

**Mr. Sultan Lootah**

**CEO**

**Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation, Dubai, UAE**

Sultan A. Lootah occupies the role of the Chief Executive Officer in the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation, appointed in 2008.

Lootah brings to the Foundation a rich experience and outstanding competency in developing innovative and goal-oriented solutions. His exceptional leadership qualities and acumen for critical thinking made him an obvious choice to lead the Foundation's initiatives that aim to combat unemployment in the Arab world.

In his current role, Lootah is responsible for overseeing the conceptualization and implementation of programmes that drive employment opportunities and entrepreneurial activities across the region.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Lootah served as Director of Projects at The Executive Office (TEO) in Dubai, where he led the development and implementation of key initiatives for consolidating the emirate's status as a global economic force.

As the Director of Information Technology in the Dubai Department of Economic Development (DED), Lootah played a key role in formulating the department's strategy and bolstering its overall efficiency. Projects that he spearheaded at DED included Tawtheeq, an electronic processing system that helped the department achieve its goals and objectives.

In 2005, Lootah led the upgrading of DED's IT infrastructure and introduced Infotech, the region's first portable trade license application specifically designed for the department's end-users.

Starting his career as a software programmer at Mashreq Bank (1998-99), he was associated with the Public Prosecution department for a year. In 2000, he moved to Al Thuraya Telecom as a Testbed Engineer, before joining DED in 2003 as an IT software development supervisor.

A member of the Mohammed bin Rashid Programme for Leadership Development, Lootah holds a High Diploma in Business IT from the Higher Colleges of Technology, Dubai and an Executive Diploma in Public Administration at the Lee Kuan Yew University, Singapore.

Sultan has an Executive Master's degree in Business Administration by the Higher Colleges of Technology, A recipient of a number of awards including the 2006 Dubai Government Excellence Award for Best Distinguished Government Employee, Lootah has also contributed to the success of prominent initiatives, including the Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS).