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Mohammad praises new dry docks facility and inspects world's biggest maritime complex

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The new extension — the fifth dock — is to be added to the four dry docks built for maintaining giant ships

or converting them from oil tankers to commercial ships.

While inspecting the new dry dock, Shaikh Mohammad acquainted himself with the ship building mechanism at the facility, which is 130 metres long and 65 metres wide with a depth of five metres.

The dock is the first in the world to build ships on land before shifting them to the sea.

Sultan Ahmad Bin Sulayem, Chairman of DP World, briefed Shaikh Mohammad on the vital industrial project, saying Dubai

Dry Docks is one of the leading shipbuilding and maintenance facilities in the world.

The dry dock is the region's and the world's first facility to build giant ships of up to one million tonnes on dry terrain, Bin Sulayem said.

Handling operations

Shaikh Mohammad also inspected container berths and handling operations at Port Rashid before he headed to Dubai Maritime City (DMC), which when completed will serve as the world's biggest and most

comprehensive maritime complex spread across 27 million square feet of man-made peninsula between Port Rashid and Dubai Dry Docks.

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The Dh3 billion city will create an iconic multi-dimensional maritime centre providing a unique world-class environment for the global maritime community.

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Taking a tour

Shaikh Mohammad reviewed the ship building process at the Dubai Dry Docks extension after its inauguration yesterday.