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Cheerful welcome

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Delma (WAM) His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, yesterday visited four schools at Delma Island.

Shaikh Mohammad, who was accompanied by Shaikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Presidential Affairs, reviewed preparedness for the new academic year, which started yesterday.

He began his tour with a visit to Al Diyar Primary

School, where he met the teaching staff and students of the school.

Shaikh Mohammad also visited Delma Primary School for Girls and was welcomed by the headmistress and the students.

He also toured Umayma Bint Abdul Muttalab Secondary School for Girls and was reassured about the adequate services provided to the students and staff.

Shaikh Mohammad concluded his tour of the island with a visit to Al Farazdaq

Primary School for Boys. He toured the school classes and the library.

Following his tour, Shaikh Mohammad said that he was pleased with the smooth onset of the new academic year in Delma schools, which cater to more than 2,000 students.

He referred to a recent resolution by the Cabinet, which grants school administrations the full power to directly spend amounts allocated for their respective schools without

awaiting central approval, thus cutting bureaucracy.

Shaikh Mohammad ordered immediate upgrading of computer laboratories at Delma schools to enable students to cope with the modern technology 'or else we will miss the train.' He also instructed Dr Hanif Hassan, Minister of Education, to coordinate with the Dubai Education Council to enable all school principals to acquire the international computer operating licence.

Shaikh Mohammad was

also accompanied during his tour by Mohammad Abdullah Al Gergawi, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Khalifa Saeed Sulaiman, Director of Dubai Protocol and Guest Houses Department, Dr Taha Al Kindi, Chairman of the Western Region's Municipal Council, Khalifa Al Mansouri, Director of the Western Region's Educational Zone and Mubarak Al Shamsi, Director of Abu Dhabi Education Council.