

New ISO boost for Kanoo Shipping



From left, Jameel Al Sharaf, Group Corporate Services Manager, Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, Deputy CEO of YBA Kanoo Group and Robert Moss, Executive General Manager of Kanoo Shipping & Logistics

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Kanoo Shipping, a business division of the Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Group (YBA Kanoo), achieved a milestone of having all branches across Bahrain and Saudi Arabia upgraded to the new "ISO 9001-2015" Standard certification.

The new standard, according to YBA Kanoo, helps to improve overall performance and provides a sound basis for sustainable development initiatives, which fits into the Group's Vision 2020 transformation programme.

"Upgrading to ISO 9001 - 2015 in Kanoo Shipping

branches reflects our serious commitment towards delivering sustainable excellence through all the Group's businesses. This achievement came as a direct result of the accurate implementation of the systems by the operations and support team in respective branches,"

Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, YBA Kanoo's Acting CEO said.

Branches of Kanoo Shipping, which received the ISO 9001 - 2015 upgrade are in Dammam, Riyadh, Jeddah, Rabigh, Jubail, Khafji, Ras Tanura, all in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as the branch in Bahrain.

Mumtalakat names new board for Danat



Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa

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Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom, announced the appointment of the board of directors at Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT).

Chaired by Yaser Abduljalil Alsharifi, the new board of directors at DANAT comprises: Rashad Redha Faraj, Amal Ishaq AlKooheji, Yusuf Abdulrahman Fakhro,

Noof Abdulrahman Jamsheer, Mohamed Abdulrazaq Shirazi, Danielle Pasquarelli Algosaibi, Khalid Mohammad Matar and Latifa Yousuf Salahuddin.

Commenting on the move, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Mumtalakat said, "The new Board members bring with them deep industry knowledge, strengthening the DANAT management team's ability to successfully execute the Institute's strategy and ensure global impact."

Enhancing the role of internal audit



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KPMG's survey findings show that there is a gap between the expectations from Internal Audit (IA) as a function and the views of internal auditors in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

According to a new KPMG in Bahrain study titled 'Bahrain internal audit survey 2018: Enhancing the strategic value of Internal Audit', more than half of the surveyed IA professionals (65 percent) consider IA to be a support function rather than a strategic player.

The survey report is based on the analysis of responses from IA professionals in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to obtain perspectives on the roles and responsibilities of IA and how they see the role of IA evolving.

The survey respondents also revealed their aspiration to see the role of internal auditors

evolve into a more strategic role.

According to the report, the future of IA also depends on its ability to embrace emerging technologies. Although digital transformation in IA is in its infancy stage in Bahrain, a majority of the surveyed IA professionals (95 percent) believed that the adoption of technology can trigger greater efficiency.

Jeyapriya Partiban, partner and head of Risk Consulting at KPMG in Bahrain elaborated on the report's findings and said, "Having had the opportunity to work with clients from across a full spectrum of size, industry and sector; we have been able to witness and experience first-hand as to how the rapid advancements of digitalization, data analytics, and other technologies impact businesses; and more specifically the IA functions and related activities in the marketplace."

Get ready for "Sawasdee Thailand" festival



The festival will be held on April 23 at The Gulf Hotel Convention & Spa -Royal Thai Restaurant

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The Gulf Hotel Convention & Spa -Royal Thai Restaurant is holding "Sawasdee Thailand" festival in collaboration with the Thai Embassy of Bahrain.

The festival, held on 23rd of April, will feature cultural performers specially flown in from Thailand along

with exotic and sumptuous delicacies. Royal Thai Restaurant is the winner of the Food & Travel awards best Thai cuisine.

The event will feature dancers, fruit carvers and umbrella painters, in addition to a specialty menu created by Chef Tawatchi. "I am excited to present the very best of Thai

cuisine that will be created from the freshest ingredients along with traditional cooking methods and innovative recipes," said Chef Tawatchi.

Hathaichanok Frumau - Charge d' affaires of the Thai Embassy said, "The Sawasdee Thailand"! Thai food and culture festival represents the cultural and artistic overview

"We are honoured that festival is taking place at the Royal Thai Restaurant! Royal Thai is by far, the ideal Thai restaurant in the kingdom, since opening in 2002 and with the recent awards, Royal Thai has been also honoured with the Thai Select Awards, and is now officially listed on the website of the Thai trade ministry as one of the exceptional places to dine in Bahrain,"

-Fares Yactine, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain, General Manager,

of what Thailand has on offer!"

"With the support of our sponsors namely LuLu Hypermarket, Sri Lankan Airlines and The Gulf Hotel Bahrain, this is a onetime opportunity that shouldn't be missed and I thank you all for your kind support and commitment," added Frumau.