

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNIFIED BIOMETRIC ACCESS



Starting in November, passengers at Terminal 3 of Dubai International Airport (DXB) can use facial recognition technology for a seamless travel experience through check-in, immigration, and boarding.

The Deputy Director-General of the General Directorate of Foreigners Affairs in Dubai, Major General Obaid Muhair bin Suroor, announced the start of 'The International Conference on Policymaking: The Future of Ports' in Dubai.

Following successful trial runs, GDRFA-Dubai will implement a single biometric access system at DXB in November in partnership with Emirates Airlines.

Maj Gen Bin Suroor explained that the process of a traveler using the biometric system includes checking in, traveling through immigration and any checkpoints, accessing lounges for first or business class, boarding, and finally getting on the plane.

New era starts

According to him, the paperless access system at DXB is the first of its kind in the region and one of the few globally. He expressed his hope for the experiment's success and mentioned that they had conducted numerous trials already. He added that the implementation time is near as all the necessary systems and devices are fully prepared.

The biometric system is not affected by cosmetic surgery. As a result, the biometric access system combines iris, facial, thermal, and fingerprint images.

Furthermore, if a traveler travels to a destination requiring a stamp in their passport, they can approach the control officer at DXB to get it done.

Impact on travel

Using a single biometric access system is expected to increase airport passengers and eliminate check-in or immigration counters, offering a seamless experience for travelers. However, experts believe implementing biometric systems will not affect traditional airport counter employees. Instead, these staff members will be presented with a shift in their roles involving more analysis and monitoring of biometric systems. They will need to enhance their skills in these areas accordingly.

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