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**'STAND OF
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■ Shaikh Mohammad and Shaikh Hamdan with Dr Sultan Al Neyadi, Maj Hazzaa Al Mansoori, Salem Humaid Al Marri, Dr Hanan Sulaiman Al Suwaidi and Adnan Al Rais at Zaabeel Palace.

Five Emirati space heroes honoured

Mohammad presents medals for their role in furthering UAE's space ambitions

DUBAI

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His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, yesterday honoured five Emiratis with Space Medals in recognition of their outstanding contributions to advance the UAE's space sector ambitions.

Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,

Crown Prince of Dubai, UAE's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, and Chairman of Dubai Executive Council of Dubai, attended the ceremony at Zaabeel Palace in Dubai.

Shaikh Mohammad awarded the First-Class Space Medal to Dr Sultan Al Neyadi, Minister of State for Youth Affairs, in recognition of his role in the longest space mission in Arab history.

Maj Hazzaa Al Mansoori also received the First-Class Space Medal for being the first Emirati and Arab astronaut to reach the International Space Station.

The Second-Class Space Medal was given to Salem Humaid Al Marri, Director-General of the Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre in recognition of

his contributions to establish and successfully launch the astronaut programme.

The Second-Class Space Medal was also presented to Dr Hanan Sulaiman Al Suwaidi, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine in the College of Medicine at the Mohammad Bin Rashid University of Medical Sciences for her work as the first doctor from the country specialising in the care of astronauts.

Adnan Al Rais, Assistant Director-General of Space Operations and Exploration at MBRSC was also awarded the Second-Class Space Medal for overseeing and managing the astronaut programme, training astronauts and supervising the Zayed Ambition (2) Mission.