

# DUBAI HELISHOW LAUNCHES EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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The seventh edition of Dubai HeliShow, set to run from November 6 to 8 at the Royal Pavilion, Al Maktoum International Airport, Dubai South, will witness the launch of helicopter aviation sector awards, with an aim to recognise the achievements and innovations shown by organisations.

The two exclusive three-day conferences - titled 'Helicopter Technology and Operations' and 'Military and Homeland Security' will feature two separate set of awards in various categories.

Outstanding achievements and contributions by organizations in the field of development of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) hubs; Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR), cyber defense and electronic warfare capabilities; comprehensive homeland security programs; futuristic vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) and unmanned systems; multi-role helicopters for joint search and rescue operations and development of integrated helipad and heliport infrastructure to meet the demands of EXPO 2020 and beyond, will take centerstage at the awards ceremony during the HeliShow.

The Dubai HeliShow 2018 Awards will recognise excellence in a broad range of categories including Best Airport Security Award - Detection Technology; Best Regional Armored Vehicle, Best Security Innovation, Best Surveillance Technology, Best Cyber Security; Best

**Public Safety; Best Aviation Academy – Helicopter; Best Helicopter Simulator Company; Best Helicopter Technology; Best Helicopter Licensing Company; Best MRO and Best Helipad Contractor. Advancis, Alpha Tours, Cybergate, Etihad Aviation Training, HeliDubai, Rapiscan, MVP Technology, Progress Security, Oregon and many more have been nominated across different categories thus highlighting their commitment to improving the sector’s operational efficiencies through innovation.**

Ahmad Abulhoul, managing director, Domus Group, organisers of Dubai HeliShow 2018, said: “With the launch of the Dubai HeliShow Awards, we seek to promote excellence and innovation in the helicopter sector. The overwhelming response we are receiving through nominations from both regional and international participants will motivate us to incorporate more operational areas in the next edition of the awards. The awards provide the participants with the perfect opportunity to highlight their contributions, achievements and innovations before industry leaders. It will also become an ideal setting to benchmark against the best-in-class projects in the industry, regionally.”

The two three-day conferences as part of the Dubai HeliShow 2018 will shed light on a vast range of topics, including how to empower police forces with Internet of Things (IoT) tools; the role of women in homeland security; application of robotics in policing and helicopter; tackling new patterns in narco-terrorism by integrating intelligence, forensics and response operations; best practices to boost joint inter-agency cooperation between armed forces and homeland security agencies among many others.



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