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The Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA) Board of Directors approved ambitious expansion plans for 2019 during a regular meeting chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and GAA Chairman, Kamal Ahmed.

The plans include purchasing a fourth Airbus A320 Full Flight Simulator (FFS) and introducing new logistics and aviation training programmes that will enhance the academy's capacity and efficiency, enabling it to meet the growing needs of this important sector.

The additional FFS will help to ease the burden on the academy's existing simulators, which are currently operating at 100 per cent capacity in order to meet local and regional training requirements.

In addition, a joint training agreement with the European Civil Aviation Authority will increase the number of aviation training programmes offered in 2019, covering aviation safety, airport security, air transport, and airspace control.

The minister praised the academy's executive management for their dedicated efforts to achieve Gulf Air Group Holding's goals, noting that enhancing the efficiency of specialised training programmes related to logistics is an important step in the development of the civil aviation sector, and in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 goal to increase non-oil revenues.

He also praised the GAA for expanding its geographic reach, offering services from Bahrain to a client base extending from the Indian sub-continent to Europe.

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GAA gets nod to purchase new full flight simulator

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per cent of the trainees at the academy were from outside the Kingdom.

Captain Dhafer Al Abbasi said: “The 2019 expansion plans are in line with our strategic objectives to provide the best flight training services and modern training tools, not only in Bahrain but in the entire region.

“During 2018, GAA trained 6,522 agents consisting of pilots, crew, engineers, security personnel, and other aviation personnel, 92 per cent of whom were trainees from outside Bahrain.

“Last year, we trained 106 pilots from a European airline and will train a further 100 this year to support the development of its operations. The new addition to our range of simulator models will play a key role in helping us to meet the growing demand.”

The GAA, a subsidiary of Gulf Air Group Holding, offers a comprehensive training programme, which includes all the travel arrangements and the associated logistics needed to accommodate the large numbers of international participants.

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helping GAA to achieve its objectives, which have direct and indirect effects on the Kingdom, highlighting the importance of partnerships with local bodies such as Gulf Air Group Holding and Tamkeen. GAA Chief Executive Officer,

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY (B.S.C)



RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors of National Hotels Co. BSC proposed the distribution of dividends for the year ending 31 December 2018 to the Ordinary Equity Shareholders who are registered on the date of the AGM. This is subject to the AGM and the Regulatory Authorities' approval. The proposed distribution is as follows:

Bonus Shares for all ordinary shares at the rate of 10% of par value, an equivalent of 1 share for every 10 shares held.

Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani
Chairman

Bahrain FinTech Bay locks deal with TAIGER to boost AI training

● TAIGER Academy's specialised training programmes in applied AI will strengthen efforts in AI education and retraining of professionals in the MENA region.

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Bahrain FinTech Bay has announced its Venture Acceleration Platform partner, Taiger, to conduct Executive Training on AI and Automation at RegFact.

The executive training course will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Diplomat, on February 25, between 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The course will focus on an introduction to AI, Value of AI, Knowledge Work Automation, and will include Demos and Case Studies.

The TAIGER Academy is a parallel initiative that focuses on providing AI training to participants of different

backgrounds and experience, a statement issued by the FinTech Bay said.

“TAIGER is the market leader and pioneer of Knowledge Work Automation. TAIGER's mission is to help organisations optimise operational efficiencies by automating complex cognitive tasks.”

Their solutions provide unparalleled accuracy in information extraction for industry leaders in financial services, and government, the statement added.

The training track will be lead by VP Sales of TAIGER, Henri-Christian Hartloff.

Mr Henri is currently driving the company's global business development activities.

To book spot, contact info@bahrainfintechbay or visit the website www.Regfact.com.

Society's charity activities stressed

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Labour and Social Development Minister, Jameel Humaidan, met the Board of Directors Chairman of the Islamic Society, Dr Abdullatif Mahmood Al Mahmood.

The Islamic Society's charity activities, and contributions to promoting the principle of community partnership, in co-operation with the relevant authorities, including the Labour Ministry, were reviewed.

The minister lauded the Islamic Society's innovative activities and initiatives, stressing full support for civil society organisations.

Mr Al Mahmood lauded the Labour Ministry's unlimited support for charity societies, affirming that constructive co-operation between the Ministry and those societies has contributed to delivering the best social services.

He also commended the facilities provided by the Labour Ministry to charitable and humanitarian work in the Kingdom.