



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS

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It gives me great pleasure to send warm greetings to all competitors, officials and delegates at the 19th BFAME Bridge Championship in Dubai.

These Zonal Championships of WBF Zone 4, the only Zone formed during 10 years tenure of illustrious past President Jaime Ortiz-Patino, has come a long way in the orderly functioning of this second Asian Zone and these reflect how the intellectual game of Bridge is able to unite players from all four corners of its geographical jurisdiction in a spirit of friendship and goodwill.

The Organizing Committee of the UAE Bridge Committee, and its President Ahmed Midfa ably assisted by the Chief Organizer Amar Mekky, are to be heartedly congratulated for their work in organizing this event to be staged and I am sure that it will be carried out with utmost efficiency.

I also congratulate each and every competitor on having qualified to take part, for there is no greater honor to represent one's country. The privilege of so doing is all the more greater in Bridge because our game demands a higher ethical standard than other popular games I am confident that this standard will be well upheld in the Championship now about to begin.

I am, of course, disappointed not to be with you on this occasion, in response to warm invitation from my old friend and colleague Mazhar Jafri on behalf of BFAME, as well as to miss the opportunity to reunite with old friends. However, I am sure that these Championship will, as always, be fiercely competitive and, at the same time, hugely enjoyable. Good Luck to you all.

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