

PM calls for greater economic openness

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has called for greater economic openness to the world, especially in light of the new trends among major countries towards establishing stronger partnerships with the countries of the region.

HRH Premier was speaking after receiving the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) led by Adnan Ahmed Yussef.

The government has made consistent efforts to create favourable conditions for improving the performance of the banking sector in the Kingdom, with emphasis on risk management, the crucial element in overcoming crises, HRH the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister praised bankers who are doing their best to develop banking operations in the Kingdom, thanks to that the banking sector has gained regional and global acclaim, which, he said, is a source of pride.

Prince Khalifa praised the



HRH Prime Minister with Chairman and board of directors of Bahrain Association of Banks

performance of the banking and financial sector and its pivotal role in supporting development efforts, thanks to its leadership, efforts and expertise.

The Premier highlighted the government's continuous efforts to develop the financial and banking sector and putting in place a suitable atmosphere that allows it to continue its growth and contribute more effectively to the national economy.

HRH Prime Minister commended the efforts exerted by BAB to consolidate

Bahrain's reputation and status in the banking services sector regionally and internationally, praising its visions aimed at developing the banking sector in the Kingdom.

His Royal Highness praised the role played by the civil society organisations, including BAB, in supporting the government's development efforts within the existing strategic partnership between them.

BAB credited the Premier with the progress witnessed by the banking sector in the Kingdom.

In this regard, BAB board chairman and members lauded Prime Minister's role in enhancing banking work, and encouraging national competencies to hold leadership positions at national banking institutions, and those using Bahrain as the centre of their regional operations.

They lauded the PM's unwavering support to financial and banking institutions, which, they said, has contributed to strengthening their standing at the local and international levels.

Al Raja School receives AdvancED accreditation

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Al Raja School has been awarded accreditation by AdvancED after a three-day school inspection by its External Review team.

The award is in partnership with the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. The inspection included a thorough review of the school's documents, its operations, and interviews with students, staff, parents, and board members.

"Al Raja, originally known as the American Mission School, has been educating children since 1899 and has a long history of excellence, love, and support for all," said Maria

Khoury, Chair of the Board of Managers of the School.

"This is the next step in providing excellent education to the children and families of Bahrain."

"Accreditation is important," explained Principal Joshua Perkins, "because it shows that the school operates at a high level as judged by someone completely outside the school. It is a recognition of the hard work of staff, students, parents, and board members. Additionally, this is an important stamp for universities to see on students' transcripts and diplomas when reviewing university applications." AdvancED accredits schools in over 70 nations worldwide.



From left: Vinolia John (Vice Principal, Middle & High School), Joshua Perkins (Principal), Noelle Branch (Lead Evaluator for the External Team), Hanan Abdulla (Vice Principal, Elementary School), Zeina Shennak (External Team Review Member), Ramia Yahya (External Team Review Member), Linda Al Arrayed (Academic Coordinator for Accreditation), Dr. Julia J. Nuqul (External Team Review Member), and Robert C. Brinton (Assistant Team Leader)

Dr. Jawahery conferred Order of the Star of Italy



Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery receives the honour from Domenico Bellato

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The President of the Republic of Italy Sergio Mattarella has bestowed the Order of the Star of Italy (Ordine della Stella d'Italia) on Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, President of Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) for fostering the relationship between Italy and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr. Jawahery received the award from Domenico Bellato, Italian Ambassador to Bahrain at a ceremony held at GPIC head office, recently.

The Presidential decree and badge awarded to Dr. Jawahery bears the inscription *Solidarietà Italiana* and is exclusively granted to those foreign individuals on behalf of the Republic of Italy who preserve and promote the national prestige of the Italian nation.

Dr. Jawahery was deeply humbled and honoured to be presented with such an acclaimed

award for his unwavering commitment to assuring sustainable cooperation and collaboration between the two countries. Dr. Jawahery accepted the recognition on behalf of all of his colleagues and employees who he paid tribute to for their unreserved role in achieving this medal of honour.

Dr. Jawahery expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, for their unlimited support and visionary leadership to the people of Bahrain and for enabling them to attain the highest levels of recognition within international forums and achieve the inspirational strategies set out for the 2030 vision.

Dr. Jawahery also expressed his heartfelt

thanks and deep gratitude to the Italian President for this remarkable recognition given to foreign individuals on their role in fostering effective and sustainable relationships between the two nations.

Dr. Jawahery also spoke of, and affirmed how both countries continued to enjoy such a prosperous collaboration, from economic partnerships and business solutions, through to arts and entertainment and long standing friendships that so many GPIC employees, and Dr. Jawahery have fostered over the years.

He further added that, although this highly respected medal is only bestowed upon individuals, it was through the visionary partnerships and relationships that had been created over the years, which has allowed for this humbling moment.

Dr. Jawahery expressed his gratitude to GPIC's Chairman, its Board of Directors, Executive Management Team and

Labour Union as well as each and every employee at GPIC for their warm support and the strong relationships they have fostered with the Republic of Italy over so many years. He emphasized how, through everyone's focus and dedication to building effective relationships across companies, regions and continents, it had resulted in the receiving of this accolade. He also deeply thanked the Italian Ambassador for this recognition and expressed his deep honour to be chosen for this acknowledgement from the President of the Republic of Italy.

The Ambassador thanked Dr. Jawahery and expressed how GPIC, under his leadership, had become one of the most respected and successful industrial companies in the region. The Ambassador iterated how Dr. Jawahery was a role model in his ability to lead by example and in his continued support for the effective and prosperous collaboration between Italy and the Kingdom.