

DUBAI BUSINESS FORUM CHINA

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Dubai Business Forum China

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Post Event Report

Event Overview

Dubai Business Forum China brought together key business leaders, investors, and innovators from Dubai and China to discuss new avenues for cross-border collaboration and economic growth. Hosted at the China World Hotel, Beijing, the Forum provided a dynamic platform for fostering long-term partnerships between both markets. Key sectors of focus included digital transformation, AI, green energy, logistics, and investment opportunities in Dubai's diverse economic ecosystem.

The event highlighted the strategic importance of China in Dubai's global outreach, with a particular focus on the opportunities available under Dubai's D33 Economic Agenda to become one of the world's top three global cities for business by 2033.

Key Achievements

814 Total Attendees

17 Speakers

32 Dubai Delegates

37 B2B Meetings

4 MOUs signed

- ❖ Bank of China × Dubai Chambers
- ❖ ICBC × Dubai Chambers
- ❖ China Construction Bank × Dubai Chambers
- ❖ CCPIT Beijing × Dubai Chambers



Programme Highlights

Strengthening China-Dubai Trade Relations

Discussions focused on enhancing bilateral trade relations through innovation, technology, and business enablement. Dubai's role as a key gateway to the Middle East and North Africa was emphasized, highlighting sectors such as AI, logistics, and green energy.

Exploring Future Collaboration in Innovation

Panels explored how Dubai and China can leverage each other's strengths in innovation-driven growth. Topics included:

- ❖ Digital transformation
- ❖ AI & Frontier technologies
- ❖ Green energy & sustainable development
- ❖ Advanced manufacturing
- ❖ Supply chain & logistics

Economic Vision & D33 Agenda

Dubai's D33 agenda was discussed as a transformative blueprint to double Dubai's economy by 2033, creating new opportunities for collaboration between Dubai and China in high-growth sectors.



Featured Speakers

Dubai Speakers

H.E. Mohammad Ali Rashed Lootah, **President & CEO, Dubai Chambers**
Dr. Marwan Mohd Al Mulla, **CEO – Health Regulation Sector, Dubai Health Authority**
Mr. Hadi Badri, **CEO, Dubai Economic Development Corporation**
Mr. Stephen Moss, **Group MD & Regional CEO – MENA & Türkiye, HSBC Bank ME**
Ms. Manal AlBayat, **Chief Engagement Officer, Expo City Dubai**
Mr. Mohsen Ahmad Al Awadhi, **CEO – Logistics District, Dubai South**
Mr. Abdulla Al Hashimi, **COO – Parks & Zones, DP World GCC**
Dr. Juma Al Matrooshi, **Director General, DSO**
Mr. Abdulla Belhoul, **CEO, TECOM**

China Speakers

Mr. Wei Liu, **Co-Founder & CEO, BioMap**
Mr. Vincent Zhang, **President, Westwell**
Mr. Sheng Chen, **Co-Founder – Co-Chairperson of Board and Interim CEO, VNET**
Dr. Ling Shao, **Chief Scientist of Terminus Group & The President of Terminus Intl.**
Mr. Jeffry Li, **Managing Partner, Tencent Investment**
Mr. Yicheng (Frank) Xu, **Acting CFO, China Int. Capital Corporation (CICC)**
Mr. Yang Zhang, **President & Founding Partner, Shengshi Investment**
Mr. Nanhua Yang, **Executive Director & CEO, BAIC International**

Afternoon Session Speakers

Mr. Marwan Almarri, **Regional Director – Asia, Global Market Sector, Dubai Chambers**
Mr. Shengli Hu, **Sr. Manager Business Development – Parks & Zones, DP World GCC**
Mr. Mohsen Ahmad, **Chief Executive Officer – Logistics District, Dubai South**
Mr. Nadim Badran, **Director of Commercial & Engagement, Dubai Expo City**
Mrs. Yutong Duan, **Manager of strategy & development, Dubai Expo City**
Mr. Abdur Rahim Ghulam Nabi, **Chief Advisor to DG/CEO, Dubai Airport Free Zone**
Mr. Arjun Sarkar, **Senior Director – Digital Solutions, Dubai CommerCity**
Mr. Ammar Malik, **EVP – Commercial Leasing, TECOM Group**
Mr. Anders Kron, **VP of Business Development – Parks & Zones, DP World GCC**

Dubai Delegation

The Dubai delegation included representatives from key government entities, free zones, and major corporates, reinforcing Dubai's position as a global business hub. Discussions highlighted strong interest from Chinese businesses in sectors such as AI, green energy, fintech, and infrastructure development.



Strategic Engagements

VIP Meetings

Notable meetings included high-level discussions with:

- ❖ CCPIT Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei
- ❖ International Cooperation Center of the National Development and Reform Commission
- ❖ District Mayor of Chaoyang

Site Visits

Delegates participated in site visits to leading Chinese companies, including:

- ❖ Meituan
- ❖ Li Auto



Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner at The Peninsula Hotel, Wang Fu Ballroom, provided an exclusive networking opportunity for leaders from both markets to engage and discuss potential collaborations in a relaxed setting.



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