

# Bahrain celebrates youth as drivers of future growth

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Bahraini youth's growing achievements in sport, innovation and development were celebrated as Bahrain joined Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states in marking Gulf Youth Day, with senior officials highlighting the vital role young people play in shaping the region's future.

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President



of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, described the occasion as an opportunity to recognise the ambition, talent and accom-

plishments of Gulf youth.

HH Shaikh Khalid said Bahraini youth have become a leading example across vari-

ous fields, particularly in sport, thanks to the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the continued backing of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Highlighting recent sporting success, HH Shaikh Khalid noted that Bahrain won 63 medals, including 25 golds, at the 4th GCC Games in Doha, reflecting the Kingdom's investment in young talent and athlete development.

His Highness also praised the

efforts of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, in empowering young people and creating an environment that supports success and excellence.

Marking the occasion, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, said Gulf Youth Day celebrates a generation that has helped

advance development across the GCC through innovation, creativity and determination. HH said Gulf youth have successfully transformed challenges into opportunities, ideas into impactful projects and ambitions into achievements that contribute to national progress.

HH Shaikh Nasser highlighted Bahrain's continued focus on empowering young people through initiatives and programmes designed to develop skills, enhance capabilities and strengthen their role in nation-building.

US Central Command (CENTCOM) Commander Adm. Brad Cooper held talks with senior officials in Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and Jordan during a recent Middle East tour aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and security partnerships. During the visit, Adm. Cooper also met deployed US service members, recognised outstanding personnel for their achievements and presided over a leadership transition ceremony for US Army Central.



## CENTCOM commander visits Gulf partners



# Energy, climate and innovation drive Bahrain-Japan talks

● Bahrain and Japan eye stronger cooperation on climate and environmental innovation.

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Bahrain and Japan explored new avenues for cooperation in energy, climate action, technology and nuclear regulation during a series of



high-level meetings held on the sidelines of the Island States Ocean Summit in Tokyo.



Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy

for Climate Affairs, held talks with senior Japanese officials aimed at strengthening bilateral collaboration across a range of strategic sectors.

During a meeting with Kenji Yamada, State Minister at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, discussions focused on expanding cooperation in energy, industry and environmental fields, including investment opportunities and technological partnerships.

The minister also met Doi Kentaro, Vice-Minister for Glob-

al Environmental Affairs at Japan's Ministry of the Environment. Talks reviewed Bahrain's environmental and climate initiatives and explored prospects for collaboration in scientific research, marine monitoring and climate resilience.

In a separate meeting with Yohei Sasakawa, Honorary Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, both sides discussed strengthening cooperation on environmental sustainability and advancing innovative, science-based solutions

to support island and coastal communities.

Dr. Bin Daina and the accompanying delegation also met officials from Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority to discuss technical cooperation, regulatory developments and the exchange of expertise in the sector.

Ahmed Mohammed Al Doseri, Bahrain's Ambassador to Japan, and Amna Hamad Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive of the Supreme Council for Environment, attended the meetings.

## Groundwork laid for next GCC meeting



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Preparations for the upcoming GCC Ministerial Council gathered pace as senior foreign ministry officials from Gulf Cooperation Council member states met in Bahrain to review key issues aimed at strengthening regional cooperation.

The meeting of the Drafting Committee was chaired by Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director General of Bilateral Relations at Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of preparations for the 167th session of the GCC Ministerial Council.



Officials discussed agenda items for the forthcoming ministerial meeting and reviewed a range of topics related to advancing joint Gulf action and cooperation across the region.

The committee also finalised recommendations to be submitted to GCC foreign ministers

ahead of the ministerial session, helping shape discussions on issues of common interest to member states. Bahrain's delegation was headed by Ambassador Nawar Abdullah Al Mutawa, Acting Head of the GCC Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



GCC labour ministers discussed ways to strengthen cooperation and coordinate unified positions on key labour issues during a meeting chaired by Bahrain in Geneva. Minister of Labour and Minister of Legal Affairs Yousef bin Abdulhussain Khalaf chaired the 46th coordination meeting of the GCC Labour Ministers Council on the sidelines of the 114th International Labour Conference, being held in Geneva from June 1 to 12. The meeting, held as part of Bahrain's presidency of the 46th GCC session, focused on agenda items before the conference, strengthening joint Gulf cooperation in labour affairs and enhancing coordination within international labour forums.

## Youth can turn ideas into achievements, says minister

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Young people are not defined by their age but by their ability to turn ideas into achievements that shape the future, Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeed Tawfiqi said as Bahrain marked Gulf Youth Day.

The minister said the achievements of Bahraini youth reflect the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin



Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in empowering young people and involving them as active part-

ners in development.

Tawfiqi said Gulf youth have demonstrated their ability to transform ambition into impactful initiatives, projects and achievements that contribute to community development and strengthen their presence on regional and international platforms. She noted that young people across the Gulf have excelled in fields such as innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and sustainability, proving that determination and hard work are key to success.