

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates visited the Czech pavilion at the EXPO

His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan spontaneously arrived for a visit at the Czech Spring pavilion. He came in a golf cart driven by the minister for international cooperation, Her Excellency Reem Al Hashimi without any spectacular ceremonies. The high representatives of the United Arab Emirates and the governments of Abu Dhabi and Dubai were personally given a tour of the exhibition Czech Republic - Country for the Future by Jiří F. Potužník, the ambassador and Commissioner General of national participation at the EXPO in Dubai.

The Emirati Foreign Minister was most interested in the S.A.W.E.R. technology, which produces water even from very dry air, only with the help of solar energy, and irrigates the oasis in front of the national pavilion. However, he was also interested in PSI's automatic phenotyping line, which can read the reactions and needs of plants to light and sound stimuli, or Průša Research's personal 3D printers, which print models of snowflakes which the visitors use to build a distinctive statue - Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, brother of the current president of the UAE, also personally placed one of the snowflakes.

"The United Arab Emirates and the Czech Republic have a long-standing friendship and through the EXPO, we can achieve our goal of creating a more sustainable future," wrote Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in a commemorative book of the Czech pavilion after seeing the original innovations in energy, botany and nanotechnology presented in the national exposition.

During the joint visit, the Commissioner General reminded the sheikh that the team from the University Centre for Energy Efficient Buildings of the Czech Technical University tested the container version for six months in the Sweihan Desert in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and that thanks to the tests, the capacity of S.A.W.E.R. was doubled.

"His Highness, similarly, to other businessmen, asked about the price of S.A.W.E.R. and if it could be produced in larger numbers - but we do not yet know the answer to this question, because this is a prototype of the technology that only the scientists from the Czech Technical University have been able to put together." says the Commissioner General Jiří F. Potužník about the visit, adding that UCEEB CTU is getting the price estimate from several companies.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan also stopped to appreciate the largest polished sculpture made from Czech crystal and created for the EXPO by the glassmaker Vlastimil Beránek. The Czech team, therefore, said goodbye to his Highness with a smaller metal statue from the same author, which was provided by the company Crystal Caviar for important visitors of the Czech Spring pavilion.

