

Preserving folk heritage

HM the King hails efforts by UoB students and IOV to document Bahraini folk tales

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday affirmed his support and encouragement for efforts and initiatives aimed at preserving Bahrain's folk heritage.

His Majesty asserted that Bahrain boasts a deep-rooted civilisation and heritage based on commitment to the values of tolerance and openness to various civilisations.

His Majesty was speaking as he received at the Al-Sakhir Palace the President of the International Organisation of Folk Art (IOV World), Ali Abdulla Khalifa, University of Bahrain (UoB) President, Dr Riyad Yussef Hamzah and Assistant Professor of Literary Criticism and Narratives, Dr Dhiya Abdulla Al-Kaabi.

They presented HM King Hamad with a field survey which includes folk tales from the Arab world, collected from Bahrain's towns and villages.

The field survey was conducted with the support of 100 UoB students, and financed by IOV



His Majesty being presented with a field survey which includes folk tales in the Arab world

based in Bahrain.

HM, the King expressed thanks and appreciation to IOV and UoB for the efforts exerted to preserve Bahrain's heritage.

His Majesty asserted that the encyclopaedia is a valuable ad-

dition and an important reference for researchers.

HM, the King also paid tribute to UoB for the distinguished efforts exerted by Dr Dhiya Abdulla, the supervisor of the project.

Ali Abdulla Khalifa said that

the initiative, the first of its kind in the Arab world, documented 1100 folk tales, adding that they were printed in five volumes.

The project in its next phase aims to promote Bahraini folk tales internationally.



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training chairing a meeting on the key performance indicators of the education and training development project. The meeting highlighted the achievements of Bahrain Teachers College (BTC) and adopted a plan for the next academic year



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa in his office at the Ministry's General Court with the Minister of Education, Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi. Discussions focused on enhancing cooperation between the ministries in all forums as well as regional and international organisations concerned with education



The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) chief commissioner Maria Khoury with a US Congressional Staff delegation. She briefed the guests about the National Institution's role in protecting and boosting human rights



Faculty members and students of the College of Medicine and Medical Science and the College of Graduate Studies during a workshop hosted by The Arabian Gulf University (AGU) on the methods of writing scientific researches in English. The workshop was presented by a teacher at the College of Graduate Studies in AGU Luma Fayiz Al Salah

Artificial Intelligence Academy



His Highness Shaikh Khalid during the opening ceremony

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen), in cooperation with Bahrain Polytechnic and Microsoft Corporation, inaugurated an Artificial Intelligence Academy at Bahrain Polytechnic.

This came on the sidelines of the Global Entrepreneurship Congress hosted by Bahrain from April 15 to 18 with the participation of around 170 countries.

The launch of the academy

is in line with the directives of First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, especially after the outstanding performance of the youth in Khalid bin Hamad Innovation in Artificial Intelligence Competition.

The academy is expected to groom 60 student trainees from schools and universities and their teachers.

Spotlight on Sustainable Energy



Officials during a photocall

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza yesterday inaugurated the first sustainable international energy conference held under the theme "Promoting Sustainable Energy in the Kingdom of Bahrain".

Organised by the Centre for Sustainable Energy in cooperation with the Bahrain Society of Engineers and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), more than 500 participants from Bahrain and abroad are attending the conference along with ambassadors and heads of industrial companies and government

institutions.

In his inaugural address, Dr Mirza praised the directives of the leadership and the government to encourage the use of clean and renewable energy for all.

On the sidelines, a joint exhibition in which more than 25 companies and institutions presented the latest technologies in the field of renewable energy is also being held.

Among the speakers at the forum are Resident Coordinator of the United Nations Development Programme in Bahrain Amin Al Sharqawi. The UNDP official expressed his confidence that 6 per cent of energy use in Bahrain by 2025 will be renewable energy.

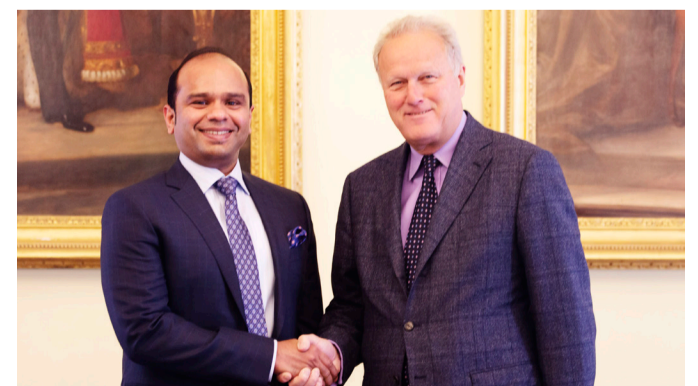
Alternative sentencing

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa yesterday directed the government to reinforce its capabilities for the effective application of the provisions of the penal code on

alternative sentencing.

The directive also instructs to ensure the provision of rehabilitation measures and programmes commensurate with the personal circumstances of those sentenced to be reintegrated into society.



Adeeb Ahamed, MD, Twenty14 Holdings with Lord Marland of Odstock, Chairman of Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) in London. Adeeb Ahamed was recently nominated to the prestigious CWEIC Global Advisory Council

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