

TODAY'S SPECIAL FEATURE

Abu Dhabi is the capital of the UAE, which is made up of seven emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajman, Sharjah, Umm Al Quwain, Fujairah, and Ras al Khaimah. The Emirate of Abu Dhabi is the largest of the seven.

Our ruler is Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, who is the son of the man who founded the UAE, Sheikh Zayed. The large mosque that you see near the ice rink is named for our beloved Sheikh Zayed and it contains both the world's largest chandelier and the world's largest carpet.

Our neighbors up the road in Dubai also hold some world records, with the Burj Khalifa standing as the world's tallest building and Terminal 3 at Dubai International Airport is the largest building in the world by floor space.

We'll share more interesting details about the UAE in the coming days, but if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Once again, welcome to Abu Dhabi!



Arabic Words of the Day

1. **As-Salamu Alaykum** (Peace be upon you)
2. **Wa alaykum asalam** [response] (And peace be upon you)
3. **Marhaban** (Welcome!)
4. **Shukran** (Thank you) **jazeelan** (very much)
5. **Afwan** (You're welcome; Excuse me)
6. **Na'am** (Yes)
7. **La** (No)



HOCKEY IN THE UAE

Some of the hockey teams in the UAE have names that reflect the local culture:

Abu Dhabi Scorpions

Al Ain Theebes

Al Ain Vipers

Dubai Sandstorms

Dubai Mighty Camels

The UAE's national team is made up of Emirati hockey players who participate in international tournaments around the world, including Kazakhstan and Luxembourg. The UAE national team won both the 2008 Arab Cup of Ice Hockey and the 2009 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia on home ice in Abu Dhabi.

You may be surprised to know that there are actually a total of seven ice rinks in the UAE, including one at the world-famous Dubai Mall two smaller sheets of ice at shopping malls .

