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Prime Minister of The Bahamas Receives Memento from Expo 2020 Dubai Organizers



Photo caption:

His Excellency, Tony Joudi, non-resident Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and State of Qatar (L) presented a limited-edition memento to the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, Dr. The Honourable Hubert Minnis (R) from the Organizers of Expo 2020 Dubai. The Ambassador had just returned from an International Planning Meeting in Dubai with a delegation of 17 persons which consisted of University of The Bahamas students and professors, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism representatives, Bahamas Pavilion team leaders and a media/photographer representative. Photo by Yontalay Bowe, Office of the Prime Minister

By Azaleta Ishmael-Newry

Nassau, Bahamas -- On October 30, 2017, His Excellency, Tony Joudi, non-resident Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and State of Qatar presented a limited-edition memento to the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, Dr. The Honourable Hubert Minnis from the Organizers of Expo 2020 Dubai.

The beautiful wooden and crystal case contains historic elements – original red sand and a replica of a golden ring discovered 3000 years ago at the Saruq Al Hadid archeological site in the UAE. The ancient circular ring became an element of the Expo 2020 Dubai logo and organizers state that the meaning of that ring has emerged as a long and rich history symbolizing a future built of unity, connection and strength and the Expo's main theme of “connecting minds, creating the future.”

Recently, Ambassador Joudi who is the Commissioner General for the Expo 2020 Dubai Bahamas Pavilion project, led a delegation of 17 persons to Dubai for the second International Planning Meeting of Expo 2020 Dubai that was held October 18-20, 2017. There, the design of The Bahamas Pavilion was unveiled to the

Expo committee and representatives from more than 150 countries. The University of The Bahamas (UB) students who worked on the design of the pavilion left a memorable and positive impact, and their work became a benchmark for the participating countries because they met the criteria of Expo 2020 Dubai's Youth Connect program.

The Bahamian delegation consisted of students from the University of The Bahamas disciplines of architecture, arts, and culinary; Kasey Duncombe, Whitney Sturup, Anynke Austin, Alexis Lightbourne, Royce Archer, (architecture), Marcella Evans-Ingraham, Karen Sherman (culinary) Sheena Heastie (arts) along with professors, Val Pintard-Flax, (architecture) Michael Edwards (arts) Dr. Ian Bethell-Bennett (arts and culture) Eldred Saunders and Donna Williams (culinary); representatives from the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Janet Johnson, director of business development and Bridgette Rahming, Senior Project Manager Michael Diggiss from Michael Diggiss and Associates, official photographer and journalist, Azaleta Ishmael-Newry and Ambassador Joudi.

The Bahamas Pavilion will be built by the Organizers for the Expo 2020 Dubai's World Fair which is set to take place on October 20, 2020 for a period of 6 months ending on April 10, 2021. The Expo site will be known as District 2020 and will be situated on approximately 1000 square miles. The Bahamas Pavilion project is supported by the Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of The Bahamas and to date, private/public partners like The Ministry of Tourism, Aliv/Cable Cares Foundation and Super Value.

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Minnis receives memento from Expo 2020 Dubai organizers

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nary). Also in attendance were representatives from the Ministry of Tourism: Janet Johnson, director of business development and Bridgette Rahming, senior project manager. Also present were Michael Diggiss from Michael Diggiss and Associates, official photographer and journalist Azaleta Ishmael-Newry and Ambassador Joudi.

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