

# DTCM to promote travel for disabled

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THE Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DTCM) is sponsoring the visit of Scott Chesney from the US, who will evaluate and promote international travel for the disabled as a part of his world tour of "Devotion to Motion." Chesney will address tour operators on tourism for disabled and will also be visiting disabled centres before leaving on Thursday for Jordan.

Chesney, paralysed from a rare stroke in the spinal cord, travels around the world bringing awareness about the possibilities of living an almost normal life though disabled. He is accompanied by his wife, Pratiksha Chesney, who works as a physical therapist, in spinal cord injury rehabilitation in Florida.

During their stay in Dubai the couple will visit hospitals



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dealing with spinal injuries and organisations dealing with the handicapped. They will also give lectures and hold seminars on this subject.

DTCM's Director General Khalid A Bin Sulayem said that the Chesney's visit to

Dubai will be meaningful and productive. It will also help in exposing the emirate to travellers with disabilities. "This unique visit will also give an opportunity to disabled people to visit and experience the rich culture and facilities, Dubai has to offer to them," said Bin Sulayem.

## Hotel group meeting

DTCM convened the fifth meeting of the hotel and hotel apartment group on Monday to discuss key industry issues.

The meet, chaired by the DTCM's director general, Khalid A Bin Sulayem, was also attended by Mohammed Khamis Bin Hareb, director, operations division of DTCM, as well as other senior officials. There were discussions on several important issues, which help in boosting tourism sector in the emirate.