

Dubai Municipality launches programme for food safety

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Dubai Municipality has received over 400 applications for its pioneering Food Elite Programme. This recognition programme is the first government-led initiative to honour food establishments for their innovative approaches to sustainability and social responsibility. Unlike traditional recognition programmes, Food Elite is the first launched by a regulator to recognise excellence in food safety. The winning establishments will be recognised during the 18th Dubai International Food Safety Conference, which will be held under the theme “Future Foresight in Food Safety” from 21 to 23 October at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

According to Emirates news agency, Sultan Al Tahir, Director of the Food Safety Department at Dubai Municipality, highlighted the unique nature of the programme, explaining: “The Food Elite Programme is a breakthrough for government recognition in the food sector. While private organisations often offer awards, this programme marks the first time a regulatory body is providing such recognition – regulators usually issue penalties, not recognition. This programme demonstrates Dubai Municipality’s commitment to building a sustainable food system and encouraging excellence across food safety, sustainability, nutrition, and social responsibility, elevating the quality of life in Dubai.”