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A WORLD OF RECORDS

The UAE has come a long way from being a refuge for nomadic Bedouins and pearl divers to becoming a hub for business and tourism in the region. Its ability and commitment to innovate have seen the rise of the world's tallest man-made structure to the running of the world's longest driverless trains. Reporter Janice Ponce de Leon presents the UAE's priceless achievements that have made it to the pages of the Guinness World Records.

LARGEST BOX OF CHOCOLATE BARS



FIKAS FATTUHI
The largest box of chocolate bars weighing 7,000 kilograms was made by Kit Kat (Nestlé, Middle East) at the Sweet Surprises festival held at BurJuman on June 30, 2005.



LARGEST SAME FIRST NAME GATHERING

The largest gathering of people with the same first name is 1,096. The Mohammads gathered at Creek Park as part of the Dubai Shopping Festival on February 10, 2005.



FASTEST TEXT MESSAGE IN ARABIC

ALI JAFAR AL ANSARI
It took Ali Ansari a mere 43.44 seconds to type a text message in Arabic at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on November 29, 2008. The message was an Arabic translation of the following line: "The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality they seldom attack a human."

FASTEST TEXT MESSAGE IN ARABIC BLINDFOLDED

MOHAMMAD AHMAD AL MULLA
The fastest text message in Arabic blindfolded was typed in 2 minutes 13 seconds by Ali Mulla at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on January 30, 2009. The message was a translation of "The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality they seldom attack a human."



MOST CLOTHES PEGS HELD IN ONE HAND

AHMAD BIN DARWISH
The most clothes pegs held in one hand is 40. The record was achieved by Bin Darwish at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on January 29, 2009.



LONGEST DRIVERLESS METRO LINE

DUBAI METRO RED LINE
The longest driverless metro line covers 52.1 kilometres.

LARGEST SHOPPING CART/TROLLEY

CENTURY SHOPPING MALL
The largest shopping trolley stands 10.5 metres tall from ground to handle, with the basket 6.58 metres long (top edge) and 4.46 metres wide. The wheels measure 0.79 metres in diameter. It was made by the Al Safer Group and Century Shopping Mall in an attempt sponsored by Dubai Duty Free and was unveiled at the Dubai Shopping Festival on February 6, 2004.

HIGHEST SWORD THROW

HAZZA SULAIMAN AL SHEHHI
The highest sword throw at 21.275 metres was achieved by Al Shehhi at Fujairah Fort as part of Al Saif Traditional Sword Competition on November 26, 2010.

LONGEST LINE OF SANDWICHES

The longest line of sandwiches spanned 2,667.13 metres and was created by Kraft Foods, Middle East and Africa at the Dubai Outlet Mall on September 7, 2010.

MOST PALM TREES PLANTED IN 10 YEARS

The UAE set this record between 1999 and 2009 by planting 42 million palm trees.



MOST PEOPLE OPENING BOTTLES SIMULTANEOUSLY

The record for most people opening bottles simultaneously was achieved by 760 people during an event organised by Coca-Cola Middle East in Dubai on May 29, 2009.



MOST CRICKET GAMES HELD

SHARJAH CRICKET STADIUM



HIGHEST RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS

The Burj Khalifa has the highest residential floor at 385 metres.



HIGHEST RESTAURANT FROM GROUND LEVEL

ATMOSPHERE
Nestled 442 metres above the ground, Atmosphere is situated on the 122nd floor of the Burj Khalifa, just two levels below the world's highest observatory deck.

HIGHEST SWIMMING POOL IN A BUILDING

The highest swimming pool is on level 76 (over 270 metres) in the Burj Khalifa.



LARGEST ACRYLIC PANEL

The largest single acrylic panel is an aquarium window at the Dubai Mall. It measures 32.88 metres by 8.3 metres and was completed on July 25, 2008.

MOST CANS CRUSHED WITH A VEHICLE IN THREE MINUTES

The record for most cans crushed with a vehicle in three minutes is 61,106 achieved by Ian Batey driving a 20,000-pound Monster Truck for Burn Energy Drink (UAE), at the Jumeirah Beach Residence on March 6, 2010.

LARGEST TROPHY

The largest trophy with a height of 4.92 metres was made by Kaval N.S. Lamba of New Delhi, India. The trophy was presented to the winning team of the under-14 Doshin Cricket Tournament held in Sharjah in December 2005.



LARGEST SHOPPING CENTRE

DUBAI MALL
The largest shopping centre located within Downtown Dubai consists of four levels with an internal floor area of 548,127 square metres. It comprises 1,200 retail outlets and has over 160 food and beverage outlets. Construction began in 2004, with the mall opening its doors on November 4, 2008.



LARGEST SEASHELL MOSAIC

The largest seashell mosaic measures 147 square metres and was placed at Dubai Police headquarters on January 17, 2009.

BIGGEST PRIZE PURSE FOR HORSE RACING

The richest single day's racing purse totalled \$26.25 million (Dh96.38 million) during the Dubai World Cup at the Meydan Racecourse on March 27, 2010.



BIGGEST PRIZE PURSE FOR SINGLE RACE

The largest prize fund for a single horse race was \$10 million (Dh36.7 million) during the Dubai World Cup, held at Meydan Racecourse on March 27, 2010.

MOST EXPENSIVE DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE

EMIRATES PALACE
The most expensively decorated Christmas tree was valued at Dh41.32 million and was erected and displayed by the Emirates Palace from December 16-29, 2010.



FARTHEST LEANING MAN-MADE BUILDING

The farthest leaning man-made building is Capital Gate. It tilts 18 degrees – four times more than the Tower of Pisa. The 35-storey and 160-metre tall building was developed by the Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (Adne) and the external construction was completed in Abu Dhabi in January 2010. The angle was created by using staggered floor plates from the 12th floor up.



