

Three German museums set to open Dubai units



Dr Omar bin Sulaiman, second right, along with museum heads from Germany at the signing ceremony WAM

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Three leading German museums are to launch operations in Dubai, it was announced yesterday.

The Federal Museums in Berlin, the Bavarian State Collections of Paintings in Munich and the Saxonian State Museums and Art Collections in Dresden will take part in the Universal Museums project.

They will work with the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority (DCAA) on joint initiatives including exhibitions and conferences.

In addition they will promote the exchange of expertise in scientific and restoration work and education programmes.

The Universal Museums scheme, which will bring together exhibits from globally recognised collections, was announced on Saturday by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

"Three of the world's leading museums will establish a physical presence in Dubai, a partnership that marks the first-time collabo-

ration of these iconic institutions," said DCAA Managing Director Dr Omar bin Sulaiman. "Dubai is demonstrating its status as a crossroads and a meeting centre for partners from around the world."

The Berlin complex, one of the largest museums in the world, has outstanding collections of European, Islamic, Asian, African and American art. Its Director-General Dr Peter Klaus Schuster, said: "Within the next few years Dubai will become an international museum and exhibition centre for all genres."

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