

Tamkeen to reward firms with more locals



(From L to R) Yousif Ali, Qusay Al Arayedh, Dr. Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, Dr. Nasser Qaedi, and Fahad Bu Ali during a press conference held yesterday

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Tamkeen yesterday announced the launch of its new employment reward system 'Taqdeer' to honour organisations that exceeded their Bahrainisation target.

"Any company that has one employee above the LMRA quota is eligible to apply and would receive a financial grant from Tamkeen, said Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, the Chief Executive of Tamkeen.

This was announced at a press conference held at the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) tower.

Dr Janahi said the move is part of Tamkeen's ongoing effort to create more job opportunities for Bahrainis.

Explaining further, Dr Janahi said the reward can be used by the companies to pay

their expenses.

"This can be used for paying municipality fees (not including fines and violations), electricity and water bills, GOSI, CR and SIO fees, health insurance of Bahraini employees as well as their training and development expenses," he said.

The grant can be utilised over two periods (six months each) for expenses incurred over the past twelve months from applying.

Dr Janahi, however, said the size of the financial grant will depend on the points gained.

Points will be calculated based on the number of employees in the company and their average salary.

When asked about the application process, Qusay Al Arayed, Executive Director of Operations told *DT News* that all required is logging on to Tamkeen web portal and apply.

"Create an account for

The programme is launched with an aim to encourage firms to hire more Bahraini employees

your company by registering through our website and activate it by visiting any of our branches."

The Bahrainisation rate will be monitored by Tamkeen for over a period of six months, before the first part of the grant will be approved. The payments will be processed over two six-month periods.

All relevant invoices and receipts can be submitted through the online portal.

All companies with an active commercial registration in Bahrain and exceeds its Bahrainisation rate requirement are eligible for the programme.

He, however, warned that Tamkeen has created an internal monitoring system to prevent misuse. The programme is also fully integrated with LMRA, Al Arayed said.

Meanwhile, Dr Janahi said that Tamkeen is constantly improving its programmes to enhance the prospects of Bahrainis in the job market.

Kingdom celebrates World Book Day

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Education Minister, and Chairman of the Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi, inaugurated the "Read" campaign, organised by the ministry's Public and Technical Education sector, in cooperation with the Isa Cultural Centre and the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs at the Al-Khansaa Primary Girls School as part of World Book Day celebrations.



Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi with students on World Book Day

Campaign to encourage reading habits

The minister said that the Education Ministry had

provided libraries across the kingdom's public schools with more than half a million books, and the Knowledge Resources Centre with 98,000 books, to encourage students to read, highlighting the importance of reading in acquiring knowledge and in promoting the values of tolerance, co-existence,

dialogue and cultural openness.

The minister also opened a three-day celebration organised by the Public Libraries Directorate at the Knowledge Resources Centre in Muharraq with the participation of all its counterparts in the four governorates.

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