

Micro school opens doors for paediatric patients at SMC

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Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh opened a Micro school at the Salmaniya Medical Complex providing children smart solutions in the form of basic knowledge, self-values and important life skills.

The opening of the facility, housed in Children's Oncology Section Ward 202 and the Children's Ward 31, coincides with the beginning of the new school year in the Kingdom.

"This provides a suitable environment for treatment, daily activities and education, which reflects positively on the course of treatment," said Al Saleh.

The minister lauded Her Highness Shaikha Zain bint Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Al Mabarra Al Khalifa for the initiative.



Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh during the inauguration

Under the auspices of HH Khalifa has been actively supporting the education of paediatric patients as well as charitable work.

Nuclear technology for sustainable development

Bahraini, IAEA officials hold talks in Vienna



Officials during a meeting held on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna

Vienna

Bahrain yesterday expressed its interest in boosting cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in harnessing the nuclear technology in the field of sustainable development, said a top official.

The move, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa said, is in line with the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of the National Committee on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons was meeting the Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation, Dazhu Yang.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy

Agency in Vienna.

Dr Shaikha Rana commended the constructive cooperation between Bahrain and the IAEA, noting in this regard the signing of the Country Programme Framework (CPF) with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Dazhu Yang affirmed that the IAEA is proud of its cooperation with Bahrain for securing a zone free of nuclear weapons and mass destruction.

The Undersecretary also met with the Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department of Safeguards, Massimo Aparo.

She commended the significant role played by the Safeguards Department in verifying the compliance of states with the framework of the NPT.

Dr Shaikha Rana affirmed Bahrain's position that all parties should abide by this treaty, stressing the need for states to apply safeguards to avoid incidents that lead to disasters.

Arabian Gulf University awarded 'CHES' accreditation

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The Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Master's Programme offered by the College of Graduate Studies in the Arabian Gulf University since 2006 has received the accreditation of the Committee of Heads of Environmental Sciences (CHES).

CHES is a committee for special education offered by academic institutions dealing with environmental sciences and the adoption of plans of programmes of higher education institutions in the field of environment.

AGU President Dr Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al Ohaly, expressed delight in obtaining the notable accreditation.

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continue its efforts to improve the quality of higher education," he added.

Head of the Natural and Environment Resources Department in the College of Graduate Stud-

ies Dr Mohammed Sulaiman Abido, said the accreditation allows the Master's students at the department to apply for a free membership to the Environmental Science Authority

once they graduate.

"This also makes it easier for them to obtain a license to organise professions related to their different environmental specialisations," he added.

UoB, AWS announce cloud computing degree programme

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In a first in the Middle East, the University of Bahrain (UoB) announced launching a new cloud computing degree programmes for nextgen cloud professionals.

The one-year cloud computing certificate and a full cloud computing bachelor's degree programme will be launched in collaboration with AWS Educate Cloud Degree initiative, UoB said in a statement.

AWS Educate is AWS's global initiative to provide students and educators with the resources needed to accelerate cloud-related learning. The AWS Educate Cloud Degree initiative is a collaborative effort between AWS Educate and leading educational institutions to develop degrees and certificates in cloud computing.

One-year cloud computing 101 certificate

Offered initially to students in the engineering, ICT and business colleges, the one-year cloud computing 101 certificate programme will start in 2020 and extended to all degree courses by 2021.

Four-year bachelor's degree

The four-year bachelor's degree in cloud computing will start in the fall semester of 2020. It will equip students with technical skills and hands-on

experiences for careers including cloud architecture, cybersecurity, software development, and DevOps.

LinkedIn has identified clouds as the top skill that companies need most for four years in a row. In UOB's 2019 own executive survey, 25 per cent of current local employers cite training of their staff in cloud computing as a priority.

"Cloud computing is having a powerful effect on the tech capabilities in the Middle East and is enabling innovative projects across artificial intelligence (AI), Blockchain, enterprise mobility, Internet of Things (IoT), and so much more," Prof Riyadh Hamza, President of UOB, said.

Ken Eisner, Director of Worldwide Education Programmes for AWS and head of AWS Educate, said they were excited to collaborate with the University of Bahrain.

"As the region's cloud adoption continues to grow, building a cloud-ready workforce is a priority and an unprecedented opportunity. We hope to collaborate with more educational institutions in the Middle East and support career pathways in technology for diverse populations across the region and beyond," Eisner said.

In July 2019, AWS announced the availability of the AWS Middle East (Bahrain) Region, giving developers, startups and enterprises the ability to run their applications and serve end-users from data centres located in the Middle East.



The University of Bahrain Introduces Cloud Computing Degree Programme in the Middle East with AWS Educate