

SCW discusses women's advancement plan

Manama

The Secretariat-General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) held a preparatory working meeting at the SCW's premises here yesterday.

The meeting, attended by the SCW's members, discussed the results of the evaluation of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women (2013-2017), and the expected action in the coming period, in accordance with the programmes and initiatives of the next Government Action Plan and the fiscal balance strategy of the national economy, and their impact on the Bahraini women's advancement plans.

The visions and remarks will be included in the recommendations to be submitted to next month's meeting, set to be chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and SCW President.



The meeting in progress.

SCW's Secretary-General, Hala Al Ansari, said that the meeting is in line with the SCW's work method, which is based on constant

evaluation of work in order to enhance the quality of its work to ensure the sustainability of women's advancement and participation in

the development process.

The aim is to monitor the main challenges and improvement opportunities in order to take

them into account during the preparation of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahrain Women for the period 2019-2022, she said.

She added that the evaluation results included the implementation progress rates of the projects and programmes emanating from the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women by all partners.

Ms Al Ansari pointed out that the preliminary results showed that the policies of the kingdom have gone beyond the phase of meeting the basic needs of women's empowerment and care, and moved towards enhancing women's self-empowerment and ability to take the right decisions, and play an effective role in developing their society.

The meeting also discussed creating link in the SCW's website through which the citizens could submit their proposals regarding ways to enhance women's role in

society, which, she said, would contribute to determining the guidelines of the next strategic plan.

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Volunteers comb beach for litter

620kg of waste removed from Jid-Alhaji beach



Volunteers, who took part in the drive.



A volunteer in action on Jid-Alhaji beach.

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Harpreet Kaur

The CleanUp Bahrain team yesterday kicked off 'Think Pink Beach CleanUp' in support of Think Pink Bahrain's month of October awareness event for breast cancer.

More than 80 volunteers including citizens and expatriates took part in the initiative.

Speaking to Tribune, Ali Alqaseer, Co-founder of CleanUp Bahrain, said "The designated beach was Jid-Alhaji, where volunteers joined from all parts of Bahrain, local and international, of all ages, genders, races, united for one purpose and one goal.

"The goal was to take care of our mother, which is our planet - the mother earth."

"The participants managed to re-

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move 620kg of waste - 460kg general waste and 160kg plastic waste. The participants have followed the instructions well as separation, segregation of the waste is a key element of all beach cleanups."

The organisers thanked all volunteers, the Northern Municipality as well as Urbaser for the support.

"CleanUp Bahrain truly appreciates every single thing you do. A message

from CleanUp Bahrain to everyone is to kindly pay more attention and raise awareness about how we all can take care of our mother planet earth.

"Living a green conscious life is not only good for our health and well-being, but it is the necessary foundation for our children and future generations to live in a beautiful clean world and climate," Mr Ali added.

Cancer Awareness Walkathon



Cancer Care Group along with its various wings took part in the Walkathon organised by the Bahrain Cancer Society at Bapco Group Awali. Over 2,000 people from various clubs, associations, schools, universities, public and private sector organisations took part in the event.

Awareness sessions held on voluntary retirement scheme

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The Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) briefed iGA staff on the Voluntary Retirement Scheme, a one-off initiative launched as part of Bahrain's Fiscal Balance Programme.

During the briefing - which took place at iGA's branches of Muharraq, Isa Town and Juffair - iGA's Acting Director of Human and Financial Resources, Mohamed Jasim Sayyar, outlined the criteria for the scheme and its role in encouraging entrepreneurship as well as participation in the private sector.

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years of service is one of the criteria for being considered for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

The briefing followed a directive issued by the Civil Service Bureau instructing government departments to begin implementing the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. The scheme provides eligible participants with

early access to end-of-service packages and incentives consistent with existing laws and regulations, including access to a cash sum equal to five years' additional service, end-of-service increments for that eligible and end-of-service indemnity.

Participants must have completed ten years of service in the public sector and cannot be working in a senior position.

Measures are in place to ensure that the Voluntary Retirement Scheme will not affect public sector functions.

Registration for the scheme will be open until November 8, 2018.