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UAE to host world's biggest space meet

Vice President
welcomes 110
participating
countries and
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DUBAI
BY KHITAM ALAMIR
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The UAE is all set to host the '72nd International Astronautical Congress' (IAC), the world's most prestigious event dedicated to space industries, at Dubai World Trade Centre from October today till October 29.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, took to his twitter account to welcome IAC, which has taken place in dozens of cities across the world annually since 1950.

"The world's most prestigious and largest space conference and exhibition will kick off in its 72nd edition in the UAE with the participation of 110 countries and heads of international space agencies as well as with the attendance of 4,000 delegates and 100 international space companies," Shaikh Mohammed tweeted.

He added: "I welcome all to the UAE where we support

FIVE-DAY EVENT **DIVERSE AGENDA**

The five-day event will feature a line-up of thematic plenary events, lectures, in-depth technical and special sessions and interactive workshops, in addition to an exclusive global networking forum, social events and a space science exhibition.

The conference is organised by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), in collaboration with the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) and held under the patronage of Shaikh Mohammad.

—K.A.A.

alliances and initiatives that take humans scientifically to the furthest planets and galaxies."

First in the region

The UAE is the first Arab country to host the congress, an indication of the UAE's progress and achievements in space exploration after just a decade of space activity, and is confirmation of the country's commitment to keeping up with the latest technological developments and innovations.