

ThaiMart opening 'soon'

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ThaiMart, a Thailand-themed shopping mall will be opened in five months, it was announced.

The new mall, which will cover 6,700-sqm space, is result of a collaboration between Thailand's Vega Intertrade and Exhibitions LLC, and Bahrain counterpart Diyar Al Muharraq.

The new project follows Diyar Al Muharraq's success with Dragon City.

The shopping mall, which has been a success since its opening covers an area of 55,000 sqm, featuring around 800 wholesale and retail shops of Chinese products.

Opened in 2015, the Dragon City has received an overwhelming feedback from the locals and tourists from across the region.

In 2017, the mall welcomed over seven million visitors. ThaiMart will be located next to the Dragon City with around 200 shops.



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Mr Akavut, Mr Inayadullah, Thailand's Ambassador to Bahrain Thanis Na Songkhla and other senior officials at the contract signing ceremony.

It will be featuring a wide range of authentic Thai products. ThaiMart Managing Director Akavut Tangsilakusonwong described the project as an im-

portant milestone for Thai business in the Kingdom and a new important partnership between the two countries.

He said that ThaiMart will be a community mall with a Thai touch in the decoration, architecture, products, services, and activities.

Inayadullah S, Managing Director of Crown Electro-Mechanical Services, said his firm will be in-charge of the construction of the project.

"We are delighted to be part of this iconic project." When asked about the timeline for the construction of the project, he said, "The project should be done within five months."

A signing ceremony was held yesterday on the premises of Diyar Al Muharraq, where a contract for building of the mall was signed between Crown Electro-mechanical services and Vega Intertrade and Exhibitions.

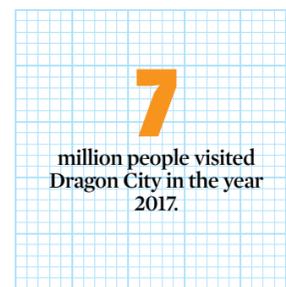
The bilateral trade between the Kingdom and Thailand has been improving over the years.

Thailand's exports to the Kingdom from January-April 2019 have seen an increase of 9.65 per cent at \$42 million.

Construction materials and related products are among the top items Thailand exports to Bahrain due to its high quality, excellent design and reasonable price, according to Thai Ministry of Commerce.

As part of efforts to boost trade ties between the two countries, a Thai trade delegation visited the Kingdom last month.

Bahraini importers, buyers and developers had a rare opportunity to interact with the delegation members during a special session that was held at the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



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Guidelines for local bakeries highlighted at Chamber event

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) in co-operation with the Ministry of Health held yesterday at Bait Al Tijjar an event themed "Measures to reduce salt and trans fat in bakery products".

The event, which targeted local bakeries and food producers, shed a spotlight on the ministry's efforts to enhance and ensure public health, particularly those in line with Ministerial Resolution No 28 for the year 2018 on limiting the proportions of salt additive and trans fat in bakery products.

Speaking at the event, the Assistant Undersecretary for Public



Dr Al Hajri speaking at the event.

Health of the Ministry of Health Dr Mariam Al Hajri reinstated the Ministry's keenness on protecting public health and encouraging healthy lifestyle.

She highlighted the ministry's efforts in meeting the standards

and recommendations of World Health Organisation (WHO), and encouraged all relevant parties and food producers in particular to work hand-in-hand with the ministry to achieve the common goals.

Dr Al Hajri also extended thanks to BCCI for its ceaseless co-operation with the ministry and contributing to encouraging the private sector to abide by health regulations and standards. For his part, BCCI's Chief Ex-

ecutive Officer Shaker Al Shater underlined the importance of enhancing and protecting public health and adopting top standards in line with the Kingdom of Bahrain's development strategy, which has people and their well-

being at its core.

He hailed the strenuous efforts of the ministry and vowed sparing no effort in supporting it in this endeavor.

The event included a number of presentations delivered by officials and nutritionists from the Ministry of Health, with a focus on the mechanism of implementing Ministerial Resolution No 28; the ministry's progress; overcoming production obstacles and gaining consumer satisfaction.

The event also included a presentation made by a representative of a local bakery sharing the bakery's success story in reducing salt and trans fat. Awareness-raising flyers and brochures were also distributed during the event.

CSB re-issues instructions on training scholarships, grants

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Civil Service Bureau (CSB) President, Ahmed Al Zayed, issued Civil Service Instructions 5/2019 concerning training, grants and scholarships.

He clarified that the instructions aim at re-issuing Civil Service rules through updating the training and development system for government employees according the controls specified in the executive regulations of the Civil Service Law.

The instructions also aim at defining the responsibilities of government entities and CSB in applying them. This is after modifying the provisions and setting the terms of reference in government agencies, in addition to updating the forms attached to these instructions and the training agreement to guarantee the principle of justice for all employees.

Regarding the role of government entities, the President of CSB explained that government

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entities provide training and study opportunities for its em-

ployees in order to develop the skills, knowledge and work behaviours required by their jobs, and to train employees to carry out greater responsibilities according to actual training needs and their career paths.

With regard to responsibilities, the CSB President clarified that the government entities should implement the provisions of the Civil Service Law to form a committee called the "Training and Development Committee" which aims to develop and qual-

ify employees through training and study programmes formed by specialised members in each government entity. The committee's presidency shall be at the level of Deputy Assistant Secretary at least.

Mr Al Zayed pointed out that the most important duties of the Training and Development Committee are the adoption of the training plan, scholarships and grants for professional, administrative and specialised development according to prior-

ities of the public interest in the government and its objectives in the short and long-term.

The committee will also be in charge of proposing general policies for training and career development, making recommendations on the training budget, as well as the results of the evaluation of the training programmes, studying the outcome of training, as well as the adoption, modification or cancellation of missions and academic studies.