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DXB 2023 PASSENGER TRAFFIC ON TRACK TO ECLIPSE PRE-PANDEMIC FIGURE

DUBAI
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The 18th edition of the Dubai Airshow and the event's continued success since its inception reflect the UAE's significant role as a key partner in the global aviation industry, said President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday as he toured the event at Dubai World Central.

Shaikh Mohammad noted that the airshow serves as a platform for decision-makers, industry leaders, experts, and stakeholders to discuss innovative solutions and future trends in aviation development, underlining the sector's vital role in stimulating and supporting the growth of related industries in the UAE.

DXB set to soar higher

In another highlight of Day 3 of the airshow, Paul Griffiths, CEO of Dubai Airports, said Dubai International Airport was on track to soar past the passenger figures of 2019.

His statement to reporters came as Dubai Airports yesterday revised upwards its full-year 2023 passenger forecast to 86.8 million from 85 million, as the city awaits a further rush of travel demand



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Shaikh Mohammad visits a pavilion at the Dubai Airshow yesterday. He was briefed on the latest advances in the aviation sector, including developments in the utilisation of sustainable fuel.

Dubai Airports revised upwards its full-year 2023 passenger forecast to 86.8 million from 85 million, as the city awaits a further rush of travel demand through the next few weeks.

The numbers will also be boosted by the UAE's hosting of the COP28 global summit on climate change and sustainability initiatives.

The revised numbers puts DXB on course to surpass pre-Covid passenger traffic. In 2019, the year before Covid, DXB oversaw 86.3 million travellers passing through.

"We are thrilled but not entirely surprised that DXB is all set to surpass the pre-pandemic milestone well ahead of our initial projections by almost a year," said Griffiths. "I think now because we've got the full network with 250 destinations, 95 airlines and 105 countries, that's why we've been able to recover so strongly," he added.

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