

Muharraq Bridge Project 'on track'

The fourth bridge will address the traffic problems north of Muharraq

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The work on Muharraq Bridge, which will connect Busaiteen with north of Manama, is on right track, said Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Khalaf.

"The cost of this strategic project is BD94 million and it is being financed by the Saudi Development Fund and includes dams, four-lane bridge and roads."

The work contract has been awarded to Boskalis Westminster Al Rushaid Company Limited and Boskalis Westminster Contracting Limited.

The minister pointed out that the bridge will connect the economic, tourist and development facilities on Muharraq Island in the capital Manama to the north.

It will also provide access to the new Busaiteen, Al Saya area, Diyar Al Muharraq, Amwaj Islands, Al Deir, Samahij and Qalali, he added.

He said that the project is an extension of Al Muharraq Ring Road (extension of the Dry Dock Road to the north), starting from the intersection of Al Muharraq



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A graphically created image of the bridge.



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Ring Road in Smahij / Diyar Al Muharraq, passing through Al Deer, Al Busaitin and Al Sawaya area.

"The second phase of the North Manama Bridge, which starts from this intersection to the waterfront area in the Seef area to Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Street at the intersection of Farouk.

Mr Khalaf said that the fourth bridge will make a quantum leap

94 million Bahraini dinars is the cost of the project, according to Works Ministry.

in addressing the traffic problems north of Muharraq.

"It will carry a high traffic density on the eastern side of the island, from Al Had, through the villages of Qalali, Samahij, Deir and Muharraq."

The minister revealed that the fourth bridge will be a modern landmark of the features of Bahrain and that was selected and approved by the Prime Minister.

Governorate to host 'Japanese Village'

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The Southern Governorate will host the first Japanese Expo from February 7 to 9 at the Bahrain International Circuit, under the name "Japanese Village".

The head of Bahrain-based Business and Friendship Association Nasser Al Arayed said trade exchange between Bahrain and Japan exceeded \$ 1.2 billion annually, according to the latest statistics published in 2015.

Mr Al Arayed said that the diplomatic relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Bahrain dates back to 1934, when Bahrain's first shipment of oil was sent to Japan following the discovery of oil in Bahrain in 1932, and the number of Japanese citizens living in Bahrain now stands at around 250.

Mr Al Arayed explained that Japanese companies have completed many projects in Bahrain, including the petrochemical, aluminium, gas and telecommunications industries.

Recently, projects have been held, such as the steel plant project, which will be based in Haddad.

According to the head of the Bahraini-Japanese Business and Friendship Association, the number of Japanese companies having offices in Bahrain is 16; five companies operate in the financial sector, three in the commercial sector and eight in the industrial sector.

Fatima Al Ghatam, director of social and community programmes in the Southern Governorate, said: "The Japanese village will be held under the pa-

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The Director of the Department of Social Programmes and Community Affairs in the Southern Province Fatima Al Ghatam, said: "There will be a textile and clothing corner, a ceremony corner, a corner of the tools used by the people during the era of Japanese Empire, a Japanese tea corner, and how to drink it.

"There will also be Japanese bands to attend the

celebration as well as Japanese competitions and games."

"The Japanese village is accompanied by a Japanese her-



Governorate officials at the Press conference.

itage and cultural centre, daily accompaniment programmes

and daily special programmes such as Japanese cooking, and other family activities," she added.

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