

Big lift for education, training development

Deputy Prime Minister hails royal support for programmes to upgrade 'essential' sector

Supreme Council for Development of Education and Training holds 46th meeting

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The implementation of all projects, initiatives and programmes that will develop education and training is in full swing.

Deputy Prime Minister His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa commended this positive development as he chaired the 46th meeting of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training yesterday.

HH Shaikh Mohammed, also president of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training, emphasised that education and training play an essential role in achieving Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and goals to be an educational and training hub.

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HH Shaikh Mohammed chairs the virtual meeting

porting projects, initiatives and programmes to upgrade the education and training sector and continue investing in Bahraini competencies.

Review

The Council reviewed the latest developments in the implementation of the education and training programmes listed on the unified framework of government priorities, noting that

60% of them have been achieved and that two major goals in infrastructure development and e-learning have been completed.

It also reviewed the latest developments in the restructure of the Ministry of Education that includes 17 initiatives to improve its operations and education outputs. The achievement rate has reached 83%.

The Council discussed the proposal for the national curriculum and national standards

that harmonise the educational process and teaching with the requirements of the labour market and make it periodically consistent with the changes in the required job skills.

It reviewed the draft of the 2021 report of the Education and Training Quality Authority, and the proposal for a review date for the authority to obtain recognition from the World Federation for Medical Education.

Results

It also discussed the results of the review of three academic programmes in higher education institutions and decisions to include national qualifications in the National Qualifications Framework.

HH Shaikh Mohammed and the Council congratulated Dr Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki on her appointment by HM the King and commended her efforts during her presidency of the Education and Training Quality Authority and the role of the authority in developing education and training.

The Council also thanked Prof Dr Riyadh Hamza for his efforts during his presidency of the University of Bahrain and the suc-

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cess it achieved during his term, wishing him success.

Proposals

Higher Education Council Secretary General Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa presented proposals to review higher education policies and legislation to expand its scope and present options to individuals to move between academic, technical and applied streams and the labour market, expanding life-long learning and employability.

Dr Shaikha Rana also presented a proposal to establish a national portal for admission to higher education institutions that would develop mechanisms to boost efficiency and effectiveness, standardise procedures,

reduce costs for students in the short term, and align the financing of the higher education sector with the national strategy and long-term labour market needs. She also put forward a detailed proposal for the implementation and timeframe for the proposed initiatives.

Expansion

Dean of the Bahrain Teachers College Dr Ted Purinton updated the Council on the plan for the expansion of the Btc to achieve the government goals to enable it to meet 80% of the Ministry of Education's needs of teachers by 2030. He also briefed the Council on the preparations by the college for the new academic year.

Tender, Auction Board opens envelopes for project bids

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The Tender and Auction Board, the independent regulatory body tasked with supervising government bidding and bidding practices, has opened the envelopes of 64 bids for 10 bids and one auction offered from seven managing authorities.

The agenda of the Al-Fath Committee included the opening of a tender and an auction for the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The tender was on the effectiveness of the youth market, and six bids were received for this tender. As for the bidding, it was for the investment of the fitness hall in Al Najma Club, and only one bid was received for this bid.

The Committee also opened two tenders for the Electricity and Water Authority, the first tender for the purchase of insulating parties for the Department of Electricity Transmission, and one bid was received for this tender.

Closing arguments set for today on BD1.5m money-laundering case

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Closing arguments will be heard today in the case of a 37-year-old Bahraini man who laundered BD1.5 million in collaboration with an Arab man.

The defendant is said to have embezzled BD1.5 million from 23 men after he deceived them that he had companies specialised in providing commercial and technological consultancies.

The Arab man was living in his home country and he had a company, whose bank account was used to launder the money that the Bahraini man received from his victims.

The pair signed a recruitment agreement, according to which the money was transferred from Bahrain to the Arab country.

According to court files, the



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victims of the pair were all occupying high positions.

“The defendant came to me

and requested me to lend him BD13,000, although I didn't know him. He managed to convince me that my father was his friend and he was trustworthy. After three days, I agreed to give him BD3,000 only,” one of the defendants said.

“After a few days, he came back to me and gave me the BD3,000 back, but he offered me to invest the money with great returns. This time I gave him BD84,000. It was a trap,” he added.

The defendant did the same with his victims as the total amount of the money he embezzled from his victims hit BD1.5 million.

He was arrested and he confessed to collecting money without a license. It was discovered that the defendant was running the fraud scheme from his home.

NSSA participates in Saudi workshops

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The National Space Science Agency (NSSA) participated in workshops held by the Saudi Space Commission (SSC) titled “Space Talk KSA”.

NSSA was represented by NSSA's CEO Dr Mohamed Ebrahim Al Aseeri and Chief of Strategic Planning and Projects Management Department (NSSA) Amal Al Binali.

The third workshop's guest was Dr. Candace Johnson, founder and partner of global institutions such as SES/ASTRA and Loral Cyberstar-Teleport Europe which introduced Europe's first cross-border telecom network and Europe's Online Investment for the world's first online service in addition being a commercial

member of the International Chamber of Commerce is (ICC).

She highlighted women's role in space by addressing her personal experience and the challenges she faced, and through her struggle she was able to reach decision-makers and convince them in order to get their support.

Al Binali explained that Bahrain is on the right path to enhance the empowerment of women to engage in all areas that develop their skills and qualify them to cope with future challenges and actively participate in development efforts, especially with the initiatives and projects launched by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) to support Bahraini women.

Enjoy virtual tour of Visayas region's energy-packed festivals in Philippines

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Part of “Fiesta Filipinas: An Online Celebration of Philippine Festivals” episode is a virtual tour of the Visayas region. It features the lively and en-

ergy-packed festivals of Sinulog of Cebu, Dinagyang of Iloilo, and Ati-Atihan of Aklan!

The Philippine Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain is inviting everyone, particularly the Filipino community, to catch

the special episode of the online event and learn the country's unique festivals, culture and traditions.

It is scheduled to be held on 30 October, 11am (Bahrain time) via the Philippines' Department

of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Official Facebook and YouTube Channel accounts.

The “Fiesta Filipinas: An Online Celebration of Philippine Festivals” project is a multi-format online event which will sim-

ulate the experience of a festival through a combination of live and pre-recorded videos and live workshops and activities.

The project aims to showcase Philippine festivals, culture and traditions to global audience.

Orientation firefighting and rescue course for 12 Bahrain Airport Company staff



To promote community partnership, the General Directorate of Civil Defence has organised an orientation firefighting and rescue course for 12 staff of the Bahrain Airport Company. The training aimed to rehabilitate the participants on the techniques to use breathing devices and firefighting and rescue operations, along with how to deal with road and hazardous substances accidents.