







His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received the credentials of four new ambassadors during a ceremony held at Al Sakhir Palace. The new envoys are Vladimir Kohut of Serbia, Shahin Sakir Oglu Abdullayev of Azerbaijan, Cosbert Themba Rubushe of South Africa and Ole E Moesby of Denmark. HM the King exchanged expressions of welcome with the new ambassadors and hailed strong bilateral relations and steadily-growing ties binding the Kingdom and their respective countries. HM King Hamad wished them success in performing their diplomatic duties to consolidate relations of co-operation and friendship with Bahrain.

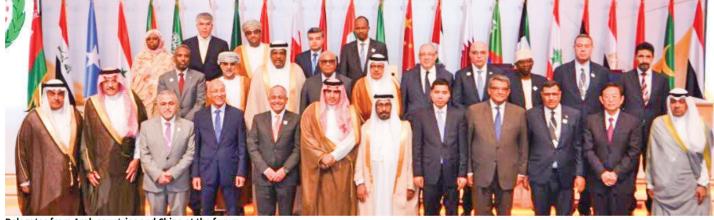
Bolstering Arab-China ties

Bahrain's unwavering support for the Belt and Road initiative stressed at Arab-China Co-operation Forum

Abu Dhabi

he Kingdom participated in the 16th session of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Arab-China Cooperation Forum, held yesterday in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The session was attended by the Director of the Arab Affairs Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Abdulaziz Al Eid.

Ambassador Al Eid asserted in his speech the keenness of the Kingdom in supporting the Arab-China Cooperation Forum, pointing out that the Kingin 2010 and the Chinese Arts People's Republic of China. Festival in March 2012.



Delegates from Arab countries and China at the forum.

dia co-operation symposium between the Kingdom and the the two countries.

He also reiterated the King- appreciation for the current made during the Eighth Minis-

dom hosted a number of events dom's unwavering support for friendly relations between the terial Meeting of the Arab-Chi- developments in the Arab and such as the third session of the the Belt and Road initiative two countries, pointing out that na Co-operation Forum held in Chinese political arena. Ministerial Meeting of the Ar- (BRI), noting that a memoran- this year marked the 30th anni- Beijing, July 10, 2018. ab-China Co-operation Forum dum of understanding was versary of the establishment of The meeting welcomed the part in the meeting of the Fifth al community to assume their in 2008, the Arab-Chinese me-signed in 2018 to promote BRI diplomatic relations between launch of the Bahrain Declaration Session of the Arab-China Stra-responsibility in full towards

He expressed his pride and most significant achievements ful Coexistence" in March 2018. Iranian interventions have be- stability of the region and the

and the establishment of the King tegic Political Dialogue. The two sides reviewed the Hamad Global Centre for Peace-

Separately, the Kingdom took

It also discussed the latest come crystal clear in more than world.

an Arab country, including Bahrain, by planting terrorist cells, recruiting armed militias and spreading of sectarian divide in Arab societies.

He said the Iran-backed Houthi militias are still striking Saudi Arabia with Iranian-made ballistic missiles and is occupying the three UAE islands (Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa).

Mr Al Eid affirmed that the Kingdom stands by its brothers against all those targeting their security and stability, and fully supports the Saudi efforts to eliminate all forms of violence, terrorism and extremism.

He called on the internationthese practices that aim at un-Mr Al Eid stressed that the dermining the security and

Sruthilayam 2019, a special treat for musical fans

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ruthilayam 2019, a cultural show organised by Palakkad Arts and Cultural Theatre along with Interads was a big hit with over 1,000 in attendance.

The event was held at Indian School's Jashanmal Auditorium. Renowned Carnatic musician Padmasree K G Jayan inaugurated the Chembai Sangeetholsavam as part of the event. Over 100 children took part in the 'Sangeetha Archana', which followed.

A special performance by Mr Jayan left the audience spellbound.

The highlight of the evening, 'Jnanappana', took the audience to the dance.

Indian movie stars and dancers



Vineeth and Lakshmi Gopalaswami perform on stage.

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Mr Jayan inaugurates Chembai Sangeetholsavam.

Bahrain Chamber of Commerce Second Secretaries Renu Yadav and Keraleeya Samajam President P V along with their teams performed the Vice-Chairman Mr Mohammed Ab- P K Chaudhary, Bahrain's leading in- Radhakrishna Pillai and General Secduljabbar Al Kooheji, Indian Embassy dustry icon Rashid Al Sinan, Bahrain retary M P Raghu attended.