

# MAYOR OF LONDON



**To His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan,  
Ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of United Arab Emirates**

Your Highness,

As Mayor of London I would like to offer you the very warmest of welcomes to the city on your official visit in May 2013.

I was privileged enough to visit your beautiful country last week - Abu Dhabi and Dubai - and I hope we are able to reciprocate the heartfelt welcome we received.

On my trip I was able to reinforce the message that we in London want to strengthen further the already excellent relationship with the United Arab Emirates. I was fortunate to meet with HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE. At both of these meetings there was a mutual understanding of the potential for the United Arab Emirates and London to work ever closer together, each helping the other to ever more remarkable achievements through the exchange of ideas and an increase in trade and investment.

I remarked during the visit that London is home to large numbers of Emirati during the summer months- so much so that we might be called 'the eighth Emirate'- which is a source of great encouragement to me. When combined with the large number of British people living and working in the UAE, there already exists a great measure of exchange between us. I believe this is a sound foundation upon which we can build better understanding between our cultures and go on to foster the increased exchanges which I believe both sides wish for.

I hope you enjoy your visit to London and of course if you require anything that my office may be able to help with, do not hesitate to ask.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Boris Johnson'.

**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London