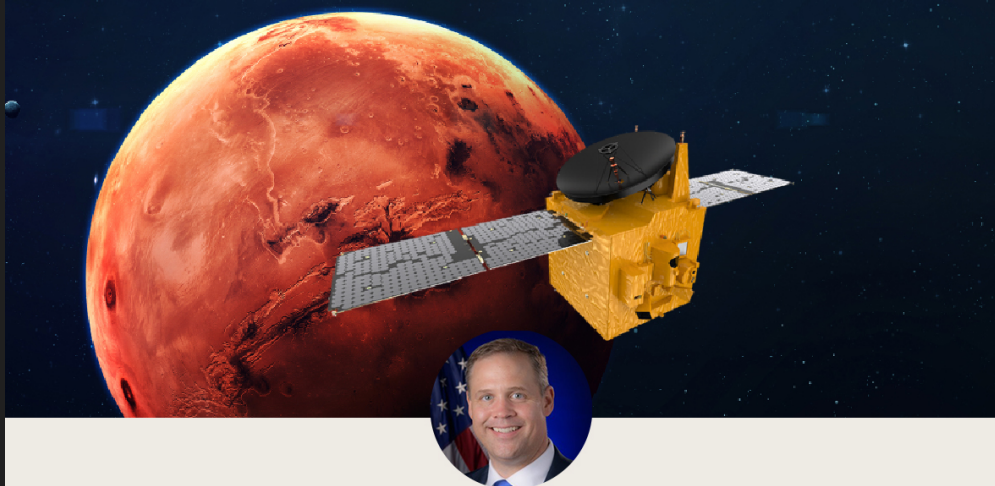
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## Secretary Pompeo @SecPompeo

Congrats to the UAE on launching its [@HopeMarsMission](#)! Proud that American expertise from [@NASA](#) and U.S. universities supported the first Arab nation to join the Mars space community. Hope will inspire Emirati youth, just as Neil Armstrong inspired Americans 51 years ago today.



**Jim Bridenstine** @JimBridenstine

Congrats to the team that worked on [@HopeMarsMission](#). It's truly amazing what [@UAESpaceAgency](#) & [@MBRSpaceCentre](#) have accomplished in such a short time. Hope is exactly what the world needs and thank you to the UAE & [@MHI Group](#) for inspiring all of us: <https://go.nasa.gov/32AtAE8>



**Morgan Ortagus** @statedeptspox

Congratulations to [@SawabCenterEN](#) on its fifth anniversary! The United States is proud of our continuing partnership with the UAE to expose ISIS lies, counter extremist ideology, and offer messages of hope, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence. [#UnitedAgainstExtremism](#)



# ROAD TO ABU DHABI

Stories of Courage and Determination



## Special Olympics USA @specialolyUSA

Follow the journey of our athletes from [@SOCTconnecticut](#), [@SOsoCal](#) & [@SOOhio](#) to 2019 [@SpecialOlympics](#) [@WorldGamesAD](#) & learn about the UAE's commitment to inclusion in "Road to Abu Dhabi," a new documentary presented by the [@UAEEmbassyUS](#). Full film: <https://bit.ly/SOUSARoad2AD>



## komendc

We are proud to welcome back the [@UAEEmbassyUS](#) as a Premier Sponsor of the DC [Virtual] [#MoreThanPink](#) Walk on September 12. A longtime partner of ours in the fight against breast cancer, the UAE has partnered with Komen since 2006 to raise awareness and improve treatment in both the US and the UAE.

[#2020MoreThanPinkWalk](#) [#VirtualWalk](#) [#KomenDC](#) [#UAEUSA](#)



## USAinUAE

US and UAE engineers and scientists worked together to design and build the spacecraft systems on board the Mars Hope Probe. Researchers from [@cuboulder](#), [@ucberkeleyofficial](#), and [@arizonastateuniversity](#) worked side by side with counterparts from [@uaespaceagency](#) and [@mbrspacecentre](#).



## uaeinnyc

[@UAEinNYC](#) was pleased to support the [@americanmei](#) of [#Pittsburgh](#) & the [@USUAEBizCouncil](#) with their Virtual Trade Mission to the [#UAE](#). Consul General Abdalla Shaheen joined Mayor [@billpeduto](#) and provided remarks highlighting the UAE-PA trade relationship and opportunities. Special focus was given on opportunities for firms in the [#healthcare](#) and advanced [#manufacturing](#) sectors.





## This Month In History

**In July 2019**, a senior delegation of government and faith leaders from the UAE attended the second US State Department Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom. The Ministerial brought together leaders of governments, faith organizations and NGOs to discuss efforts to combat religious persecution and ensure religious freedom for all.

Led by Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah, Chairman of the Emirates Fatwa Council, the delegation included Zaki Nusseibeh, Minister of State, Dr. Ali Al Nuaimi, Chairman of Hedayah, as well as several UAE-based religious leaders including representatives from the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Sikh faiths.





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