

Bahrain links up with Russian space science

NSSA and ROSCOSMOS sign memorandum of understanding to share knowledge and expertise

Enhancing cooperation on outer space exploration

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Space science not only makes us look outwards from our planet, to the stars and beyond but it drives innovation and leads to progress and economic development.

It brings many technological and scientific advances that benefit the society in areas including health and medicine, transportation, public safety, consumer goods, energy and environment, information technology, and industrial productivity.

The importance of space science and technology for the attainment of sustainable development and the need to strengthen its framework are within the framework of the National Space Science Agency's endeavours.

Recently, the NSSA exchanged a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Russian State Space Corporation (ROSCOSMOS) to enhance cooperation in the field of exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

"The MoU aims to provide collaborative activities and reviewing areas of common interest for both entities through implementation of joint projects, developing researches, exchanging information and expertise, training and capacity building,



The agreement will shape Bahrain's vision for the advancement of space science

and other collaborative opportunities." Transportation and Telecommunications Minister and NSSA's Chairman of Directors' Board, Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, said.

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The MoU came in implementation of the directives of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa to consolidate bilateral relations and to benefit from the scientific expertise of the Russian State Space Corporation in building the skills of the national cadres and the advancement of space science and its applications in Bahrain.



The NSSA was established by Royal Decree 11/2014, with a vision "to promote Bahrain to a position of international prominence in the field of space science for the purpose of achieving comprehensive and sustainable development".

"In recent years, relations between Russia and Bahrain made a qualitative leap forward: social, political and cultural ties are strengthening, the trade is growing," ROSCOSMOS Director General Dr Dmitry Rogozin said.

"The MoU paves the way for building up cooperation in space activities. Sixty years after the historic flight of the first cosmonaut of the planet Yuri Gagarin, space continues to attract public attention, remaining the far frontier of the scientific and technological development of mankind."

"The authority is actively seeking to build distinguished relations with all space agencies, especially the leading ones in the

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field such as the Russian State Space Corporation, and we are happy with this memorandum that we count on to raise the level of cooperation between the two friendly countries in the space sector," NSSA Chief Executive Dr Mohamed Ebrahim Al Aseeri said.

"During the past two years, opportunities have been offered to a number of the NSSA's employees to benefit from what is provided by institutions spe-

cialised in space sciences in Russia, and this has contributed to enriching their knowledge and equipping them with many technical skills that helped in the implementation of a set of scientific studies for the benefit of the NSSA, and with the signing of this MoU, opportunities will diversify and increase the rate of scientific and technical production in order to achieve the aspirations of both sides," he said.

Keen to boost executive, legislative cooperation



Speaker with the Finance Minister

Speaker Zainal receives Finance Minister Shaikh Salman

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Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal stressed keenness on boosting cooperation and coordination with the executive branch to serve the nation and citizens and achieve the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

She was speaking as she received yesterday Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. They discussed issues of common interest and ways of boosting cooperation between the Representatives Council and the government.

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Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

She commended keenness of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister on fostering cooperation between the executive and legislative branches to serve the nation and citizens under the comprehensive development march spearheaded by HM the King.

Ways to prevent food waste discussed

Arab Gulf University participates in regional dialogue

Strategy sought for integrated and sustainable waste management

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A regional discussion on the prevention of food waste was recently held under the slogan "Food Waste Prevention: Innovations and Solutions in the Arab Region".

AGU was represented by the university's Graduate Studies College Natural Resources and Environmental Environmental



The online discussion in progress

Engineering Assistant Professor Dr Sumaya Youusif.

The dialogue was organised by the FAO Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for West Asia.

It aimed to encourage an exchange of knowledge and expertise in addition to social, technological and innovative solutions as well as policies to address food waste prevention.

Dr Sumaya presented the results of a study on techni-

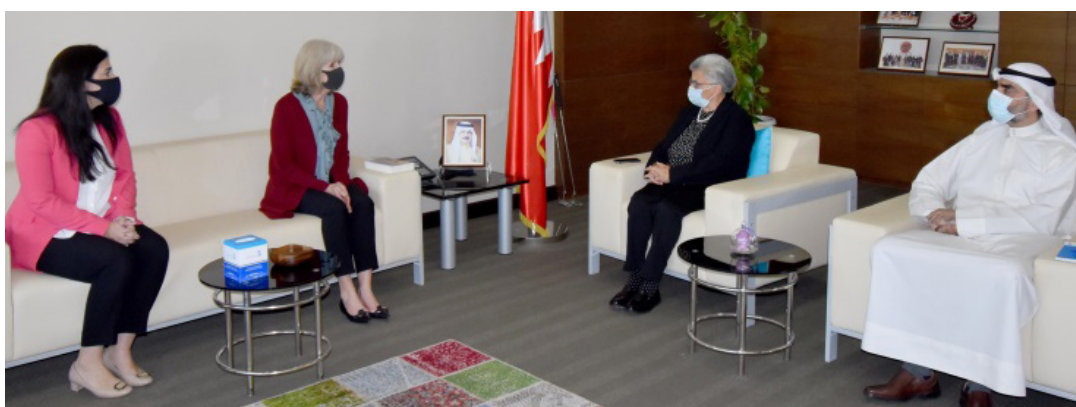
cal opportunities for organic waste management and food waste management priorities in Bahrain as well as the GCC countries.

The study focused on exploring the best techniques for the management of food waste and organic waste in addition to obstacles preventing their implementation.

Recommendations focused on the importance of implementing a system of reduction and prevention at the source as a priority to avoid wastage by increasing awareness about sustainable consumption and smart purchasing.

According to her, this also includes following a healthy diet, purchasing environmentally friendly products as well as avoiding disposable items and canned food.

NIHR Chairperson receives US Embassy charge d'affaires



National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR)'s Chairperson Maria Khoury received US Embassy charge d'affaires Margaret Nardi. Khoury discussed NIHR's visits to Jaw's rehabilitation centre to monitor the precautionary measures taken. The two sides discussed issues of common interest and the importance of continuing cooperation between the NIHR and the embassy. She wished that coordination would continue with the aim of highlighting human rights achievements and progress in Bahrain.