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## Issuance of commemorative coins to mark the centenary of Sharjah's first library

**Abu Dhabi (23 January 2025):** The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) issued gold and silver commemorative coins to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Sultan bin Saqr Al Qasimi Library as the first library in the Emirate of Sharjah. This initiative is part of the Sharjah Islamic Bank's efforts to support cultural initiatives that embody national identity and enhance the Sharjah's position as a capital of culture and knowledge.

The issuance of these commemorative coins aims to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first library in Sharjah in 1925. It has since evolved into a significant scientific and cultural institution, renowned for its unique collection of rare manuscripts, Arab and international books, and references that reflect the advancement of cultural and human thought. This collection also includes historical maps spanning various time periods, serving as a valuable resource for researchers and readers.

The obverse of the coin features an illustration of the Sultan Bin Saqr Al Qasimi Library building, along with the years 1925-2025, the nominal value, the inscription 'Sultan bin Saqr Al Qasimi Library Centenary', and the 'Central Bank of the UAE' in Arabic and English. The reverse of the coin displays the name of the library, 'Sultan bin Saqr Al Qasim'.

Each gold coin weighs 40 grams and has a nominal value of AED 1000, with 125 pieces to be issued. Silver coins weigh 60 grams each, have a nominal value of AED 100, and 1,250 pieces will be issued. Coins will only be available for purchase at the Sharjah Islamic Bank headquarters.

**Mr. Mohammed Abdullah, the CEO of Sharjah Islamic Bank,** said: "The issuance of these commemorative coins in line with the bank's commitment to supporting cultural initiatives that reflect the national identity and enhance the promotes Sharjah's position as the capital of culture and knowledge. It also aligns with the directives of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, to leverage science and arts for the advancement of the people, their service, and the evolution of society and its institutions.

**He added:** "Through the issuance of commemorative coins, the Sharjah Islamic Bank aims to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Sheikh Sultan bin Saqr Al Qasimi Library. This prominent cultural edifice and prestigious knowledge institution in Sharjah played a pivotal role in fostering cultural roots and cultivating a generation of readers and learners in the emirate. The library has undergone significant development in terms of its scientific collections and physical expansion. We are proud to contribute to immortalizing this cultural landmark, which reflects the



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wise leadership's vision of enriching the scientific and cultural heritage for future generations.

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