

Dearest friends,

It is indeed my great pleasure to have an opportunity to say thank you to my dearest friends directly at the last minutes of my staying in Dubai. I extend my deepest gratitude to the tonight's host, Mr. Lovraj Talwar, for organising this cozy style farewell dinner. I also express my unbounded gratitude to my friends in Dubai for joining today under the corona situation.

2 months ago, I did never think about my farewell dinner would be arranged in this year. As the Expo has been postponed for a year, my tenure in Dubai will be finished in a usual three-years term. A month ago, I did never expect anyone would organise my farewell dinner due to the stringent precautionary measures. Thankfully everyone in Dubai has made the best effort to contain the pandemic, and thank to the organiser of tonight's dinner, today, I'm given this fabulous opportunity. He is the first person arranging my welcome reception and the last person organising my farewell dinner. In addition, he has offered me a lots of marvellous experiences in Dubai. I have no words to express my gratitude.

Next week, I'm flying to Bangkok with my family. The first thing we will encounter is the quarantine. The word quarantine is derived from Italian language, forty, when the humankind was fighting against black disease in the 14th century. Even though less than forty days, 15 night 16 days kept separate in a designated hotel would be tough for me. However, tonight's marvellous farewell encourages us in overcoming the quarantine depression.

3 years ago when he organised my welcome reception, I expressed that the UAE stands for;

**U**nique, **A**mazing and **E**nergetic. Today, I'm saying Dubai stands for:

**D**ynamic, **U**nprecedented, **B**eautiful, **A**stonished, and **I**ncredible.

And I think, these wordings are what we think about for the tonight's organiser, and for all my friends in Dubai. You have presented me and my wife with many wonderful memories of Dubai, all of which have shown dynamic, unprecedented, beautiful, astonished and incredible friendships.

Thank you very much.