

Bahrain delegation visits Station F and Ecole 42

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Bahraini business delegation accompanying His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, on his official visit to France, made stops at Station F, the startup campus in Paris, and Ecole 42, an innovative programming college.

During the visit to Station F, the delegation was treated to a detailed overview of the campus and the benefits it offers to promising entrepreneurs.

Established in 2017, Station F is the world's largest startup campus. Spanning an area of 34,000 square metres, the campus features more than 3,000 startup desks, eight event spaces, 31 training programmes, and soon-to-be-completed three-tower living space for entrepreneurs.

The delegation's visit to Ecole 42 focused on the college's world-renowned educational model.

The visit allowed the Bah-



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raini business delegation to explore unique ways of educating an innovation-focused generation.

Ecole 42, launched in 2016, constitutes a case study of a pioneering non-profit educational institution that offers tuition-free learning. It has earned the respect of a number of influential people in the technology space, including innovators

from Silicon Valley, such as Evan Spiegel, co-founder of Snapchat, and Jack Dorsey, co-founder of Twitter.

During the official visit to France, 12 agreements and memoranda of understandings were signed.

BTEA participates in Arabian Travel Market 2019

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Bahrain and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) is participating in the 26th edition of the Arabian Travel Market 2019, being held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Bahrain's delegation is headed by the Chief Executive Officer of BTEA, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood AlKhalifa and includes officials from BTEA and the Kingdom's national carrier, Gulf Air in addition to representatives from leading hotels, tour operators and travel agencies. The exhibition which began on 28 April concludes today.

The Arabian Travel Market is considered the region's premier tourism event as it provides a unique platform consisting of a series of seminars and discussions that aim to address various aspects of the travel industry. This year's edition features 500 exhibitors, with an estimate of more than 20,000 visitors expected over the course of four consecutive days.

"BTEA continues to participate in various tourism exhibitions in order to promote Bahrain as a leading tourist destination in the region, thus increasing



In pictures, Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority's participation at the Arabian Travel Market

the number of visitors coming into the Kingdom as well as developing the tourism sector as a whole. This enables progress by opening discussions the latest developments in the travel and tourism sector with the leaders in this field," said the CEO of BTEA, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa.



Standard Chartered plans \$1 bn buyback as Q1 profits rise

Hong Kong, China

Standard Chartered announced a share buyback of up to \$1 billion on Tuesday as the bank reported a jump in first quarter pre-tax profits.

The lender's first buyback in nearly two decades comes a fortnight after it reached a \$1.1 billion settlement for processing transactions that violated US sanctions on Iran and flouted anti-money laundering requirements.

The London-based lender's first quarter pre-tax profits rose 10 percent to \$1.38 billion, it said, sending shares surging six percent in Hong Kong.

"Our first-quarter profit supports our belief that we will generate full-year returns of at least 10 per cent by 2021," chief executive Bill Winters said in a statement.

Winters said the company will aim at growing its customer base across Hong Kong, Africa and India.



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) team members during a Diligent Employee awards ceremony held on the occasion on the Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation Labour Day celebration. The ceremony, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, was presided over by the Minister of Labour and Social Development, Jameel Humaidan. The BAC employees who were honoured are: Khaled Abdulla Ahmed, Anwar Abu Baker, Mohamed Ali Ali, Jasim Saeedan, Saleh Salman Ali, Jasim Mohamed Alshaqayan, Ali Hasan AlAjmi, Husain Isa Husain, Abduali Habib Khamis, Khalil Ebrahim Jasim, Ali Hasan Rajab, Faisal Ebrahim Ali, Hasan Ebrahim Mallala, Salman Hasan AlAradi, Layla Mohamed Khunji, Nader Jaafar Ghuloom, Moosa Haider Dadi, Khalifa Jasim Zaid, Ahmed Ismaeel Altarabi, Fatema Mahdi Bushehri, Mohamed Isa AlAnsari, Mohamed Jamal Alalawat, Deena Abdullatif Alqaood, Sawzan Ali-Akbar Bushehri, Mohamed Hasan Abdulrahman, Yaser Mohamed Haji, Husain Abdulkarim Ali, Ahmed Mohamed Alabbasi, Raed Khalid Aljawder, and Anwaar Ameer Arab.



Shaikh Khaled bin Humood AlKhalifa, the CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority with Ahmed bin Aqeel AlKhateeb, Chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, on the sidelines of the 26th edition of the Arabian Travel Market 2019 held in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates from 28 April to 1 May 2019. During the meeting, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood AlKhalifa stressed the importance of enhancing cooperation and strengthening bilateral relations between the two institutions across all fields