

Bahrain Food Festival from Feb 25 to March 6

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Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) yesterday announced that it will hold the second edition of 'Bahrain Food Festival' from February 25 to March 6.

The 10-day event, organized by the Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority aims to attract food enthusiasts from the Kingdom and the neighbouring GCC countries. The Food Festival will serve as a platform to provide participating restaurants and outlets with the opportunity to showcase their local concepts and position the Kingdom as a regional culinary destination.

More than 50 prominent outlets are taking part this year including businesses and concepts related to the food industry such as restaurants,



The organisers of the Bahrain Food Festival addressing a press conference yesterday

cafes, hotels, nutrition, kitchen appliances and much more. The food festival will offer visitors varied cuisines including Middle Eastern, Western, Asian, Indian, Organic, and Healthy options.

The festival will run from 5:00pm to 10:00pm during the weekdays at Bahrain Bay, and from 5:00pm until midnight during the weekends in Adliya. The festival will also offer its visitors the opportunity to enjoy the family

entertainment including live cooking shows, musical shows and other entertainment.

"Following the tremendous success of the first edition of the 'Bahrain Food Festival' last year which was held under the umbrella of the 'Manama Capital of Gulf Tourism 2016', we have decided to host this initiative once again but have enhanced its appeal by expanding the offerings and adding more activities and vendors.

Initiatives such as the

food festival are essential in stimulating intra-regional tourism," commented Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of BTEA.

Further commenting on this initiative, Yousef Al Khan, Director of Marketing and Tourism Promotion at BTEA, stated: "We would also like to extend our gratitude to the sponsors who have contributed in enhancing the festival's events and activities and have helped us

strengthen its position as a prominent event in the food and hospitality industry".

Y.K Almoayyed & Sons will also participate in the festival by providing the kitchen equipment for the live cooking shows at the events area, while Capital Club will be hosting the same time a celebrity Chef from Mexico that will offer Bahraini hospitality students a chance to learn and improve their cooking skills.

Gagan Suri, Chief Executive Officer at Bahrain Bay project further added, "It gives us tremendous pleasure to be working alongside the BTEA on such significant local initiatives such as the 'Bahrain Food Festival' that will be held at the newly completed Bahrain Bay promenade and we look forward to collaborating with the authority on other projects in the future."

New Nepalese Ambassador for Bahrain



Padam Sundas

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Padam Sundas has been nominated by the Nepal's cabinet as the ambassador to Bahrain.

Sundas, an Engineer and Social Activist, was nominated for the Kingdom earlier, but was withdrawn later due to cabinet change in Nepal.

The embassy of Nepal in Bahrain was established in 2013 and was headed by several caretaker ambassadors till now.

"Appointment of full envoy to the Kingdom is expected to boost bilateral relationship between Bahrain and Nepal and conclusion of various labour issues," a statement read.

Spring of Culture: Groove Onkels to perform tomorrow

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Bahrain's 12th Spring of Culture will kick off tomorrow, with an energetic musical performance by the German group Groove Onkels. The band will be performing throughout the weekend, the first of four street performance acts this season.

Groove Onkels' debut performance in the Kingdom will take place tomorrow at 4pm, at the Nakheel Center in Saar. The show will be followed by an open invitation "Bucket Drumming" workshop, led by the band itself, in which young and old participants can learn from the masters about how to create rhythmic beats from random objects.

On Friday, the Groove Onkels' will perform in the Khalifa Al Kubra Garden in Riffa at 4pm, followed by a performance at 6pm in the Prince Khalifa bin Salman Park in Hidd. The band will finish the night with another performance at Block 338 in Adliya, starting at 8pm.

On Saturday the band will perform another three shows at Seef Mall in Seef District, at 11am, 4pm and 7:30pm.

The performances are



The Groove Onkels

themed around recycling and environmental awareness, using only jumps, kicks, slaps and throws to create great beats with household objects. Entry to all of these family friendly performances is free of charge.

Groove Onkels' shows at the Spring of Culture 2017 have been organised by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) as part of its support to the annual festival. The Spring of Culture contributes significantly to tourism sector each year and tourism is a key priority sector for the EDB as part of development plans for the Kingdom.

The Gold Sponsors of this year's festival are the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), Huawei, GFH Financial Group, while Silver Sponsors include Bahrain Airport Company, Aluminium Bahrain (ALBA), Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), DHL and Bahrain Duty Free. Additional support has been provided by the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), Investate, the National Oil and Gas Authority and Bahrain Maritime & Mercantile International (BMMI) and the embassies of Italy, Japan, USA and Mexico in Bahrain.

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