

## BPW Consultative Council meeting discusses future plans

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The Consultative Council of the Bahrain Business & Professional Women International Federation (BPW Bahrain) held its first meeting at BPW premises in Al Andalus Park.

The meeting discussed mechanisms to further enhance and develop BPW Bahrain functions and explored best practices to bolster the economic growth through supporting startups, entrepreneurship and youth empowerment activities.

Commenting, Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa BPW Bahrain President said: "The significance of forming this consultative council lies upon helping BPW Bahrain to transfer its vision into a newly developed level of sustained growth and leading projects, following the Bahrain Vision 2030 and the



The council and board members discussed the main aspects of the new vision for the next phase

UN Sustainable Development Goals."

**The consultative council has 12 members:** Jamal Fakhro managing partner at KPMG, abd-nabi Alshoala founder and board consultant of Alfanar investment holding, Yahya Nooraldeen CEO Ta'azur, Sheikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa Acting Undersecretary for municipalities, Shaikha Hala bint Mohammad Al-Khalifa director of Culture & Arts at the Culture & Archaeology Authority, Suhail Algu-saibi founder of Falak Consulting, Mones Al Mardi the editor in chief of Al Bilad daily, Dr. Dawood Nassif Board Director of the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), Isa Abdulrahim Chairman of Alhafeera Contracting, Abdulkareem Bucheeri Bahrain Bourse Chairman, Dana Buheji Chief HR Officer at NBB.

## China, US make 'substantial' trade deal progress: top official

● **Trump announced a partial deal after meetings in Washington**

Reuters | Beijing

Beijing and Washington have made "substantial progress" towards a partial trade deal, China's top trade negotiator said yesterday, in his first comments since talks with US president Donald Trump last week.

Trump announced a partial deal after meetings in Washington with the Chinese trade delegation led by Liu He, which ended on October 11.

It included promises to increase purchases of US farm products and protections for intellectual property -- but lacked specific details.

"China and the US have made substantial progress in many aspects, and laid an important foundation for a phase one agreement," the Vice Premier said at a virtual reality conference in Nanchang, Jiangxi province, yesterday.

In his first public comments about the Washington talks, Liu said an important foundation for the signing of a phased deal



Chinese Vice Premier Liu He (C) said an 'important foundation' has been laid for a partial trade agreement with the US

had been worked out.

China is "willing to work together with the US to address each other's core concerns on the basis of equality and mutual respect," Liu said, according to a report on Taoran notes, a social media account run by the official *Economic Daily*.

The deal announced by Trump offered a temporary re-

prieve from tariffs planned for mid-october.

It did not however roll back any of the stinging import duties already imposed up to now on hundreds of billions of dollars in trade between the economic powers. Neither did it address another round of import taxes planned for December.

"Stopping the escalation of

the trade war benefits China, the US and the whole world. It's what producers and consumers alike are hoping for," Liu said.

Trump last week said he hopes to sign the agreement with his Chinese counterpart President Xi Jinping at the APEC summit in Chile next month.

## Former IMF chief Lagarde takes swipe at Trump's Twitter habits

Washington

Former IMF chief Christine Lagarde said President Donald Trump's trade offensive against China could slash global economic growth and she critiqued his Twitter habits in an interview with US television program 60 Minutes.

Lagarde, who takes over leadership of the European Central Bank on November 1, called for world leaders to act like grownups and negotiate a solution to the trade conflicts, and called for "rational decisions."

Newly freed from the restraints of her previous post, where she would have had to guard her language, Lagarde said, "market stability should not be the subject of a tweet here, a tweet there."

"It requires consideration, thinking, quiet and measured and rational decisions," she said of Trump in the interview due to air Sunday night.

Lagarde led the Washington-based crisis lender for eight years and previously was more cautious in comments about Trump since the United States is the main IMF shareholder.

In the interview, she warned that Trump's trade war with China will give the global economy "a big haircut."

"My very, very strong mes-



Christine Lagarde, incoming head of the European Central Bank (ECB), called for world leaders to act like grownups and resolve their disputes

sage to all policymakers is please sit down like big men, many men in those rooms and put everything on the table, and try to deal bit by bit, piece by piece, so that we have certainty," she said, according to excerpts of the interview released by CBS News.

As she takes on the new role as central banker, Lagarde also took a swipe at Trump's barrage of criticism of his own Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, whom Trump has called a "bonehead" among other insults.

"A central bank governor does best his job if he is independent."

## Facebook says it will deliver News Corp stories

● **The tab will be separate from the feed that displays updates from people's friends**

● **A human team will select relevant, reliable breaking and top news stories for the tab**

San Francisco



Representative picture (Courtesy of engadget)

Facebook has confirmed that some stories from News Corp, publisher of *The Wall Street Journal*, will be among the

headlines delivered in a news tab the leading social network plans to launch in coming weeks.

Edited by seasoned journal-

ists, the tab will be separate from the feed that displays updates from people's friends, according to the California-based tech

giant.

The new feature marks a departure from Facebook's longstanding practice of letting algorithms dictate users' experiences.

"I'm excited we'll have the opportunity to include award-winning journalism from *The Wall Street Journal* -- and other US News Corp properties -- in our news tab," the firm's co-founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said in a statement.

No details were provided about the agreement, but last month Facebook said it plans to pay only a portion of the publishers whose stories appear in the tab.

Facebook and Google currently dominate the market for online advertising, making it harder for traditional news organizations to gain traction in digital.

Zuckerberg and his social network have also come under intense pressure in recent years over the spread of so-called "fake news" and data privacy issues.

News Corp chief executive Robert Thomson said Facebook "deserves credit for recognizing the principle of journalistic provenance."

"Mark Zuckerberg seems personally and professionally committed to ensuring that high quality journalism has a viable,

valued future," he added.

*The Wall Street Journal* has reported that Facebook plans to pay about a quarter of the estimated 200 news organizations whose articles will be featured.

A human team will select relevant, reliable breaking and top news stories for the tab and the number of publishers involved will grow over time, Facebook has said.

Aside from human-curated top news, sections of the tab will rely on algorithms to figure out a user's interests based on "signals" -- such as pages followed, interactions with online news or subscriptions to publications.