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Well-known Bahrain-based businessman, Dr. Varghese Kurian, the Chairman of VKL holdings and Al Namal Group of companies recently held a celebration for his employees.

The event, a lavish annual New Year meal, was participated by more than 3500 employees. On this occasion, Dr. Kurian thanked the employees for their contributions. Dr. Kurian's versatile business empire spreads

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across many different sectors, including real estate property development, constructions, health and hospitality divisions. In pictures, highlights of the event.



Trafco announces promotions

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Trafco Group has announced promotions for their senior executive management members, effective January 2017.

General Manager Sridhar has been promoted as Group Chief Executive Officer and Assistant General Manager Sameer Abdulla Alkhan as Assistant Group Chief Executive Officer.

Sridhar, a Chartered Accountant by profession, had held the positions of Group CFO and General Manager prior to this promotion during his 22 years of association with Trafco. Sameer with his additional role as Board and Corporate Governance Secretary and Compliance



Sameer Alkhan Sridhar
Officer has been with the group for over 18 years.

Trafco Group, listed in Bahrain Bourse, is a major food importer, a manufacturer of dairy products & mineral water as well as retailer and logistic service provider. This year the group enters into its 40th year of operations.

Delicious French week ends with Opera Dinner



French Week at City Centre

- 1300 Dinars raised for local charities
- Over 50 sponsors involved with French Week

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French Week 2017 ended on a high note with an Opera Dinner at the Sofitel Hotel. The event was attended by the patron Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and over 300 guests, who were entertained by opera singers from France.

Speaking at the closing Opera Dinner, Bernard Regnaud-Fabre, stated: "The 4th edition of French Week had over 25 events take place, all of which embraced the imprint of French innovation, culture and lifestyle in the many parts of everyday life here in Bahrain.

The weeklong celebration saw a packed schedule, including two art exhibitions that showcased the paintings of Aime Venel and photography of Maia Flore.

Over 500 music fans attended the concerts of Yasmine Hamdan and Gypsy Jazz; while a world premiere of the film, Dalida was also shown during the Week. The beautiful Orchestre de Chambre de Versailles, conducted by Anne-Claude Villard, performed at the Louboutin Gala dinner as well as for two consecutive days at Bahrain City Centre.

French food was also highlighted with over 10

gastronomy events taking place at venues around Bahrain, and promotions of French products at Lulu, Carrefour, Jawad, Géant and Al Jazira have also taken place.

An anchor event during French Week included the visit of iconic French fashion designer, Christian Louboutin. A Gala Dinner, with over 350 guests, was held in his honour at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. During the evening a charity raffle also took place, raising over 1,300 Dinars for two local charities; the RIA Institute and the Down's Syndrome Society.

The visit of a high-level delegation from Alsace in France, headed by André Reïchardt, Senator of the Bas-Rhin and President of Access Alsace was also part of the event.

Over the weekend, shoppers were welcomed to the So French stand at Bahrain City Centre, which had a range of events, shows and more taking place, including three street artists specially flown from France, who enchanted the public with their juggling and acrobatic skills. A lucky winner from the mall also took home a Renault car, with the keys being handed over at last night's Opera Dinner.