

Juma Al Majid Group's Souraj Salah honoured as one of UAE's outstanding professionals at the first 'ASQ UAE Quality Professionals Award'

Dubai, UAE, September 2015 : The American Society for Quality in partnership with the Department of Economic Development (DED) in Dubai has named on 9 September two 'ASQ UAE Quality Professionals Award' winners from UAE, a first-of-its-kind award that recognizes excellent contributions among quality professionals in the UAE.

The ceremony held under the patronage of H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, UAE Minister of International Cooperation and Development at the Emirates Towers Hotel, Dubai, witnessed CEOs, Chairpersons and top business leaders at the award ceremony.

The award celebrates outstanding efforts and contributions from quality professionals working in all sectors of the UAE economy and is based on the principles of fairness, transparency, objectivity, independence with high standards and performance.

Dr. Souraj Salah, Business Process Improvement Manager of Contracting and Services Division, Juma Al Majid Group, was named one of the two winners at the inaugural 'American Society Quality UAE Professionals Awards'.

Speaking of the experience, Dr. Souraj said, ' I saw the qualifications and criteria required for the award and I took the blessings of my management and provided all the requirements plus my valued experiences in my career path, one of them being the vast arena of experience in quality, in Juma Al Majid Group, in contracting and services.'

'While I am honoured and pleased to be the recipient of the first batch of ASQ UAE quality professionals awards, I must reiterate that I owe the moment to my colleagues and my management at Juma Al Majid Group,

for believing in my professional strengths and encouraging me to participate.'

Says Dr. Saleh Chehade, Chief Contracting Officer of Juma Al Majid Group, ' I believe there is a leader in every individual and I encourage my associates to showcase the leader in them, always.'

'Quality in the United Arab Emirates has long been a driver of our economic success," said H.E.Sheikha Lubna Al Qassimi, Minister of International Cooperation and Development, United Arab Emirates. 'This national award recognizes those who are passionate about quality, work to increase efficiencies, and enhance product and service quality.'

Said Dr. Cecelia Kimberlin, ASQ Chairperson, Global, "ASQ was delighted to be part of the inaugural 2015 UAE - ASQ Quality Professionals Awards, recognizing outstanding leadership in advancing quality. The UAE serves as a model of vision and leadership recognizing that quality touches all of us and all that we do."

'Dubai created a template for the pursuit of Quality and Excellence in the UAE with the launch of the Dubai Quality Award two decades ago", said H.E. Sami Al Qamzi, Director General, DED, and Dubai.

'The Department of Economic Development (DED) is keen to build on that crucial step and enable organizations and enterprises in the UAE to compare their quality standards with the best in the world.

'Dubai has created and sustained a quality march, which is a model for organizations across the region,' said Ali Ibrahim, DED, Dubai, Deputy Director General. 'The ASQ UAE Quality Professionals Award' marks a new level of International benchmarking and the Department of Economic Development, believes it will bring added value for Dubai as well as its businesses and organization.'

Recognizing the deserving winners of the 'ASQ UAE Quality Professionals Award', will go a long way in inspiring many other professionals to contribute to enhance their skills as well as helping organizations improve

their performance,' said H.E. Hazza Al Qahtani, undersecretary, Ministry of International Cooperation and Development, United Arab Emirates.

'The ASQ UAE Quality Professionals award recognizes and sets forth role model behaviours that inspire, encourage, challenge and empower other quality professionals in the UAE and beyond to lead performance excellence', said Sunil Thawani, incoming member of ASQ's Board of Directors, and ASQ Country-Counselor- UAE.

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Juma Al Majid Group

UAE-based Juma Al Majid Group opened its doors to business in 1950. The conglomerates is involved in many distinct business disciplines such as automobiles, heavy equipment, trading and manufacturing, contracting and services, FMCG, properties, investment, travel and hospitality. In September 2015, the Group launched its hospitality wing, namely Jood Hospitality.

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