FIRST HYBRID OF A CAMEL X LLAMA

RAMA THE CAMA
On January 14, 1998, Rama, the world's first hybrid offspring of a camel and llama, known as a cama, was born at the Camel Reproduction Centre in Dubai. The long-term project headed by chief scientific officer Dr Julian A. (Lulu) Skidmore (UK) finally came to fruition with Rama's birth. Rama was a male specimen. His father was an Arabian camel or dromedary (Camelus dromedarius), and his mother was a South American guanaco (Lama huanaco), from which the domestic llama descended. Moreover, because the camel is over six times heavier than the guanaco, Rama was conceived by artificial insemination. In 2002, a second cama was born, this time a female called Kamilah.



LARGEST PARADE OF HYUNDAI BUSES

EMIRATES TRANSPORT
The largest parade of Hyundai buses comprised 390 buses and was organised by Emirates Transport in Abu Dhabi on December 2, 2010.



MORE ACHIEVEMENTS

MOST BRANDS ADVERTISED ON A SINGLE BILLBOARD

Discovery Exhibitions Organisers
The most brands advertised on a single billboard was 1,233 and was achieved by Discovery Exhibition Organisers at Dubai Festival City on January 25, 2011.

LARGEST COLLECTION BOX

The largest collection box at Dubai Creek Park, was produced on February 10, 2005 as part of the Dubai Shopping Festival. It has a volume of 13 cubic metres and is 6.87 metres high and 3.60 metres wide.

HEAVIEST COIN-LIKE MEDALLION

Damas Jewellery
The heaviest coin-like medallion had a diameter of 1 metre, was 2.3 cm thick and weighed 185.88 kilograms. It was made by Damas Jewellery on December 15, 2008 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Sciences. The medallion is worth Dh1 million and was made of fine silver and gold plated with 22 carat gold.

LARGEST AWARENESS RIBBON

MADE OF FLOWERS
Dubai Healthcare City
The largest awareness ribbon made of flowers was 28.71 metres long and 19.68 metres wide

MOST SAND MOVED WITH A TEASPOON IN 30 SECONDS

Majid Mohammad
The most sand moved in 30 seconds with a teaspoon is 194 ml achieved by Majid Mohammad (Pakistan) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on January 30, 2009.

MOST DIFFERENT DESSERTS ON DISPLAY

Dubai Shopping Festival
The most different desserts on display is 2,232 and was achieved by Dubai Shopping Festival in conjunction with the Emirates Culinary Guild (both UAE) at Uptown Mirdif on January 30, 2009.

MOST TV CHANNELS BROADCASTING THE SAME PROGRAMME SIMULTANEOUSLY

Mustafa Salamah
The record for most TV channels broadcasting the same programme simultaneously is 61 and was achieved by Mustafa Salamah on April 7, 2010.

MOST EXPENSIVE CAR REGISTRATION

Saeed Abdul Caffar Khouri
The most expensive car license plate comprising the single digit '1' was bought by Saeed Abdul Caffar Khouri for Dh52.2 million during a special number-plate auction organised by Emirates Auction Company, at Emirates Palace on February 16, 2008.

MOST CONSECUTIVE TENNIS BALL TOUCHES USING THE FEET IN ONE MINUTE

Mahdi Hobbadarvish
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FASTEST TYPING USING THE NOSE

Neeta
The shortest time taken to type a prescribed 103 character text on a keyboard using the nose is 1 minute 33 seconds achieved by Neeta (India) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on November 16, 2008.

FASTEST TIME TO TYPE 1 TO 50

Hind Al Mulla
The fastest time to type numbers from 1 to 50 with a full stop in between each number was 16.30 seconds achieved by Hind Al Mulla (UAE) at the Guinness World Records Pavilion in Global Village on February 9, 2009.

FASTEST TIME TO CLIMB BURJ KHALIFA TOWER UNASSISTED (SOLO)

Alain Robert
The fastest time to climb the Burj Khalifa is 6 hours 15 minutes 55 seconds and was achieved by Alain Robert (France) on March 29, 2011.

LARGEST PARADE OF MERCEDES-BENZ CARS

Gargash Enterprises
The largest parade of Mercedes Benz cars consisted of 153 vehicles and was organised by Gargash Enterprises with the support of its customers. The convoy started in Dubai and ended at Endurance City, Bab Al Shamh Desert Resort & Spa on April 21, 2007.

LARGEST AMBULANCE

Martin von Bergh
The largest ambulance is operated by the Dubai Government's Centre of Ambulance Services. Designed by Dr Martin von Bergh of Global Medical Consulting, it is 20.03 metres long and can transport 123 patients and staff. It was put into service on September 25, 2009.

LARGEST WEIGHT DIFFERENCE DURING FORMATION FLIGHT

Naraya, Kalita and Veres
Three planes with more than 240 times weight difference flew in tight formation at the opening ceremony of the Al Ain Aerobatic show on January 26, 2007. The large aircraft, an Ethiad Airways Airbus A330-300 with a take-off

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Team Russia
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FASTEST SWIM SHORT COURSE RELAY 4 X 200 METRES FREESTYLE (FEMALE)

Team China
The fastest swim short course relay 4 x 200 metres freestyle (female) was completed in 7 minutes 35.94 seconds by Team China, consisting of Chen Qian, Tang Yi, Xia Jing and Zhu Qianwen in Dubai on December 15, 2010.

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TALLEST MAN-MADE STRUCTURE ON LAND

The tallest building is the Burj Khalifa which is 828 metres tall. The tower was built by Emaar Properties and officially opened in Dubai on January 4, 2010.

