

HRH Premier to patronise conference on process engineering

Manama

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Kingdom of Bahrain will host the fifth edition of the Middle East Process Engineering Conference and Exhibition (MEPEC 2019) and the first edition of the World Petroleum Council Conference during the period 14-16 October 2019.

Held at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Con-

vention Centre, the events will be themed "Transformation of Process Engineering through Innovation".

Since its inception in 2011, the Middle East Energy Events and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers have been organising this event in collaboration and co-ordination with the National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA) and with the support of Saudi Aramco and a number of local, regional and international companies in order to take advantage of opportunities in the



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region and increase the demand for the use of modern technology, for efficiency and performance in oil, gas and petrochemicals.

Minister of Oil, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to HRH the Prime Minister for patronising this global event, which is one of the main conferences and exhibitions in the oil, gas and petrochemicals sector. The event has earned a good reputation in the Middle East.

The minister pointed out that this event is a great platform for large international companies specialised in the field of process engineering techniques in other

companies and institutions to exchange information about the latest experiences, provide the best administrative and technical practices and review the best modern technologies and best engineering solutions in raising the efficiency of work.

He said that process engineering is one of the important topics in several specialised aspects, such as production process engineering, control processes, process progress, tools and advanced equipment to help develop this vital sector.

The Oil Minister pointed out that the Kingdom strives to attract modern technologies to contribute to the development of various projects, such as the Bahrain refinery modernisation project, the third gas plant, the liquefied gas project and the oil pipelines.

He pointed out that MEPEC will witness a series of specialised strategic initiatives and stimulating content with the participation of industry leaders in the oil sector to develop innovative solutions for development.

BTEA to celebrate Saudi National Day



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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) will be hosting a series of fun-filled activities in celebration of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's 89th National Day over a period of five days, starting from the 19th and until the 23rd of September 2019.

The BTEA's line-up of activities include a number of fun events such as fireworks, traditional sailboats sporting Saudi and Bahraini flags, in addition to musical performances by traditional bands amongst many other activities.

The events are aimed to strengthen the bilateral relations between both Kingdoms under the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

"On the occasion of KSA's National Day which we hold very close to our hearts, we would like to express our congratulations to the wise leadership and the

people of Saudi Arabia.

"We also welcome all visitors and residents to participate in the celebrations which will be held over a period of five days across the Kingdom of Bahrain," said Tourism Adviser at BTEA, Dr Ali Follad.

"We strive to host family-oriented events all year round, especially during weekends, in line with our efforts to develop the local tourism sector and enhance Bahrain's leading position on the global tourism map.

"We will continue to work closely with our representative office in Riyadh to create even more unique tourism products with an aim to attract tourists to Bahrain, further boosting the national economy," he added.

Hosting the event comes in line with BTEA's long-term strategy to further develop the Kingdom's tourism sector and strengthen its position on a regional and international level under the slogan of 'Ours Yours', which contributes towards the Kingdom's economy and the 2030 Economic Vision.

Kingdom, a role model for 'respecting human rights'

'Bahrain continues to strengthen its human rights achievements'

Geneva

Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdullah Al Dosari, yesterday stressed that the Kingdom, under the reform approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has become a leading regional and international model in respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, consolidating the values of patriotism and tolerance, and creating a legislative and regulatory environment to push forward the comprehensive and sustainable development process.

This came on the sidelines of the 42nd session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, where the Assistant Foreign Minister met with the Director of Multilateral Diplomacy at the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Rabea Al Haddad.

The Assistant Foreign Minister discussed the development of training programmes and educational curricula as well as raising awareness on human rights values and principles.

He also hailed the programmes



Mr Al Dosari with Mr Al Haddad.

and activities of UNITAR in this regard.

The Assistant Foreign Minister affirmed the Kingdom's keenness to strengthen its partnership with UNITAR in order to develop educational programmes and services, consolidating the values of patriotism, tolerance and peace for the protection of rights and freedoms in accordance with international human rights conventions.

In this regard, he pointed out that the "Mohammed bin

Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies", under the directives of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, is seeking to strengthen co-operation and exchange experiences with international institutions to introduce courses that focus on developing the staff of the diplomatic and consular corps.

He also noted that the employees of the Ministry have benefited from the programmes of UNITAR



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regarding the activities of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in the previous years.

The Assistant Foreign Minister affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain, under His Majesty the King's reform initiatives, is continuing to strengthen its leading human rights, democratic and development achievements at the regional and international levels.

He also stressed the Kingdom's keenness to support the international community in its efforts to preserve peace and security and promote inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue in line with the Kingdom's economic vision and the SDGs 2030.

Sustainable Energy Centre, Derasat sign MoU

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdullahsain Mirza, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Centre for Strategic and International Studies and Energy (Derasat), Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Sustainable Energy Centre (SEC) and Derasat to promote renewable energy initiatives and projects in Bahrain, which represent an important contribution to support the economy and protect the environment.

The MoU provides for the exchange of information and expertise, the establishment of joint projects in the fields of research, training and awareness, and conducting surveys, besides preparation of educational publications and specialised studies, which contribute to the interest in sustainable energy.

It also entails organising seminars, workshops and training courses in this area. Dr Mirza



Dr Mirza, Dr Shaikh Abdulla and other officials after signing the agreement.

thanked and appreciated the Bahrain Centre for Strategic and International Studies and Energy for the efforts and co-operation in achieving the desired national goals to promote the use of clean energy and raise energy efficiency.

The minister also thanked and appreciated the wise leadership and the government for their continuous guidance and keen interest in encouraging the use of clean energy for comprehensive sustainable development.

"We have made clear the options for switching to clean energy, working towards increasing

energy efficiency and rationalising consumption as the best solution towards promoting sustainable and inclusive development in all economic, social and environmental aspects," he said.

"We will collaborate with one of the most prestigious research institutions in the Middle East and around the world, and benefit from its advanced expertise in the field of capacity building, on the efficiency of the use of sustainable energy sources, and the qualification of human resources, and conduct qualitative research and opinion polls, according to the



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highest quality standards."

Dr Mirza said the MoU is important because it promotes sustainable energy as essential at all levels. "In economic terms, it conserves natural resources and, on the other hand, is clean energy from available and renewable sources," he said.

Dr Shaikh Abdulla expressed his happiness in co-operation with the Electricity and Water Affairs Ministry as a leading national institution, to support the work and objectives of the Centre, in the context of the Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

He said environmentally friendly sustainable energy has become one of the most important future directions adopted by Bahrain, reviewing the Royal Decree 22/2019, on the establishment of the Sustainable Energy Centre (SEC), and the role of Derasat in this.

He said the framework looks at the promotion of sustainable energy initiatives and projects, capacity-building and training, and the development and dissemination of awareness and education programmes in the use of conservation and sustainable energy sources, as well as the organisation of exhibitions and conferences, and preparation of training courses.

He said the centre is keen to promote research and studies related to sustainable and clean energy, and at the top of its priorities energy issues, from its various dimensions, insurance, sustainability and efficiency, and seeks permanent ways to produce innovative and sophisticated ideas with regard to renewable energy, energy security and efficiency.