



**MEXICAN BRUNCH**  
Saturdays, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
For more information, please call 17586410  
The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain

## BAHRAIN TAKING NOTICE OF THE 'BILLION-DOLLAR' GAMING INDUSTRY

**I**GN Convention Bahrain, an International Exhibition specialized in pop-culture, is coming back for the 5th time. And it is a solid platform that provides much more than just cosplays and gaming tournaments. John Kilmartin, The Executive Director – ICT at the Economic Development Board (EDB), has said that the EDB is keen on supporting conferences and events that attracts companies and create opportunities to the Kingdom's private sector. "The net worth of the gaming market in the gulf region is estimated at \$1 billion and is likely to witness more growth. This enables the Kingdom to benefit from the increased demand to attract companies specialized in the field to operate from Bahrain." The IGN serves as a strong platform for companies to come and showcase their gaming potential and added benefits to the Bahraini economy.

Tarteeb Events will host the exhibition on October 20 and 21 at the Bahrain International Circuit. They have announced a number of fun activities and competitions such as the annual Cosplay Competition, and several well-



known Video game tournaments such as FIFA, Overwatch and Street Fighter. They will also be hosting the fantastic experience FACTORY-13 for one more year, and numerous Gaming tournaments such as FIFA, Call of Duty, Overwatch, Nintendo Switch games, and the well-known mobile application game Clash Royale tournament. The Event will also feature a host of interactive games both Indoor and Outdoor, live on stage concerts, Cosplay competitions, aside from hosting a line-up of world-renowned celebrities including Pilou Asbaek, who played the role of Euron Greyjoy in the most watched television series Game of Thrones, the professional American wrestler Oscar Gutierrez also known as Rey Mysterio, and the well-known Japanese influencer Shams Qamar.

Get your tickets: Tickets are sold at BD 8 for one-day access, BD 12 for two-day access, and BD 50 for the VIP access and will be available for purchase at selected stores like Virgin Megastore (City Centre Bahrain), Euphoria (Seef Mall), AlTuraiki Technology (Riffa), among others.

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2017



**AL-HILAL HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTERS**  
MUHARRAQ | MANAMA | RIFFA

www.alhilaalhospital.com P.O.Box: 23622, Kingdom of Bahrain, Ph: 17344700 (Muhq), 17495555 (Riffa)  
www.ahmcriffa.com Al Hilal Facebook Al Hilal Hospital Al Hilal



## Preparations kick-start for National Day Festival!

**W**ith the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has begun its preparations for this year's BIC National Day Festival.

This highly anticipated and massive event is scheduled to take place from December 14 to 17 at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" in Sakhir. It is the Kingdom of Bahrain's biggest and most spectacular celebration, marking both Bahrain's National Day and His Majesty King Hamad's accession to the throne.

The festival is being organised by BIC for the fifth successive year, and each time it keeps growing in popularity and attendance. Set to be a part of the festivities are a full shopping experience, corporate exhibition space, children's activities and a play area, cultural and musical performances, food and beverage outlets, concerts by major regional artists, and so much more.

For more information, visit [www.bahrainpg.com](http://www.bahrainpg.com)



## All set for the biggest party?

**F**rom what started out as a class project during their high school days, Sponge Cola has grown into one of the Philippines' premier bands, entertaining audiences both locally and internationally, and becoming staples in the Philippines' entertainment industry.

Now they are all set to rock the Bahraini audience! Gulf Brands International proudly presents Rockrakan Todomax Party 2017, Sponge Cola Live in Bahrain, Concert for a Cause.

The band's achievements include more than 30 awards with certified gold, platinum, and diamond albums since the start of their career in 2003. This 2017, the band geared up for new material with EP released mid-year. Currently, their single "Bahaghari" (Rainbow) made history as the First Filipino Song to make it to Magic 89.9

Philippine Radio Station's Hall-of-Fame. Organized and produced by Delmon for Artistic Production, the event is powered by DT News, Weekender, OSN, Aksyon TV5, Kapatid TV5 and Music & Lights WLL. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza on November 18 from 5pm-2am. Popular local bands and Pinoy DJ will also perform in the event.



## Aiming for the Guinness Record

**I**t is fascinating to look into how art is able to get so much conveyed in its aesthetic sense. Weekender recently spotted something very creatively being constructed at the Ramli mall and upon inquiry, learned of how the talented artist Jincy Babu is commemorating the International Day of the Girl Child and the United Nations Day, with a 3D chalk art creation of great magnitude. She is attempting for a Guinness record for the largest 3d

chalk painting with her intriguing creation, which she has been working on for days. Speaking to Weekender, she told of the concept: "It is basically a refugee girl holding the earth in her hands and she is surrounded by 6 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. What I wish to convey is, if we work towards these SDG's, we can help this girl to stay afloat who will protect the Earth from destruction."

