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## From Japan to UAE - the FIFA Club World Cup Returns to Familiar Turf

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For his part, His Excellency Mohammed bin Hazzam UAEFA General Secretary, expressed his happiness and pride in hosting the Club World Cup for 2017/2018 in Abu Dhabi, this indicates the evolution of the UAE in hosting prestigious international sports events, pointing out Abu Dhabi vision to be the capital of the world sport, and all of this achievements due to the unlimited support by the wise leadership in sport sector. He praised the strategic partnership between UAE football association and Abu Dhabi sports Council in organizing these global events.

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