

Fostering trade and investment relations

BCCI steps up efforts to strengthen Bahrain and Oman private sector cooperation

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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Sameer Nass has voiced the keenness of the Bahraini private sector to step up business with its Omani counterpart, vowing to exert all efforts to connect business owners and investors, as well as foster bilateral trade and investments between both sides.

Nass alongside board members and Acting Chief Executive Dr Abdulla Al Sada held a meeting with the Omani business delegation spearheaded by Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) Chairman



Nass with the Omani business delegation

Eng. Redha bin Jumah Al Saleh.

The meeting was held in Royal Saray Hotel-Bahrain in the presence of Bahrain's Ambassador to Oman, Dr. Juma bin Ahmed Al Kaabi, a representative from Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), and

a number of prominent business owners from both sides.

The meeting hailed the deep fraternal relation between Bahrain and Oman, and stressed on reinforcing trade and partnerships in food security projects, manufacturing, logistics, min-

ing, among other areas.

Eng. Al Saleh exhibited business opportunities in Oman.

He touched upon Oman economic vision 2040 and highlighted key development projects.

Eng. Al Saleh underlined the importance of joining forces between the BCCI and OCCI to connect business owners and investors and establish joint projects that will augment cooperation and achieve economic gains for both sides.

The meeting also included presentations that centered on the investment climate and incentives to investors in Bahrain and Oman.

Enjoy a virtual tour of Iloilo in Philippines

● Event set for 30 October, 11am (Bahrain time) via DFA social media accounts

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Everyone, particularly the Filipino community, is invited to catch the special episode of a virtual tour of Iloilo, the thriving economic hub of Western Visayas in the Philippines.

The online event will take visitors to several churches for Visita Iglesia in Iloilo, various tourist attractions, as well as its unique culture and traditions.

It is part of "Fiesta Filipinas: An Online Celebration of Philippine Festivals" which is scheduled to be held on 30 October, 11am (Bahrain time) via the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Official

Facebook and YouTube Channel accounts.

It also features the lively and energy-packed festivals of Masskara Festival of Bacolod City, Sinulog of Cebu, Ati-Atihan of Aklan and Giant Lantern Festival of Pampanga, among others.

The "Fiesta Filipinas: An Online Celebration of Philippine Festivals" project is a multi-format online event which will simulate the experience of a festival through a combination of live and pre-recorded videos and live workshops and activities.

The project aims to introduce and showcase Philippine festivals, culture and traditions to the global audience and invite them to the country when conditions are more favourable.

It is organised by the DFA and the Department of Tourism, in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

Asian man loses appeal in trafficking case

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The High Criminal Court rejected the appeal of an Asian man convicted of trafficking two women and raping one of them.

He was sentenced to life in prison.

The defendant is said to have locked up the two women in an apartment and forced them to have sex with strangers. He is believed to have been living on the money he was generating from the crime.

Moreover, he didn't just force them into prostitution but also raped one of the women after refusing to sleep with men. He forced her to have sex with 20 men in one week.

His wrongdoing was exposed after one of the two women managed to establish contact with her embassy, whose officials alerted police officers. The apartment was raided by police.

Kingdom to explore business opportunities with Brazil



The meeting in progress

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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Sameer Nass has lauded the high-profile relations between Bahrain and Brazil, and the potential to further develop business.

Nass convened a meeting with Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce President Osmar Chohfi in the presence of the Federation of GCC Chambers the Secretary General, Dr. Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Mishari, board members of the BCCI, and Acting Chief Executive Officer Dr.

Abdulla Al Sada.

The meeting, held at Royal Saray Hotel-Bahrain, deliberated about stepping up business and trade between Brazil and Bahrain and countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

It discussed holding a joint business forum to liaise business owners from both sides and shed a scope light on prospective areas of business cooperation.

Nass highlighted the growing business between Brazil and Arab countries, pointing out that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia tops importers of Bra-

zilian goods, with exports from Brazil to the Kingdom reaching \$526.16 million, while Bahrain ranked second with imports worth \$406.36 million.

