

An impactful Indo-UAE forum

The fourth year of Indo-UAE Business & Social Forum 2018 and fourth edition of World's Greatest Brands & Leaders Asia & GCC 2017-18 was held recently in Dubai. Rajat Shukal, principal partner and global head of URS Media and AsiaOne magazine opened the forum along with his excellency Vipul, consul general of India. Vinod Adani, director of Adani Group was the chief guest at the event.

In addition to India and the UAE, highest diplomatic representatives of the following 10 countries (and 4 continents) participated at the forum including Japan (Asia), Republic of the Philippines (Asia), Sri Lanka (Asia), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Europe), Montenegro (Europe), Macedonia (Europe), Republic of Djibouti (Africa), Republic of Ghana (Africa), Republic of Liberia (Africa) and Mexico (North America).

Rajat Shukal said, "The event has proved to be a milestone in creating an unprecedented platform through Asian Business & Social Forum to address the pressing business and social causes of the world. World's Greatest Brands & Leaders Asia & GCC 2017-18 is also instrumental in bringing iconic, powerful and emerging brands and leaders of Asia & GCC on a common platform to discuss issues and potentials relevant to their respective strategic decisions, thereby unfolding a permeable screen of unprecedented mutual learning and growth. No other organisation does that in India, currently."

Madam Grace Pinto, Managing Director of Ryan Group of Institutions, KD Singh MP, government of India, Ashok Aggarwal, CMD, HPM Chemicals and Fertilisers India, Tejinder Singh, Founder & CEO -



Rajat Shukal opening the Indo-UAE Business & Social Forum



(L-R) Vinod Adani, HE Vipul and Rajat Shukal



(L-R) Rajat Shukal, Talal Al Murad, HE Saud Salim Al Mazrouei, Akima Umezawa, Tariq Ahmed Nizami, Mustafa Saasa and Naveen Sharma

Qtickets & BPO Plus Qatar, Manoj Shroff, Founder & Chairman, NITI Group Of Companies Dubai and Africa and Vandana Gandhi, managing director, British Orchard Nursery UAE were the six exclusive AsiaOne Person of the Year 2018 awardees felicitated at the summit for their special work in the industry and society.

In addition, the leaders to be featured as AsiaOne Person of the Year, include HRH Salman bin Abdulaziz, Gautam Adani and Akash Ambani.

Several business, economy, education and technology issues were discussed at the highest level and ways to improve investment in Asia were considered. As the theme of the Summit reflects, it was a business summit where the emergence of Asia and GCC as a leading economy in the world was celebrated and relevant discussions were held, and some greatest Asian



Gathering of 300 dignitaries at the Emirates Ball Room of JW Marriott Marquis Hotel, Dubai on May 9

leaders of our time were felicitated. The upcoming India's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2017-18 will be held in September 2018 in Mumbai where 100 brands from 18 states of India would be featured and felicitated in the research-based listing.

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A display of lights during a dance performance at the forum



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