

# BIOGRAPHY



## His Excellency Jumaa al-Qubaisi

### ***Director – Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF)***

*Director – National Library, Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage (ADACH)*

Director of the ADIBF, HE Jumaa al-Qubaisi, was born in Abu Dhabi in December 1959. After graduating with a BA in English and Media in 1988, al-Qubaisi joined Abu Dhabi's Cultural Foundation, which promotes Arabic and Islamic cultural heritage and the arts. There he became Head of the Higher Committee of the Abu Dhabi Book Fair and took on the responsibility of the National Library, which is open to both the public and to scholars, and today contains some 4,000 Arabic manuscripts and 1.5 million books.

As well as looking after the overall running of the National Library, al-Qubaisi also oversees the running of the Publishing Department and helped establish the library's Manuscript section. As a major part of the National Library, the Publishing Department actively works on making books accessible, at reasonable cost, to all areas of society. This role, along with his status as Head of the Book Fair's Higher Committee, led the way to al-Qubaisi being appointed Director of the ADIBF in November 2006.

HE Jumaa al-Qubaisi was appointed as a member of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award Supreme Committee. He chairs the Publishing Committee of the Cultural Foundation and supervises the Translation Project, which has led to the translation and publishing of more than a hundred titles in the last three years. He is also a member of the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Committee of Book Fairs Directors.

He is married and a father of five children.

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