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UAE Symbol of Tolerance, says Nahyan

(Wam)

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ABU DHABI — The UAE will remain a symbol of tolerance, fraternity and equality, regardless of colour, religion or race. Shaikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research said after opening the French Church in Abu Dhabi on Saturday.

Shaikh Nahyan said the UAE, since its establishment by the late Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, has been hosting people from different nationalities, ethnicities and backgrounds. "They all co-exist in harmony in the UAE, thanks to the country's tolerant policy."

Shaikh Nahyan said that the President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and General Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces spare no effort in providing care for the religious institutions as they believe in their vital role in supporting the atmosphere of tolerance in the UAE.

"The opening of French Church in Abu Dhabi is poised to provide a religious and social atmosphere to its community members," he added. — *Wam*

Pastor Michelle praised in a speech the support given by Shaikh Khalifa and General Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed to building the church in Abu Dhabi.

"For me, Abu Dhabi and the UAE represent 'heart of the world', as they host millions of people from other countries in perfect harmony that shows its tolerance as a Muslim country," he said. —

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