

Investment Bridge Built

BIS and BCCI push to turn bilateral ties into business partnerships



BIS Chairman Abdulrahman Juma and BCCI Chairman Nabeel Kanoo with other key officials

- Move to turn ties into business action
- DTAA finalisation urged
- Linked to upcoming corporate tax in Bahrain

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The Bahrain India Society (BIS) and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) held a strategic meeting at the Chamber's headquarters to enhance commercial and economic cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of India.

BIS Chairman Abdulrahman Juma and BCCI Chairman Nabeel Kanoo led the discus-

sions, emphasizing the need to transform historical bilateral relations into concrete business initiatives.

A primary outcome of the meeting was the decision to form a Joint Committee and a dedicated working group to define priorities and create a structured roadmap for future collaboration.

One critical topic discussed was the urgent need to finalize a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between Bahrain and India, especially since corporate income tax is set to become a reality in Bahrain.

The leaders also focused on reviewing existing Memoranda of Understanding to identify new areas of synergy and investment opportunities.

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are successfully converted into tangible investments within Bahrain.

Beyond traditional trade, the meeting explored creative avenues for engagement, including

sports-related initiatives such as cricket.

Both organizations reaffirmed their commitment to supporting business delegations and exchange programs to ensure sustained growth and added value for the private sectors in both nations.

"This meeting reflects the shared commitment of both organizations to further strengthen Bahrain-India economic relations," stated Abdulrahman Juma, President of the Bahrain India Society. "We look forward to working closely with the Bahrain Chamber to support trade, investment, and private-sector engagement."

The meeting concluded with a presentation by BIS Vice Chairman Mr. Balu on future initiatives and a vote of thanks by Treasurer Mr. Vijay Bolor, reaffirming both parties' dedication to a sustainable strategic partnership.

Government allocates 12 agricultural plots in Buri



Agriculture and Animal Wealth Affairs Undersecretary Asim Abdulatif Abdullah and a representative of Bahraini farmers sign the agreement, in the presence of H.E. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak and H.E. Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa

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Bahrain allocated 12 agricultural plots in the Buri area to local farmers as part of efforts to strengthen food security and boost domestic agricultural production, officials said.

The plots, covering a total area of 81,996.93 square metres, were distributed to Bahraini farmers through a public tender on the Government Land Investment Platform. Each plot ranges between 6,000 and 8,000 square metres and will be leased under 10-year contracts, including a one-year grace period to establish farming infrastructure.

Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister said the

initiative reflects continued national support for the agricultural sector and aligns with Bahrain's broader push for sustainable development and local empowerment.

He said farmers will receive ongoing technical and advisory assistance through field visits and specialised teams to ensure long-term productivity, while infrastructure works are underway to extend irrigation networks and support modern farming techniques.

The agreements were signed by Agriculture and Animal Wealth Affairs Undersecretary Asim Abdulatif Abdullah with 12 Bahraini farmers, in the presence of Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development.

'Colours of Unity'



Bahrain has been very good to us - it feels like a home away from home.

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For some, art is a way of giving back. For others, it is reflection, healing, or a connection to something larger than themselves.

At the ongoing "The Open Palette" art exhibition at Oasis Mall, Juffair, artists from across generations and backgrounds spoke to The Daily Tribune about the ideas behind their works.

Each piece is shaped by memory, culture, and lived experience, echoing a shared sense of unity and a collective love for Bahrain.

For 11-year-old Zamrin, inclusivity and gratitude are at the heart of her artwork. "I drew this as a tribute to Bahrain, as it has given me a home and a safe place to live.

It is also meant to encourage all talented young artists to showcase their work," she said, alongside her mother, Dr. Sunila, a renowned artist herself.

Dr. Sunila's work reflects gratitude and protection, inspired by her experience in Bahrain. Her piece depicts a mother and son symbolizing sacrifice and inner strength. "It represents courage, care, and the sense of safety we felt here," she said.

Sneha's artwork draws on nostalgia through a vintage Indian postal stamp, evoking memory and distance.

Annie Killawala's Sufi-inspired portraits explore spirituality, describing them as a bridge between heaven and earth.

For Praseetha Ullas, art is rooted in memory. "It comes in the form of horses - quiet, sometimes intense, always within

A self-taught artist, nature is her muse. Capturing the magnificent aurora borealis.

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Nada Ebrahim's dream of hope artwork

you," she said.

A portion of the exhibition's proceeds will support the Bahrain Autistic Society.

Keep dreaming, no matter what your age.

NADA EBRAHIM ALSABBAGH



Deeпа Parthiban's aurora-inspired artwork

Korean Ambassador Credential



His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Bahrain's Foreign Minister, received a copy of the credentials of Choi Byung-son, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bahrain, during a meeting at the ministry headquarters in Manama.

Ukrainian Ambassador Credential



Foreign Minister received the credentials of Ukraine's ambassador to Bahrain during a meeting in Manama.

Maritime Security Concerns



Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received US Ambassador Stephanie Hallett in Manama. They discussed recent regional developments, including concerns over maritime security and the implications of reported restrictions on navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.