

5 new schools to be built: Minister



The Minister with other officials during the visit

Manama Five new schools, with advanced facilities, will be opened during the 2017-18 academic year in the governorates of the Kingdom, it was revealed yesterday. "The schools for boys and girls will be environment-friendly and will be established in conformity

with international standards," said Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuami praising the directives of the leadership to establish 'developed' schools in the Kingdom.



The Minister said this while touring a number of newly built schools to follow up the preparations for the new academic year, which begins on September 10, 2017.

The newly constructed schools house new lighting technologies to save energy and preserve environment, soundproof classrooms, anti-slip vinyl flooring, elevators, as well as advanced electronic systems. Classrooms, laboratories, sport and multipurpose halls and offices were also constructed using eco-friendly technology.

Future shines bright for solar

Bahrain to invest more in renewable energy



Energy Minister with other officials during a photocall

Manama Bahrain aims to generate 5 per cent of its total electrical energy from renewable sources by 2025, said Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza yesterday.

"Renewable energy will be rewarding for all parties in terms of clean energy," the

Minister said adding: "It would also create new jobs for Bahrainis."

The Minister, citing the huge declines in the cost of solar energy, said, "Solar energy will help save large quantities of gas that are consumed to generate electricity, which can then be used in major industrial projects."

In this regard, the Minister also pointed out that the Sustainable Energy Unit, which promotes the use of solar energy in the Kingdom, "seeks to cooperate and provide technical support to major projects in Bahrain".

The Minister also assured that experts from the unit are ready to provide technical

advice and assistance to "any existing or future projects in the country" while stressing on the need to achieve the goals of sustainable development.

The Minister was visiting the Avenues Mall development project to inspect the work progress of integrating solar energy solutions at the facility, which includes installation

of solar panels on external parking garages.

United Nations Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative Amin Al Sharkawi and the Director of the Sustainable Energy Unit as well as Mohammed Salahuddin Consulting Engineering Bureau Chairman of the Board of Directors and a representative

of the project's owner, Nasser Abdul Salam, officials and engineers were present.

The minister thanked all officials and developers for their cooperation with sustainable development initiatives and their response to the implementation of the solar energy applications in the complex.