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NATIONAL CAREER EXHIBITION INAUGURATED IN SHARJAH

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SHARJAH - The number of Emirati nationals working in banks has increased from 1,278 in 1997 to 8,712 by the end of last year, Ahmed Humaid Al Tayer, Chairman of the Human Resources Development Committee in the banking and financial sector, said yesterday.

He was speaking at the inauguration ceremony for the ninth National Career Exhibition at the Expo Centre Sharjah, which was inaugurated by His Highness Dr Shaikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah.

Al Tayer further said. "Ten years have passed since the Human Resources Development Committee started its work in the banking and financial sector. All along, the objective has been to implement a strategic vision of supporting the Emiratisation policy in the banking sector."



Dr Shaikh Sultan and Al Tayer at the inauguration ceremony of National Career Exhibition at the Expo Centre Sharjah.

Al Tayer who was speaking to reporters after the opening of the four-day exhibition added that the banking sector in the UAE is aiming for 40 per cent Emiratisation by the end of this year as per the target set by the Human

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Dr Shaikh Sultan presents an award to Am Lakhani, CEO of Habib Bank AG Zurich, for achieving 42 per cent Emiratisation

Resources Development Committee for the financial sector. The government has made it mandatory for all banks operating in the country to increase their national workforce by four per cent annually.

The opening ceremony was followed by a programme during which Shaikh Sultan conferred awards on banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions in the country for excelling in national

human resource development.

In the first half of last year, 29 per cent of the total workforce in the banking sector were UAE nationals.

The inauguration ceremony for the four-day exhibition was also attended by Sail Al Midfa, Director General of the Expo Centre Sharjah, directors of various government departments and members of the diplomatic corps and trade associations.