

RTA Training Helps Officials Gain Expertise in Public Transport

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DUBAI — An international training programme themed 'Public Transport Fundamentals' was organised by the Public Transport Agency (PTA) at the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) HQ in Muhaisnah.

Experts from the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) delivered the lectures.

Also taking part in the sessions were a host of experts in public transport field from the RTA, Transport Department in Abu Dhabi, and authorities and agencies operating public transport in the GCC as well as the Middle East and north African (Mena) countries.

Essa Abdul Rahman Al Dosari, CEO of PTA, said the Public Transport Agency is working to instil and enhance the proper conceptions of mass transit across a wide spectrum of the community.

He said RTA is keen to benefit from the expertise of these countries and do its level best to realise its strategic objective of boosting the mass transit share from the existing six per cent to 30 per cent by 2020.

"RTA is still in the early stages and has a lot of challenges to face while seeking to meet its objectives of expanding and developing public transport sector, including buses, metro, tram, marine transport, taxis and other mass transit modes," he added.

He also hailed the incessant efforts of the UITP to furnish affiliated member countries with expertise and information needed to establish a mass transit network, which is flexible, safe, comfortable and affordable.

The event saw subjects like the public

transport sector, rules and regulations of public transport, finance in the field, contracts and tenders of transport projects, public transport modes and modal choice, pricing and ticketing of transport line networks, bus network planning and operation, and the impor-

ance of marketing and communication in the segment.

Dubai won the privilege of hosting the 59th UITP Congress and Showcase 2011, following a fierce competition with Singapore and Sydney.

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RTA officials at the training session in Dubai