

Bahrain: Country of 'goodwill and peace'

Citizens exemplify conscious awareness, tolerance and coexistence: HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

His Royal Highness inaugurates conference on role of education in peaceful coexistence

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is a country of goodwill and peace, and the Bahraini citizens exemplify conscious awareness, tolerance and coexistence.

This was stressed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he inaugurated yesterday The First Annual Conference on The Role of Education in Peaceful Coexistence, at the Isa Cultural Centre.

Under the theme of "Ignorance is the Enemy of Peace", the conference is organised by The King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and taking place until 8 December, with regional and global educational



HRH Prince Salman patronising the conference

institutions participating.

HRH Prince Salman, who attended the event on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, said that Bahrain's diplomatic efforts consolidate the values of tolerance and openness between peoples and cultures, in line with the visions and aspirations of His Majesty.

He noted the role of the centre in promoting tolerance between peoples.

The centre's achievements in-

clude the establishment of The King Hamad Chair in Inter-Faith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence Programme at Sapienza Università di Roma and The King Hamad Faith in Leadership Fellowship Programme, of which the first batch of Bahraini fellows graduated yesterday.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister emphasised that today's world requires all to take proactive steps to protect children and adolescents from ex-

tremist ideologies through education and promoting tolerance, coexistence and compassion.

He highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to further developing its education system and ensuring that it caters to the needs of a diverse population.

The centre's Board of Trustees Chairman, Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, extended his gratitude to HM the King for his patronage of the conference and to HRH Prince Salman for inau-

gurating the conference.

Dr Shaikh Khalid noted that the conference has been launched as part of the centre's commitment to promoting the values of coexistence and tolerance in line with the Kingdom's educational system.

It aims to provide a platform for exchanging ideas relating to the peaceful coexistence of people of different cultures and faiths.

Dr Shaikh Khalid emphasised the need to include values such as religious tolerance, peaceful coexistence within university and higher education institutions curriculums around the world.

He also called for the establishment of centres and institutions concerned with promoting peaceful coexistence and religious tolerance amongst youth.

The conference highlights the necessity of providing scholarships so that young people from the GCC region can attend The King Hamad Chair for Interreligious Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence at Sapienza Università di Roma.

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- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

The conference includes four main dialogue sessions focusing on integrating coexistence and diversity within university curriculums, the role of educational institutions in promoting peace, the experiences of those who have attended The King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence courses at Sapienza Università di Roma, and the development of religious education as a pillar of promoting coexistence.

Gulf Air marks International Civil Aviation Day with legacy



The men and women behind Gulf Air's accomplishments

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Gulf Air, Bahrain's national carrier, celebrated the International Civil Aviation Day which is aimed at generating and reinforcing worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to the social and economic development of the world.

"Our celebration of this year's International Civil Aviation Day coincides with a new vision of review and development in Gulf Air and Bahrain - both proudly achieving several accomplishments at the professional and technical levels. These accom-



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plishments were the result of the efforts of all of our female and male colleagues working at this industry, and today we congratulate each and every one of them for their amazing contributions to aviation," Gulf Air's Acting Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed Al Alawi said.

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Enhance spirit of joint teamwork: Shaikh Salman

Global Think Tanks Summit 2021 concludes

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Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has stressed the importance of harnessing all the efforts to enhance the spirit of joint teamwork.

It is the basis for success in overcoming various challenges, including the global economic and social challenges caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Shaikh Salman added.

He was addressing the closing ceremony of the Global Think Tanks Summit 2021 yesterday.

The Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International, and Energy Studies (Derasat), in partnership with the Think Tank and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of The Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, held the 2021 edition under the theme, "Global Trends and Transitions in Think Tanks, Politics and Policy Advice in the Age of Policy Dilemmas and Disruptions".

Shaikh Salman said that Team Bahrain, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin



Shaikh Salman and Dr Shaikh Abdulla at the closing ceremony

Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, and Prime Minister, put in place a strategy to combat the pandemic and step up the vaccination campaign.

He pointed out that the Kingdom of Bahrain has ranked first globally in the Nikkei COVID-19 Recovery Index for the month of November 2021, following a drop in active cases, increase in vaccination rollout, and continued adherence to health precautionary measures aimed at mitigating the virus.

The minister stressed the importance of the forum, commending the participation of

experts and thinkers who discussed geostrategic threats resulting from the pandemic.

DERASAT Board of Trustees' Chairman Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa announced the launch of the Global Network for Women in Think Tanks to prepare women to assume leadership positions in think tanks.

He underlined Bahraini women's landmark strides over the past 22 years, highlighting their pivotal role and contributions to national development, supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahrain expresses sympathy with Indonesia over volcano eruption

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed the sympathy of the Kingdom of Bahrain with the government and people of Indonesia following the eruption of the Semeru volcano in East Java, which resulted in the death and injury of dozens of people.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs extended its sincere condolences to the families of the victims and to the friendly Indonesian government and people, wishing a speedy recovery for the injured.

It also affirmed that Indonesia will undoubtedly overcome this crisis with the least possible damage and losses.

Bahrain Society of Engineers to celebrate Golden Jubilee

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Bahrain Society of Engineers is set to celebrate its golden jubilee in March next year under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This was announced by Dr Deya Abdulaziz Tawfeeqi, President of the Society, during a press conference held on Monday at its premises in Juffair.



Dr Tawfeeqi with Society members

The event was held to discuss the events prepared to mark the 50th anniversary of the Society.

Dr Tawfeeqi expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to HM the King for patronising the

event which will take place at the Bahrain International Conference and Exhibition Centre.