

GSO to boost consumer protection and economy

AGU signs deal with GCC Standardisation Organisation

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GCC Standardisation Organisation (GSO) has contributed to increasing the efficiency of the GCC states' economies and ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens, said a top AGU official yesterday.

"This is more evident especially at the present time where economic and political blocs require special attention to the issues of standardisation and quality in products and services," said President of Arabian Gulf University (AGU), Dr Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al Ohali.

Al Ohali said this while signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on behalf of AGU with the GCC Standardisation Organisation (GSO) to assist various



Officials during the signing ceremony

standardisation activities in the GCC countries.

The deal is aimed at spreading the standardisation culture and protect consumers, environment and public health via relevant education, studies and research. The signing ceremony was held at AGU's premises in Bahrain.

"It's a step forward towards bolstering collaboration ties with specialised organisations in the GCC region," added Dr Al Ohali

Nabil bin Amin Al Mulla, President of GSO, who signed the MoU on behalf of the Organisation, affirmed that the deal aims at assisting the

GCC to achieve its objectives specified in its Articles of Association and the Gulf Economic Agreement and the GCC Customs Union to standardise the various standardisation activities in the GCC countries.

Al Mulla said that the signing of this agreement with

AGU is a real activation of the motto of the Organisation "A Sustainable Partnership" which aims to build relations and achieve integration with long-standing scientific and academic bodies.

"This agreement aims to establish a framework for training and capacity-building

in the field of standardisation in the GCC region in cooperation with the Centre for Training and Continuing Education at AGU. It will contribute to spreading the culture of standardisation and specifications and quality for both traders and consumers," said Al Mulla.

'Lego emergency' yields hundreds of toy bricks for Italian hospital

A pediatric cancer hospital in northern Italy thanked supporters online after a desperate and unusual appeal for toys earlier in the week yielded hundreds of boxes of Lego building boxes.

"What a pleasure to see a child able to choose and give him what he wants," read the Facebook post from the Ageop Ricerca association in Bologna. "Thank you world".

Lego emergency

The group -- which has been involved in research, funding and support for cancer patients and families at the oncology department of Sant'Orsola hospital in Bologna for 35 years -- appealed to its Facebook community Sunday as it faced a shortage of toys for its young cancer patients.

"At any age, building a car, robot or space shuttle is always a wonderful way to pass the time and allow the spirit to travel," Ageop director Francesca Testoni wrote. "Can you help us?"



500 boxes in 3 days

The hospital's young patients could only play with new and unopened toys for hygienic reasons. Within three days, the hospital received 500 boxes of new Lego building bricks, which she said is the most requested toy.