

Space policy endorsed

Cabinet approves Bahrain-India outer space co-operation



The Cabinet session in progress.

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The Cabinet session yesterday endorsed the General Space Policy and the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan of the National Space Science Agency (NSSA).

It also gave directives to take steps to form the Bahrain Space Team, aimed to the basis for Bahrain's national space capacities, in co-operation with the relevant GCC and international universities and institutes.

The session was informed, through a memorandum by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, who is also the minister in charge of NSSA, about the progress of NSSA's work.

The Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the

exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes between Bahrain and India, and mandated the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications to sign it on behalf of the kingdom, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs and highlighted in the presentation of Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

Among other things, the session agreed that the amounts adjudged in the violations of the Labour Law for the Private Sector should be devoted to raising the awareness of workers and employers, financing employment workshops and career expos for job-seekers and exceptionally to settling limited labour cases by the Labour and Social Development, based on the approval of the Ministerial

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Law of the year 2012 determines the aspects of spending the amounts adjudged in the violations of the Labour Law for the Private Sector.

Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Expenditure.

The Cabinet approved a draft-resolution on determining the aspects of spending the amounts adjudged in the violations of the Labour Law for the Private Sector, promulgated by Law 36/2012, as recommended

by the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Expenditure and highlighted in the presentation of Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

The Cabinet also approved a draft resolution on amending some provisions of the Executive Regulations of the fees imposed by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) on licences and other services issued by Edict 7/2017, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Expenditure and highlighted in the presentation of Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

Under the amendment, the fee on the licensing of frequencies will be postponed to 1/1/2019, and the prepayment requirement during the application

was removed, provided that the payment will be made after taking the final decision regarding the application.

The fee on distributors' requests was also removed from the regulation as operators are now in charge of the distribution of chips.

The session discussed the signing of the Establishment Agreement and the by-law of the Gulf Payments Company, and referred the memorandum presented by the Foreign Affairs Minister in this regard to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs.

The agreement is in line with the resolution adopted by the Supreme GCC Council during its 37th session, to set up the Gulf Payments Company that will be owned and financed by GCC countries' monetary institutions and central banks.

Airport Conference at Airshow 2018 set

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Senior decision-makers from leading regional airlines and airports will come together to discuss the impact of digital technology on airports, ongoing efforts to develop the Gulf as a tourism destination, and numerous other issues shaping the region's aviation sector at this year's Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) Airport Conference.

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) is hosting the event under the patronage of Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Kamal Ahmed.

Titled 'Into the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Gulf Region Airports and Airlines', it will be held on 15 November at the Farnborough International News Network Theatre in the BIAS Exhibition Hall.

The panellists are BAC Chief

Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif AlBinfalal, Oman Airports Management Company Chief Executive Officer, Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni, President of Boeing Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey, Bernard Dunn and Abu Dhabi Airports Chief Executive Officer, Bryan Thompson.

Professor Rigas Doganis, a leading aviation consultant and strategic advisor to a number of airlines, airports, banks, and governments around the world, will moderate the event.

The region has one of the fastest-growing aviation markets in the world, which is why keeping abreast of its latest developments is essential.

The Airport Conference will provide valuable insight into ongoing airport expansion projects, new technologies aimed at streamlining efficiency, the threat long-haul low-cost airlines pose to Gulf carriers, and

the potential for Middle East hubs to become gateways to Africa.

BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif AlBinfalal said: "Bahrain International Airport's (BIA) own transformation through the Airport Modernisation Programme makes the Kingdom a fitting venue to host the conference. The new Passenger Terminal Building will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enhance efficiency, improve security, and meet passengers' growing expectations for a more seamless airport experience.

"In addition, BAC and its partners are working to develop new routes out of BIA, which will help enhance tourism, trade, bilateral relations, and increase the aviation sector's contribution to the national economy in line with Bahrain's Vision 2030."

Focus on tourism opportunities



In line with the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority's efforts to develop the tourism sector and strengthen the Kingdom's position in the region, the Chief Executive Officer of BTEA, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa participated in the 57th International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) congress which is being held in Dubai. The event, held in the Middle East for the first time, provides industry players in the meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) sector with the opportunity to exchange experience between participants from around the world and discuss the latest developments in the sector. The event also provides a dedicated, customer-centric global programme for education and training.

Support grant



AlMabarrah AlKhalifa Foundation received a grant worth BD10,000 from the National Bank of Bahrain, in recognition of its efforts and initiatives to support education in the Kingdom, and empowering youth to create a positive impact in the local community. The cheque was handed over during the meeting between Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, Secretary to MKF's Board of Trustees and NBB's Chief Executive for the Treasury, Capital Markets and Wealth Management, Hussain Al Hussaini. The meeting was also attended by Fatima Abdulrahman Al Jar, Head of Youth Programmes at MKF, Nasser Mohammed Nasser NBB's Board Secretary and NBB's Head of Compensation and Benefits, Shafi AlMannai.



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Annual Zumbathon to support children suffering from cancer

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Female fitness fanatics are being urged to join the Annual Zumbathon 2018 event which is to be held at ART Rotana, Amwaj Islands on Saturday, 24th of November to dance off the weight and get healthy for a good cause.

The charity fundraising event which is founded by Bahraini Zumba instructor, Zumba mar-

keting agent and the founder of FB Events Fatima Bader, aims to give back to the community through a fun and active initiative where this year, The Annual Bahrain Zumbathon 2018 is brought to you by Tarteeb and FB Events.

Speaking to Tribune, Ms Fatima said, "Zumba fitness is an aerobic fitness programme that incorporates fitness and dance movements inspired by Latin and international music.



Ms Fatima

This year, they will be raising awareness and donating funds to Smile of Bahrain, which supports children with cancer and their families."

"Zumba is gaining a wide and fast popularity around the world, simply because every class feels like a party. It is pretty much the most awesome workout ever; you get to dance to great music, with great people, and burn a tonne of calories without even realising it."