Guidelines for social media users and Positive Digital Citizenship - Values and Behaviours' Code

10 guidelines for social media users in the UAE

On 23 October 2019, H. H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai <u>tweeted a list of 10 guidelines that Emiratis should observe</u> when using social media.

The guidelines encourage Emiratis to be a person who:

- 1. reflects Zayed's image and ethics when interacting with people
- 2. reflects what the UAE has accomplished in knowledge, culture and civilisation
- 3. shies away from swearing and insulting, and avoids shameful conversation
- 4. is knowledgeable and uses argument and logic in conversation
- 5. appreciates good words, beautiful images and positive interaction with minds, cultures and societies
- 6. is knowledgeable and useful to others, and spreads ideas and social and humanitarian initiatives which are proliferate in the UAE
- 7. integrates with global surroundings, speaks their language, addresses their issues and positively interacts with their future
- 8. is confident, accepts diversity and builds bridges with other people
- 9. reflects the UAE's modesty, goodness, love of others and openness for other peoples
- 10. adores the nation, is proud of it and sacrifices for it.

Positive Digital Citizenship - Values and Behaviours' Code

Following are the <u>10 qualities of a good UAE citizen in the digital world</u> as per the Positive Digital Citizenship - Values and Behaviours' Code:

- 1. remaining loyal to the UAE and serving as a role model of the Emirati values and traditions in the digital world
- 2. best representing the UAE and promoting its reputation in the digital world
- 3. respecting others, their privacy and intellectual rights and refraining from bullying them or harming their digital identity
- 4. using the digital world to enhance your skills and keeping abreast of change in line with the UAE's vision
- 5. promoting the values of solidarity, compassion and positivity and using social media wisely
- 6. protecting personal information and privacy of others
- 7. making sure the content you are sharing or receiving is credible and always using reliable sources
- 8. being responsible in the digital world and abiding by its rules and regulations
- 9. contributing to eliminating any content that is inconsistent with ethics and human values
- 10. maintaining physical and mental health by balancing between real and digital worlds.