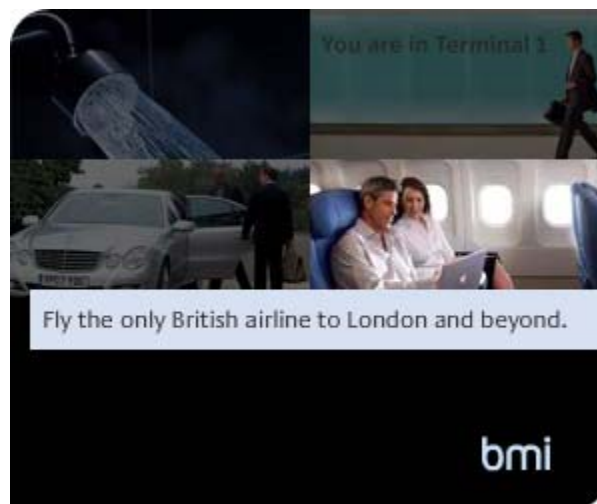




Dubai Women Establishment Participates in NAWF 2009

As part of DWE's commitment to enhancing regional representation to promote the image of UAE women, a delegation from DWE recently attended the 3rd edition of the New Arab Woman Forum (NAWF) that was held on 15 and 16 October 2009 in Beirut, Lebanon. Upon arrival, their delegation was received by UAE Ambassador, Rahma Hussein Al-Za'abi, as well as a number of social and political VIPs.

The Forum provided a unique platform for quality discussion on issues impacting the evolving role of women in Arab society, political life and business, as well as social, political and economic opportunities and challenges inherent in this process. Also discussed was the issue of women and leadership in Arab politics, business and society, with emphasis on the impact of changing global economic conditions on women's existing careers and future professional prospects.



Highlighting the importance of DWE's participation in the annual event, Hessa Tahlak, DWE Senior Manager of Research and Analysis, said: "Participating in such an event is highly relevant to DWE's core objectives and strategic focus, as it is a platform to exchange ideas among thought leaders and also presents an opportunity to discuss all issues pertaining to the developmental process of women. It is also necessary to emphasize the importance of creating a generation of female leaders".

As a compliment to DWE's attendance of this regional Forum, the delegation met with a number of high-profile Lebanese political personalities such as Lebanon's President Designated, Saad al-Hariri, H. E. Bahiya Al Hariri, Lebanon Minister of Education and Higher Education and Randa Berri, President of the Lebanese Association for Development, Training and Rehabilitation, where they had the opportunity to discuss



relevant and topical issues that affect the Arab woman of today. DWE's discussions also allowed for the valuable exchange of ideas towards enhancing relations between Lebanese and Emarati women.

Tahlak added: "The Forum, together with our sidebar discussions with H.E. Bahiya Al Hariri and other social and political figures, provided an opportunity to present our initiatives for developing and enhancing the integral role of women in society. These initiative concepts were very well received, and have served as potential inspiration for future similar initiatives in other regions within the Arab world".

The DWE delegation visit to Lebanon took place in parallel with a separate DWE delegation visit to the 5th Global Meeting of the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society in France recently. "We are committed to participating in these remarkable and influential forums as part of DWE's aim to enhance the presence of Emarati woman in both Arab and global contexts, as well as to ensure awareness of the latest developments in our field of interest". Tahlak concluded.

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