



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to Bahrain from Saudi Arabia after attending the conclusion of the Joint Gulf Shield 1 military exercise held with the participation of Bahrain Defence Force. HM the King sent a cable of appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud for the warm welcome and generous hospitality shown during the 29th Arab League Summit and the Joint Gulf Shield 1.



The Minister of Finance Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha. The Minister praised the long-standing relationship between the two countries, which covers a wide range of sectors and spans several decades. He discussed with Ambassador Sinha means of enhancing joint co-operation in areas relating to finance and banking on the basis of mutual interest, while building on the progress achieved so far.



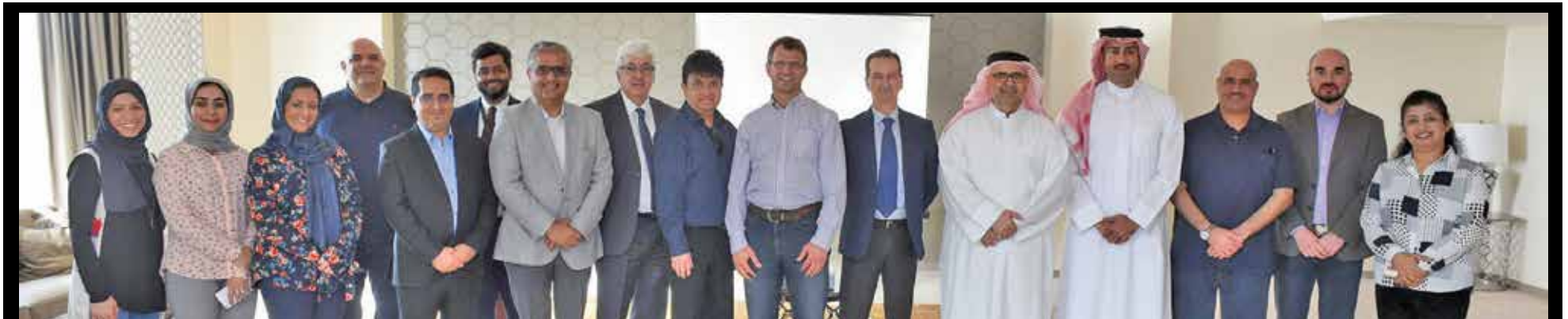
Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Sameer Nass held a dinner party in honour of the Board of Directors and the employees.



Secretary-General of the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed Al-Amin received here the Bahraini Ambassador to the U.S Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa and discussed with him areas of joint cooperation. Dr. Al-Sayed lauded the major role played by the Bahraini Embassy in Washington to highlight the kingdom's civilisational image.



The sports federations of equestrian and badminton & squash were reviewed at a meeting with representatives of the Bahrain Olympic Committee recently. The meeting was chaired by BOC sports affairs executive director Abduljalil Asad, who thanked both federations for their efforts in the development of their respective organisations. The Executive Director stressed the keenness of the committee to work hand in hand with the federations to achieve its aspirations.



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) hosted an Air Service Development (ASD) workshop instructed by Aviation Strategies International's Executive Vice President Jean Marc Trottier and Senior Practice Executive, Aviation Safety & Risk Management Peter Adams. The workshop touched on various aspects related to ASD, such as the marketing position of BIA in the regional market, the role of Gulf Air at the airport, and the importance of ASD and how to prepare for it, among other topics.