

# Women Empowerment awards to be announced on Wednesday

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The winners of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Empowerment will be announced on Wednesday.

A ceremony will be held under the auspices of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and

Supreme Council for Women (SCW) to honour the 2017 winners.

The 5th edition will acknowledge the landmark strides achieved by Bahraini women in the public and private sectors and growing participation in the national development endeavour. Bahrain embarked on a wide-ranging strategy to empower

women and facilitate their economic integration to play their role in the development march on the basis of equal opportunities and bridge gender gaps.

Launched in 2006, HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Empowerment has had a positive impact on institutions in the Kingdom

of Bahrain. According to latest statistics, the rate of women's participation in public sector enterprises increased by 11 per cent in ten years to top 49pc in 2016, up from 38pc in 2006.

As for the private sector, the rate of women's participation increased by 9pc to top 33pc up from 24pc of the overall workforce.

The rate of women's participation in the high managerial positions rose to 45pc, compared with 59pc for medium managerial positions. The number of sponsors of the award soared by 123pc to top 77 in 2016, up from 30 in 2006, which reflects the impact of the prize in promoting corporate culture to integrate women's needs and foster gender equal

opportunities.

The commitment to set up equal opportunities committees also soared from 38pc in 2011 to 95pc last year. The companies which took part in the contest or won the award achieved strides in incorporating the principles of equal opportunities and the integration of women's needs in their strategies.

## Bahrain to participate in Universal Children's Day

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The Labour and Social Development Ministry underlined Bahrain's annual participation in the celebration marking the Universal Children's Day and the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse which are observed on November 19 and 20, in line with a recommendation by the United Nations General Assembly in 1954.

The event is considered as an opportunity to re-assert the need to prevent violence against children and provide them with a secure environment for their upbringing by shedding light on main programmes and challenges and taking the necessary procedures to protect the children's interest and promote their welfare.

In a statement marking

the occasion, the ministry underscored the great care given by Bahrain to children, citing measures taken to protect them and boost their well-being.

It stressed that thanks to the directives and support of Bahrain leadership, the kingdom has been able to make big strides in improving the children's conditions at all levels. It reiterated constant

keenness to protect the children's rights and preserve achievements in this respect.

It also pointed out the importance of bolstering social awareness through various mass media concerning the prevention of child abuse, emphasising the need to teach children how to benefit from social media networks and clarify the risks surrounding them.

## 72 participants in Bahrain's first speedcubing competition

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The first Speedcubing Competition to take place in Bahrain, the Bahrain Open 2017, was inaugurated by Eman Hussain, Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry and Juzer Rupawala, the Regional Director of the Lulu Hypermarket on Saturday.

Held at the Ramli Mall, A'ali, the day-long event has attracted 72 participants who competed against each other to set a speed record in unscrambling the Rubik's Cube, a twisty puzzle of different colours that have to be aligned colour-wise in the

least possible time. The event is recognised by the World Cube Association (WCA), a non-profit organization that regulates all speedcubing competitions all over the world.

Participants represented at least 16 nationalities: Bahrain, India, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Argentina, Egypt, USA, New Zealand, China, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian Territories.

The competition has 5 events: Rubik's Cube (3x3x3), 2x2x2, 4x4x4, 3x3x3 One-Handed, Pyraminx (a pyramid-shaped puzzle). Each competitor

got 5 attempts to solve the puzzle. The average was then calculated by eliminating the fastest and slowest solve. Competitors are then ranked based on their average.

The contest was for three kinds of WCA-recognised records: National Records, Continental Records, and World Records for both single and average times.

"Brain stimulation games such as this, is something Lulu Hypermarket always encourages. We are happy that this first Bahrain event was held in Ramli Mall," said Regional

Director Juzer Rupawala, "We invite other such organisations to join us and promote these mind-challenging games and activities throughout the Kingdom."

This Speedcubing event was organised by Aysha Jamsheer, the National Record holder for Bahrain in 4 events and Lester M. Santos, the WCA delegate for UAE. It is sponsored by Ramli Mall, Lulu Hypermarket, Bahrain Airport Services, Trass Group, Moyu Cubes, Rubik's Brand and Emirates Cube Shop.



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## Korean Food Festival "Taste of Korea"



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The Embassy of the Republic of Korea is hosting its first Korean Food Festival 2017 in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the title "Taste of Korea".

The Festival, organized collaboratively by Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Korea Foundation and Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corporation, is to exhibit the variations of the Korean tasty cuisine and offer its guests a close up feel to the savoury taste of the most traditional Korean dishes.

"Taste of Korea" will take place at the Diplomat Hotel's Grand Ambassador Ballroom at 6pm on Thursday, November 23.

The Festival comes in line with the Embassy's program for the year of 2017 in promotion of the Korean culture in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and before that the Embassy organized a blockbuster dance performance at the City Center Mall where Bahraini audience enjoyed the hip moves of Korea's top B-boy band, Jinjo Crew.

Following the Food Festival, the Embassy will gear its wheel towards the closing show of the year; "Korean Movies Festival" which will take place at the Seef Mall's Seef I Cinema Complex, every Wednesday, throughout the month of December.