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ABU DHABI, 27th April, 2025 (WAM) -- The seventh edition of the Culture Summit Abu Dhabi, the leading global forum dedicated to culture, creativity, and cross-sector collaboration, opened today at Manarat Al Saadiyat.

Running until 29th April 2025, the summit brings together thought leaders, artists, policymakers, and innovators from around the world for meaningful dialogue and exchange.

Held under the theme "Culture for Humanity and Beyond", the event navigates the ever-dynamic relationship between culture and humanity in a period of transformation. Over the course of three days, the summit will see attendees exchange new perspectives on reimagining the future, as traditional thinking gives way to newer approaches.

Cultural figures and former ministers will engage in ministerial dialogues and sessions surrounding culture and global policy. These sessions will feature Jenny Shipley, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand, and Iveta Radičová, Former Prime Minister of Slovakia.

Other sessions, including panel discussions, case studies, and creative conversations will feature academics, authors, founders and directors such as Mo Gawdat, Author and Former Chief Business Officer at Google X; Glenn Lowry, The David Rockefeller Director, The Museum of Modern Art; Tim Marlow, Chief Executive and Director of the Design Museum in London; Thomas Heatherwick, Founder and Design Director, Heatherwick Studio; Maja Hoffman, Founder and Executive President at Luma Foundation and LumaArles; Hashim Sarkis, Dean at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Colleen Atwood, Costume Designer; Susan Buck-Morss, Distinguished Professor - CUNY Graduate Centre and Cornell University; William Sargent, Chair at Framestore; Professor Iyad Rahwan, Professor and Director at Max Planck Institute for Human Development; and Koyo Kouoh, Executive Director and Chief Curator - Zeitz MOCAA.

The summit will explore three sub-themes. Day one will tap into the power shifts in today's world, from the digital revolution to volatile geopolitical landscapes, and how these shifts are reshaping the cultural landscape. Day two will examine how culture and the creative ecosystem are adapting its policies and models to fully leverage these new possibilities.

The final day will present a range of innovative solutions that could redefine new frameworks for the culture sector and humanity on a broader scale.

Hosted by the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), the event's key global partners include UNESCO, The Economist Impact, the Design Museum, Google, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and Foundation, and Recording Academy. Additional partners include Image Nation Abu Dhabi, International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies, Cultural Foundation, the Club de Madrid, the Abrahamic Family House, Louvre Abu Dhabi, Berklee Abu Dhabi, and a group of the most prominent international cultural and academic institutions.

The summit reflects DCT Abu Dhabi's commitment to preserving, protecting, and promoting Abu Dhabi's rich cultural heritage while fostering creativity and innovation to build a more inclusive and sustainable global cultural future.

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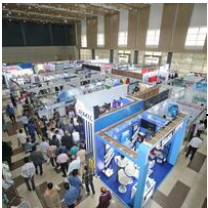


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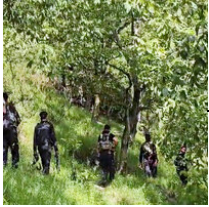
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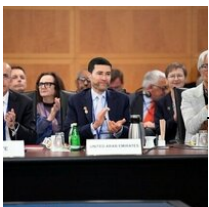
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