

# UNESCO opens applications for King Hamad Prize

## For use of ICT in education

**Paris**  
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has announced the opening of applications for the UNESCO King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education for 2026.

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, highlighted the importance of the international award, launched under the royal initiative of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



He noted its global role in supporting innovative projects that use technology to enhance education and learning opportunities, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

H.E. Dr. Mubarak said that the 2026 edition carries the theme "Reimagining creativity and critical thinking using artificial intelligence".

It aims to recognise outstanding projects submitted by individuals, institutions, and non-governmental organisations worldwide that have been implemented for at least one year and use modern technologies to develop and deliver educational services efficiently.

He added that UNESCO has set May 8, 2026, as the deadline

for nominations, which must be submitted through national commissions of UNESCO member states or non-governmental organisations in official partnership with UNESCO.

H.E. Dr. Mubarak noted that two winners will be selected based on the recommendations of an independent international jury.

# Repair review

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The Housing and Urban Planning Minister, Her Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi, yesterday conducted a field visit to Hidd Housing City to review ongoing repair works.

The visit was in line with the directive of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for the government to address damage to citizens' homes following recent attacks.

During the visit, the minister assessed progress in restoring affected residential units and stressed the need to accelerate work in line with



H.E. Al Romaihi is briefed on the progress of house repair works

approved timelines, ensuring residents can return to their homes as soon as possible.

She highlighted the government's commitment to safeguarding citizens and maintaining their stability under these exceptional circum-

stances.

### Efforts

The minister stated that these efforts reflect the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives of the

HRH Prince Salman to strengthen security and stability, safeguard national achievements, and maintain quality of life for citizens.

She emphasised the importance of intensifying efforts and maintaining coordination among relevant authorities to ensure the work is completed efficiently and in accordance with the highest engineering and technical standards.

H.E. Al Romaihi also visited the temporary alternative housing project in Salman City, where she reviewed the readiness of fully furnished apartments allocated to accommodate affected families until maintenance work on their homes in Hidd and Sitra is completed.

## Public warned over fraudulent parcel messages

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, through Bahrain Post, has warned residents about fraudulent messages impersonating the postal service, particularly on WhatsApp.

Officials said the messages are designed to mislead users into tracking parcels via untrusted links, with the intent of obtaining personal or financial information.

Residents are advised to ignore such messages, avoid interacting with suspicious links, and refrain from sharing private details.

The Ministry confirmed that official Bahrain Post communications are sent only from the number 39750162.

Messages from any other numbers should be considered unreliable.

The public is encouraged to report suspicious messages to help authorities monitor and address fraud cases.

Our warmest Greetings and Congratulations to  
**His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**  
 The King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

**His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa**  
 The Crown Prince & Prime Minister

the Royal family, Government and the people of  
 the Kingdom of Bahrain on the occasion of

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