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Shaikh Mohammed with Bertie Ahern in Dubai on Wednesday. — Wam

European Prize for IT Culture presented to Mohammed

DUBAI — High Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, received here on Wednesday Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern.

Shaikh Mohammed and the visiting Irish premier discussed bilateral cooperation. During the meeting, Prime Minister Ahern lauded the UAE advancement in the area of IT and e-government which, he said, is visible in the spread of Internet culture in the UAE society.

As a token of appreciation for the pivotal role played by Shaikh Mohammed in this field, Prime Minister Ahern awarded Shaikh Mohammed the European Prize for IT Culture. The prize which is funded by the European Commission and supervised by the ICDL, is usually awarded to organisations which have made significant contributions to the IT and e-government sector.

The award of the prize to Shaikh Mohammed was also a token of recognition of the role being played by the Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Project for e-government. Shaikh Mohammed is the first leader ever awarded this prestigious international prize. — Wam