

RCSI Bahrain honours students for academic achievements

● Awards given to President's Honours List in virtual ceremony

● National University of Ireland Medical Scholarships and Prizes announced

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RCSI Prof Sameer Ootom



RCSI Prof. Alfred Nicholson, Vice President

RCSI Bahrain has honoured 48 students of multiple nationalities across both the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing and Midwifery, in the University's 2019-2020 President's Honours List.

The list, which provides a financial reward to the top six achieving students, recognises

President's Honours List

the academic achievements across the University's programmes on an annual basis.

The awards are given to the top six performing students in each academic year following their end-of-year assessments.

Alongside the announcement of the Honours List, five National University of Ireland (NUI) Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarships and Prizes were awarded to four students and one alumnus of RCSI Bahrain.

These awards are among the oldest given by RCSI, commencing in Dublin in 1888.

The NUI Dr H H Stewart Medical Scholarships and Prizes are offered in a range of subject areas and disciplines across Med-

icine, Nursing and Midwifery, and Health Sciences, and nominees are considered from five celebrated Irish institutions; as well as overseas campuses linked to NUI institutions, including RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus, RCSI Bahrain and Perdana University (RCSI).

Professor Sameer Ootom, President of RCSI Bahrain, led the virtual ceremony honouring the students, and commented: "The achievements of this year's winners should not be underestimated. They have overcome extremely challenging conditions to be at the top of their classes and have maintained the standards of academic excellence seen in previous years at RCSI Bahrain.

"They have demonstrated their commitment and determination by performing exceptionally well in a blended learning setting and showing the skills that the world now needs from future healthcare leaders. Hundreds of years of history lie behind some of the awards presented today, and our students compete on a par with their Irish and international counterparts.

"Although our ceremony was slightly different this year, we were able to recognise all our winners and show messages of congratulations from key faculty members."

Following an address from Professor Ootom, the awards for the first five cohorts of the MB BCh BAO programme were given by RCSI Bahrain's

RCSI BH Dr Kathryn Strachan, Interim Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery and Head of Quality Enhancement

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Head of School of Medicine, Professor Alfred Nicholson.

Awards for School of Nursing & Midwifery across three years were then given by the University's Interim Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, Dr Kathryn Strachan.

With a world-renowned curriculum and examinations aligned across the world, RCSI Bahrain produces high-level medical graduates with the knowledge to compete for international places. The National University of Ireland degree awarded to RCSI Bahrain medical graduates is accredited around the world.

Takaful International Company B.S.C.

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 10:30 am

The Board of Directors of Takaful International Company B.S.C. would like to invite the Shareholders to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 10:30 am, at Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company premises (Seef Area) and via electronic/ teleconferencing means. In the absence of quorum, a second meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at the same time and place to discuss and adopt the agenda items below. In the absence of quorum on the second date, a third meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday 6 April 2021 at the same time and place.

Agenda for the Ordinary General Meeting:

1. Approve the previous minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 24 March 2020.
2. Discuss and approve the Board of Directors report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
3. Listen to the Shari'a Supervisory Board's report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
4. Listen to the external auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.
5. Discuss and approve the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.
6. Discuss and approve the following recommendations of the Board of Directors in allocating the net profits for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 as follows:
 - a) Transfer BD 114,410/- to the statutory reserve.
 - b) Distribution of BD 425,000/- cash dividends to shareholders (5 fils per share, at a rate of 5% of the paid-up capital), as follows:

Event	Date
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	24 March 2021
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	25 March 2021
Record Date (the day which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	28 March 2021
Payment Date (The date on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	11 April 2021
 - c) Transfer of BD 544,695/- to the retained earnings.
7. Approve the recommendation to allocate BD 60,000/- as remuneration to the Board of Directors for the year ended 31 December 2020.
8. Inform shareholders about their total liability on Zakat of BD 283,707/- (i.e., BD 3.338 for every one thousand shares held) for the year ended 31 December 2020, as determined by Shari'a Supervisory Board.
9. Inform shareholders about related party transactions during the year ended 31 December 2020 as detailed in note (18) of the financial statements.
10. Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance report for the year 2020 and the Company's compliance with Central Bank of Bahrain's requirements.
11. Discharge the Board of Directors for all the matters related to their conduct for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
12. Appointment/ Re-appointment of Shari'a Supervisory Board Members for the next three-years term and authorize the Board of Directors to fix their fee, subject to the Central Bank of Bahrain's no-objection.
13. Appointment/ Re-appointment of the External Auditors for the financial year 2021, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain, and authorize the Board of Directors to fix their fee.
14. Election of board members for the upcoming three years, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain. **
15. Any additional matters in accordance with article 207 of Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.

Important notes to the shareholders:

1. Any registered shareholder wishing to attend the meeting via electronic/ teleconferencing means is requested to send an email request (for an institutional shareholder, its authorized personnel) to takaful@gigtakaful.bh no later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting date containing a clear copy of the relevant shareholder and proxy holder's identification documents or passport. Once the information provided is verified, details on how to access the meeting will be sent to the attendee. ** Kindly note that shareholders or their appointed proxies who wish to attend via electronic/ teleconferencing means will not be able to vote on item 14 of the Agenda.
2. All registered Shareholders at the annual general meeting date are eligible to attend the meeting in person or appoint, in writing, a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf provided that such proxy is not a director or employee of the Company.
3. In the case of an institutional shareholder, the representative attending the meeting must submit the proxy signed by an authorized signatory of the relevant institutional shareholder. The proxy must be sealed by the institutional shareholder's stamp.
4. A copy of the proxy form is available on the Company's website www.gigtakaful.bh and Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com.
5. The proxy form should be submitted to Takaful International Company B.S.C. on its address Building 680, Road 2811, Block 428, Seef District - P.O. Box 3230, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, no later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting date. Proxy forms may be delivered by hand, post, or by email: takaful@gigtakaful.bh. Any proxies received after the deadline will not be valid for the AGM.
6. All shareholders appointing a proxy to attend the meeting (whether in person or via electronic/ teleconferencing means) must submit the proxy holder's identification document or passport in addition to the proxy.
7. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 are available on the Company's website www.gigtakaful.bh and Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com.
8. For any inquiries, please call the board of Directors' Secretary on 17119914 or 17565603.

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Plan underway to develop popular Isa Town Market

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The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning said that a tender for the project to develop the popular Isa Town market in the Southern Governorate has been launched by the Tender Board, with the deadline for submitting bids set for April 7.

The project will be supervised by the construction and maintenance projects sector at the Ministry, as it aims to provide a comfortable environment for market-goers and give it a civilised appearance befitting the development and

urban renaissance in the Kingdom, in addition to providing appropriate ventilation within the market to stimulate commercial movement.

The project includes air conditioning works in the dome area and the corridors of the current Isa Town market, in addition to implementing panels and related electrical installations, installing a smoke expulsion system and a fire fighting system, and updating the fire and smoke detection system in line with the highest international standards and civil defense requirements for firefighting and safety.