

Exploring, as part of his schedule in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Zayed University and Masdar City erected as the world's first ecological city, President Gül shared his happiness with being the first Turkish President to pay an official visit to the UAE in years.

Welcomed by the Higher Education and Scientific Researches Minister of the UAE, **Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak al Nahyan**

upon his arrival at Zayed University, President Gül, after chatting with the Rector, Deans and a group of students, was informed about the university and its activities by the Rector. He also conducted a teleconference talk with students of Turkey's Bilkent University.

WORLD'S FIRST ECOLOGICAL CITY: MASDAR CITY

The President further explored the world's first ecological city, Masdar City, whose construction work is being carried out and he enjoyed an electric automobile drive which can move without a driver indeed, sharing his views about Turkish-UAE bilateral relations with the press members who accompany him on his visit to this country, saying that he is pleased with being the first Turkish President to pay an official visit to the UAE in years

The President, lauding the UAE administration for its farsightedness as it deals with the future, noted that such cities as Abu Dhabi and Dubai bring a vision to the whole of the world not merely to the region.

Turkey, he declared, attaches great importance to renewable energy as it does not have petrol or natural gas and pointed to the significance of boosting the economic cooperation between the two countries.

The President, in Masdar City, signed a touch-operated signature in the Book of Honor and was informed about the electronic screen by a Turkish student named Abdullah Kaya, continuing his post graduate studies in Abu Dhabi.