

Bahraini women's poll success hailed

HRH Princess Sabeeka said the success reflects the faith of Bahraini society in women



HRH Princess Sabeeka chairs the meeting in the presence of Ms Al Ansari.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) lauded anew success of the parliamentary and municipal elections, praising the outstanding participation of Bahraini women as voters and candidates.

She pointed out that six women won seats in the Representatives Council and four in the municipal councils, which asserts maturity of the Bahraini society and belief in women's ability to assume responsibilities side by side with men.

She added that the rate of

Bahraini women's presence in the legislative branch has gone up to 19 per cent.

HRH Princess Sabeeka was speaking as she chaired the third meeting of SCW sixth session. The council endorsed the theme of Bahraini Women's Day 2019 which will be allocated to celebrate "Bahraini Women in the Higher Education Field and Future Sciences".

She hailed the council's local, regional and international achievements in 2018, expressing keenness on bringing about further accomplishments in 2019 in order to realise the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

SCW Secretary General Hala Al Ansari said the council spotlighted in its meeting today women-related issues, in-



cluding activities marking the Bahraini Women's Day 2018, procedures taken regarding women's political participation programme "electoral preparation 2018", following up on the implementation of the national strategy to protect women against family violence, the next strategic plan and its correlation with the government's work programmes 2019-2022.

The council's Secretari-

at-General was tasked to take the necessary executive procedures to carry out the national empowerment plan and follow up on its inclusion in the next government work plan.

The Supreme Council for Women approved a proposal to rename Princess Sabeeka Women Empowerment Award and create new categories in it. It also approved a draft national report on gender balance (2016-2017) in preparation for its referral to the Cabinet.

It also approved the general framework proposal of the national family services and awareness programme which aims to boost integration between the relevant parties to upgrade programmes and services provided for Bahraini families and benchmark their positive effect.

Researcher seeks private-public partnership to boost innovation

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A leading researcher has highlighted the need to boost private-public partnership to boost innovation, which in turn help the economy flourish.

Engineer Marjan Modara, who is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Knowledge and Innovation Management at the Bangkok University, made these remarks while making a presentation at the FinTech Bay.

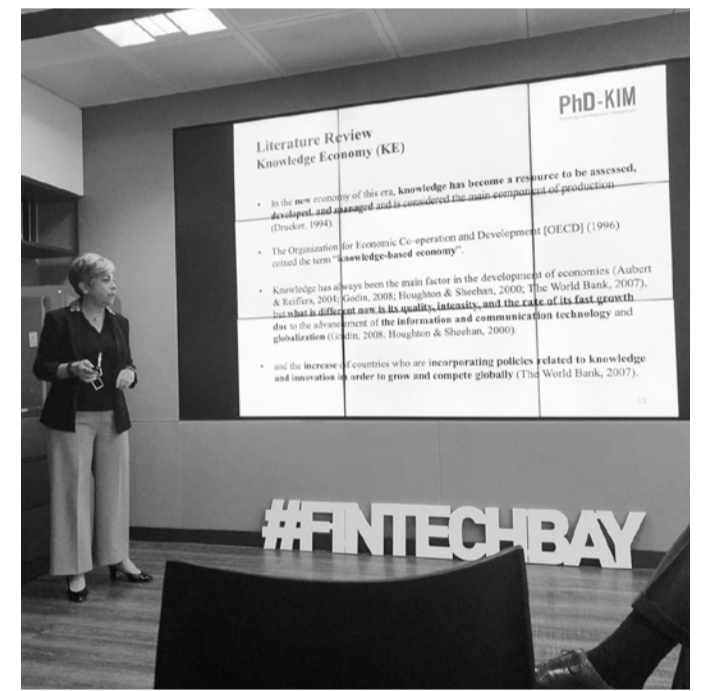
A speaker and mentor to the younger generation, Ms Marjan said innovation requires the right environment, which should be provided by the public and private sectors.

"My research examines the elements that could contribute towards the development of a knowledge economy. As suggested by the World Bank and various OECD reports, the

pillars to form the knowledge economy are education and training, innovation and technological adoption, the information and communication infrastructure, and a conducive economic incentive and institutional regime."

"Although many initiatives and steps have been taken by the government to foster the production of the innovation activities and processes in Bahrain, it was perceived that those initiatives produced single projects with no systematic procedures or a holistic strategy in place to embody the innovation progress.

"Recommendations were proposed on how the government and public entities could collaborate by putting these recommendations in the core of each organisation's day-to-day business with the aim of serving Bahrain's Vision 2030," Ms Marjan added.



Ms Marjan makes the presentation at the FinTech Bay.

IDC Forum Roadshow set

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Bahrain is set to host the fourth annual IDC Forum Roadshow today at Gulf Hotel, under the theme of 'Digital Transformation: Strategies for Automation, Innovation and Intelligence'.

This year the event is being organised for the first time in partnership with The Artificial Intelligence Society and nice of its members will contribute as keynote speakers.

Dr Jassim Haji, President of Artificial Intelligence Society, stated that IDC is an important and major global research and consultancy services firm, which can contribute to evolution of technology in the kingdom. The forum will focus on Digital Transformation strategies, Artificial Intelligence and machine learning plus security threats in the Digital Transformation journey.

It is expected that over 100 delegates from different technology sectors in the kingdom to attend this important regional forum.

Sneha Annual Day



India Ladies Association hosted Sneha Annual Day at Crowne Plaza Bahrain. The event featured a welcome song, skit and a dance fusion performed by the Sneha children. Sneha Recreation Centre for Children with Special Needs is a 31-year-old centre established in December 1987 by the Indian Ladies Association of Bahrain, with the aim of providing the children, a congenial, recreational and educational environment.

Debate contest chance for students

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The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam is conducting the 'BKS-Eloquence 2018', an Intergulf Speech and Debate Competition event for school students residing in Bahrain and

other Gulf Countries.

The event is organised in connection with the BKS Literary festival 2018, and is supported by BKS Toastmasters. The competition has attractive cash prizes and the winners will get

an opportunity to interact with invited celebrity.

Participants are divided into Junior (Class VIII to X or equivalent) and Senior (Students of Class XI and XII or equivalent) categories. Both the categories

can participate in Leadership Speech (Individual Event), Declamation Speech (Individual Event) and Debate Speech (Team Event).

Contest is scheduled on 22 December 2018 at Bahrain

Keraleeya Samajam Hall. The deadline for participant registration is extended to 18 December, 2018. For full information please e-mail to bkstoastmasters@gmail.com or contact Dr Asharani on 3549 1901.