He named promising areas of cooperation between Bahrain and Brazil such as the medical tourism, pharmaceutical, education, and aluminum downstream industry.

Chohfi praised the growing relation between Brazil and Bahrain and the GCC, affirming the keenness of his country in expanding relations and bolstering business cooperation with friendly countries.

RCSI Bahrain welcomes new School of Nursing and Midwifery head

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In anticipation of the start of the academic year 2021-22, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland-Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain), Professor Sameer Ootom, welcomed the new Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, Professor Rebecca Jester, over the summer.

In her new role, Prof. Jester will be responsible for overseeing the undergraduate nursing academic and clinical programmes and supporting the development plan of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

As a new member of the Executive Committee of the university, Prof. Jester will also be supporting the strategic plan of the university.

Professor Ootom commented: "I am delighted to welcome Prof. Jester to RCSI Bahrain. Her extensive professional and academic experience in nursing will be of great value to the School of Nursing and Midwifery as well as to the broader university. We look forward to collaborating with Professor Jester and we wish her well in her new role."

Prof. Jester qualified as a registered nurse with a specialist qualification in orthopaedic nursing in the UK and was awarded a PhD in Health Sciences from the University of Birmingham, supported by a National Smith and Nephew Fellowship.

She expanded her career across the areas of education, research and clinical practice.

Spanning over 20 years, she held several senior academic positions as Head of the Nursing School Abu Dhabi for Griffith University, Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery at Keele University, Head of Department of Adult Nursing and Midwifery at London South Bank University and Professor of Nursing at the University of Wolverhampton.



Prof. Jester



Prof. Jester will be responsible for overseeing the undergraduate nursing academic and clinical programmes and supporting the development plan of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

Whilst holding most of her academic positions, Prof. Jester has been committed to maintaining her clinical role and has worked part-time as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Orthopaedics.

In her new position at RCSI Bahrain, Prof. Jester aims to increase community engagement and health promotion projects as well as forge more international electives opportunities for students.

Additionally, she plans to develop midwifery programmes for registered nurses and work with RCSI Bahrain's healthcare partners to ensure students are ready upon graduation to work in a dynamic healthcare environment and meet the nursing workforce needs of Bahrain.

Bahrain to host 'Paris to Manama' Fashion Week first edition

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A week dedicated to fashion will be organised by the French Embassy in partnership with the Royal University for Women (RUW) and the Alliance Francaise on October 24-30.

The event will feature the history of the natural pearls in Bahrain with the engagement of the luxury industry with Danat CEO Noora Jamsheer, the Mattar Family and the Al Mahmood Family.

On October 25, Bahraini designers will share their history, journey, vision, wishes and work through an exhibition of their creations.

Bapco Chairman meets ART delegation



Bapco's Chairman and Chief Executive, Dr. Dawood Nassif, met with the US-based Advanced Refining Technologies (ART) delegation, led by its Managing Director, Jag Reddy. Dr. Nassif welcomed the ART delegation and reviewed with them the status of the Full-Cycle Catalyst Management (FCM) services for the new Bapco residue hydrocracking unit known as IRHCU, which is one of the key components in the Bapco Modernisation Programme (BMP), through which Bapco aims to boost the processing capacity of Bahrain's oil refinery from 267,000 to 380,000 barrels per day. Bapco awarded a five-year contract for residue hydrocracking unit services to ART, a joint venture between Grace and Chevron, which is a leading supplier of hydroprocessing catalysts. Also present at the meeting were Hafedh Al Qassab, Bapco's Acting Deputy Chief Executive and BMP Director, and members of ART delegation, including Chris Dillon - ART Deputy Managing Director, Bruno Tomboles, General Manager EMEA&I, Balbir Lakhanpal, Subject Matter Expert, and Lucas Groeneveld, Regional Sales Director.