

Turning Bahrain into 'forever green'

Bold campaign to plant more than 50,000 trees and shrubs aims to increase green area in four governorates

● Call out for public and private sectors to form more partnerships

● Also aims to sustain development of agricultural sector in Bahrain

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A bold campaign to expand Bahrain's green area by planting more than 50,000 trees and shrubs will be launched by the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD).

The campaign, "Forever Green", will be under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of NIAD Consultative Council.



The initiative will benefit the development of agricultural sector in the Kingdom

It aims to support the state's strategies through coordination with the public and private sectors to sustain the development

of the agricultural sector in Bahrain, highlight the aesthetic features of the Kingdom and its interest in agriculture as a

historical heritage, and strive to increase and expand the green area.

The trees and shrubs will be

planted in the Kingdom's four governorates on an area covering more than 70,000 square metres and more than 21,000 linear metres during the first stage that runs until March 2022.

NIAD will be joined by several governmental and private institutions and specialists interested in agriculture.

More partnerships will be achieved in the drive to achieve the campaign's goals that are consistent with the 13th and 14th sustainable development goals.

The national campaign includes encouraging the private sector to support projects to increase the Kingdom's green area with its ensuing positive effects that contribute to achieving sustainable development and enhancing the quality of life.

It also seeks to motivate citizens and residents to pay greater attention to home agriculture and to educate school and university students about agricul-

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ture as an integral part of the food and health security strategy and as an important component of the Kingdom's national economy.

NIAD was launched in 2010 under the auspices of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka to unify and support the efforts of the relevant parties in the agricultural sector in order to improve it and enable it to achieve its economic, social and environmental goals.

HH Shaikh Nasser visits American University



HH Shaikh Nasser holds an open meeting with the students

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Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, paid a visit yesterday to the American University of Bahrain where he met with its educational and administrative staff.

HH Shaikh Nasser stressed the big strides made by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the educational field thanks to the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

His Highness affirmed to

the students the importance of the current phase in their academic life, stressing keenness on supporting them to achieve their goals.

He commended the efforts of the educational and administrative staff of the university to provide high quality education for the students.

In an open meeting with the students, HH Shaikh Nasser answered the students' queries and provided them with support and encouragement to continue their quest for knowledge.

At the end of the meeting, His Highness received a commemorative gift from the administrative staff of the university.

NIHR highlights protection of persons with disabilities' rights

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) has highlighted Bahrain's experience in protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities in the V International Conference entitled "Human Rights Protection in Eurasia: Exchange of Best Practices of Ombudspersons" in Moscow.

NIHR referred to its role in holding training courses and workshops and raising awareness through media campaigns

related to the issue of disability and its close connection with human rights.

The NIHR also stressed the human dimension and the great attention of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to people with disabilities and the enactment of laws in Bahrain to protect and promote the rights of people with disabilities.

This year's conference was dedicated to the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and environmental human rights.

Cabinet approves plans and projects to address climate change problem

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The Cabinet during its weekly meeting yesterday discussed and approved several memorandums.

It approved following memorandums:

1. A memorandum by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs regarding Bahrain's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution report, which refers to plans and projects for addressing climate change, including renewable energy projects, water management and afforestation, and their incorporation into the

government plan.

2. A memorandum by the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism regarding a draft decision on issuing the executive regulations of the GCC unified law (System) to combat commercial fraud.

3. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding the government's responses to two proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives and a proposal for a law submitted by the Shura Council.

The Cabinet reviewed the fol-

lowing topics:

1. A memorandum by the Minister of Finance and National Economy regarding the preliminary performance indicators of the Future Generation Reserve Fund for the six months ending 30 June 2021. The indicators reflect the efficiency and effectiveness of the Future Generations Reserve's investment policy and its continued success despite the repercussions presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. A memorandum by the Minister of Health regarding the Ministry's health and cli-

mate change pledges in line with the Kingdom of Bahrain's international commitments and its active role in climate action and the development of the national health system.

The Cabinet took note of the ministerial reports, including the outcomes of the visit to Kazakhstan; 21st virtual ministerial meeting of the OPEC + group; the visit to the Middle East Rail 2021 exhibition and conference in the UAE; and participation in the World Health Organisation's 68th session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean.

Legislative-executive cooperation key to optimise health services

● In line with comprehensive development march led by HM King

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Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal has underlined the importance of cooperation between the legislative and executive branches to further optimise health services provided for citizens and residents.

It is in line with the comprehensive development march led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This was stressed by the Speaker as she received yesterday Government Hospitals Board of Trustees Chairman Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa and Chief Executive Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al Ansari.

The meeting was held in the presence of Representatives Council First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman and Second



Speaker Zainal with Dr Al Ansari

Deputy Speaker Ali Zayed.

Zainal pointed out the significance of mapping out plans to promote the kingdom's standing in the health field, particularly in light of the unprecedented achievements brought about by Bahrain Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Speaker affirmed the need

to invest in the national human competencies at the public health centres and hospitals to ensure the availability of highly competent Bahraini medical teams and achieve stability in the healthcare field in the present and future.

Dr Al Ansari thanked the Speaker for the meeting, commending the role of the Representatives Council in developing legislation aimed at upgrading the health sector and improving services.

Stage set for online tour of Baguio City in Philippines

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Everyone, particularly the Filipino community, is invited to catch the special episode of a virtual tour of Baguio City, the Philippines' Summer Capital.

The online event will take visitors to Baguio City's various tourist attractions, including a flower festival known as Panagbenga Festival, as well as its unique culture and traditions.

It is part of "Fiesta Filipinas: An Online Celebration of Philippine Festivals" which 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.

It also features the lively and energy-packed festivals of Masskara Festival of Bacolod City, Sinulog of Cebu, Dinagyang of Iloilo and Ati-Atihan of Aklan.