

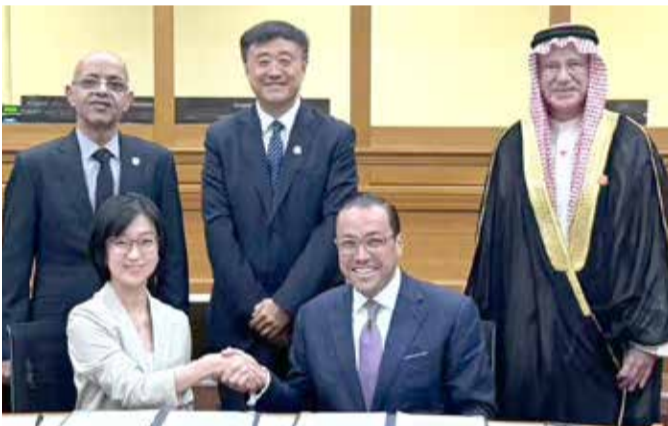
Focus on justice and labour market procedures



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chairs the 506th Government Executive Committee meeting. The meeting reviewed topics related to enhancing regulatory procedures of the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Endowments, alongside initiatives to develop labour market procedures.

# Arab Students Access China's MIT

Tsinghua opens doors to Arab world



Agreement-signing ceremony

● Six students selected

● Landmark China-Arab initiative

● Tsinghua hosts scholarship launch

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Six students from Arab League nations have been awarded places at China's top-ranked Tsinghua University through a landmark new scholarship programme, marking the first time the prestigious institution has offered a dedicated scholarship exclusively for Arab students.

The Hazem Ben-Gacem Arab Scholars Program, officially launched at a ceremony in Beijing on Monday, will support up to 15 students each year over the next five years for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

Tsinghua, widely regarded as the "MIT of China," is known for its elite engineering and technology programmes and its alumni include many of China's current leaders.

Historic initiative

The scholarship was launched in the presence of diplomats and senior officials, including Bahrain's Ambassador to China, H.E. Dr Mohammed Shaikho and Professor Yang Bin, Vice Chancellor of the Tsinghua University Council.

Organisers say the initiative aims to promote academic excellence, build cross-cultural ties, and enhance the strategic relationship between China and the Arab world.

"This programme reflects more than just academic support," said Hazem Ben-Gacem, the founder of the scholarship and Chief Executive of Blue-Five Capital. "For more than a thousand years, the Arab region and China have been bound by a vibrant exchange of goods, knowledge, and cultural dialogue. We aim to cultivate leaders who will carry forward this age-long spirit of curiosity and collaboration."

Ben-Gacem, who formerly served as co-CEO of Investcorp, has previously established scholarships at Harvard, Oxford, and other top global institutions.

His latest effort is seen as part of a growing trend of Arab investment in education diplomacy and global talent development.

Shared values

Tsinghua University officials described the programme as a milestone in the institution's global engagement.

"This initiative not only motivates recipients to pursue academic excellence but also strengthens the friendship between Tsinghua and the Arab world," said Professor Yang. "It embodies the shared values of openness, inclusiveness, mutual respect, and the pursuit of common progress."

Established in 1911, Tsinghua has 20 colleges and 90 undergraduate programmes.

# Partners in progress

HRH Prince Salman highlights Bahrain and South Korea's commitment to broader cooperation

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Bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Korea continue to advance across all levels, underpinned by a shared commitment to deepening co-operation across a wide-range of sectors.

This was affirmed by the Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met yesterday with His Excellency HeonSang Koo, the outgoing Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bahrain, at Riffa Palace.

HRH Prince Salman underscored the importance of further advancing the existing partnership to create new opportunities that serve the mutual interests of both countries and their peoples.

HRH the Deputy King commended the Ambassador's efforts in strengthening Bahrain-South Korea cooperation and



HRH Prince Salman with H.E. Ambassador Koo

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wished him continued success in his future endeavours. Regional and international de-

velopments and issues of common interest were also discussed. H.E. Ambassador Koo ex-

pressed his gratitude for His Royal Highness's commitment to furthering Bahrain-South Korea relations and wished Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

# Sustainable Studies Program first graduates honoured



H.E. Philippine Ambassador Anne Jalando-on Louis with the graduates

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A proud moment unfolded as Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, Her Excellency Anne Jalando-on Louis, honoured the first graduates of Eagle Mind Consultancies, WLL, under its Sustainable Studies Program.

The event was in apprecia-

tion of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Bahrain who have graduated from the Teaching Assistant Course and the Barista Essentials.

Recently conducted at the Ramada Hotel, Seef Area, the graduation ceremony was awarded to a total of 26 graduates — 14 Teacher Assistant Course and 12 Barista Course — making the event a milestone

not only for Eagle Mind but also for the Filipino community in Bahrain.

Ambassador Jalando-on Louis, who served as guest of honor and keynote speaker, praised the graduates for their determination and commitment to self-improvement.

She congratulated Dr. Aileen Valian A. Agana, founder of Eagle Mind Consultancies.

# Career Day at Gulf University inaugurated

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His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour, inaugurated the Career Day event yesterday at Gulf University's Sanad campus, in the presence of Muhannad Al Ani, Vice Chairman of the University's Board of Directors, along with participation from public and private sector organisations.

Guidance

This annual event aims to strengthen career guidance for students and graduates, informing them of job opportunities across various sectors in Bahrain and supporting their entry into the labor market.