

Kuwait Finance House participates in the Bahrain Association of Banks reception in Washington

On the Side-lines of the 2025 IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings



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Washington D.C., USA

Kuwait Finance House has recently participated in the annual reception organised by the Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) in Washington, D.C., held on the sidelines of the 2025 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group.

The event brought together leading figures from Bahrain's banking and financial sectors, alongside regional and international industry leaders.

The bank's participation in this prominent event reaffirms its leadership in the banking



sector and its commitment to representing the Kingdom of Bahrain at major global financial forums. It also underscores the Bank's dedication to strengthening ties with international financial institutions and exploring avenues for collaboration and knowledge exchange in areas such as Islamic finance, financial technology and sustainable

banking.

Commenting on the occasion, Dr. Shadi Zahran, Group Chief Executive Officer of Kuwait Finance House – Bahrain, stated, "Our participation in this event



reflects our strategic commitment to supporting Bahrain's growing financial presence on the global stage and reinforcing the Bank's position as one of the region's leading financial

institutions. We firmly believe in the importance of being present at such global gatherings to exchange expertise and explore new opportunities that contribute to building a prosperous and sustainable financial future."

Dr. Zahran added: "We continue to operate with a renewed vision focused on strengthening strategic partnerships, enabling us to deliver innovative banking solutions that meet the evolving needs of our clients. Our presence at this reception enhances our ability to monitor international economic developments and adopt best practices that align with our long-term goals, creating added value for our shareholders and customers alike. Our ultimate aim is to remain the trusted partner that provides comprehensive solutions embodying the values of leadership and innovation, driving our journey beyond horizons."

Bahrain's private education sector report highlights top five in-demand jobs

The Report Underscores the Importance of Embracing Digital Innovation, Diversity, and Inclusivity to Sustain Sector Growth and Meet the Evolving Needs of the Future Labor Market

Manama

The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" announced the launch of the Private Education Sector Skills Report under the Skills Bahrain initiative, reflecting its continued commitment to developing national talent and aligning their skills with the evolving needs of the national economy. The Report identifies the top five most in-demand jobs in Bahrain's private education sector and the essential technical and core skills required for each.

The findings reflect a sector in transformation, driven by the rapid adoption of modern technologies, advancements in digital learning, and a stronger focus on diversity and inclusive teaching methods. The report

highlights the integration of digital technologies and artificial intelligence into education, supported by data analysis to personalize learning content and streamline assessment processes. These developments aim to improve education quality and deliver more interactive, adaptable learning experiences.

Developed in collaboration with a sector-wide working group, comprising representatives from educational institutions, training providers, and other relevant entities, the report spotlights high-demand positions including Special Education Needs (SEN) Educators, Instructional Designers, Educational Technologists, and Academic and Career Counsellors. It also details key technical skills

such as assessment design and implementation, adoption and integration of emerging technologies, data analysis, and professional classroom management, along with essential core skills including communication, empathy, adaptability, inclusivity, planning, and organization.

Commenting on the report, Amer Marhoon, Director General of Skills Bahrain, said: "This report serves as a strategic tool for identifying priority skills within the education sector, thereby enhancing the alignment between education outcomes and the evolving needs of the labor market." He added, "The trends taking place in the education sector require greater investment in future skills and the adoption of flexi-

ble and inclusive learning approaches to ensure the readiness and competitiveness of Bahraini talent both locally and internationally."

The private education sector is one of the promising sectors experiencing continuous growth, contributing to the development of the national economy. The education sector contributed approximately

3.98% to the Kingdom's GDP, according to Bahrain's Economic Report 2024. Moreover, the total number of public and private educational institutions reached 288, based on the latest statistics issued by the Ministry of Education.

Skills Bahrain is an initiative that operates under the umbrella of the Labour Fund "Tamkeen" which seeks to fill the skills gap of local talent resulting from the constant changes and development in the global labor market. Skills Bahrain works closely with employers, education & training providers, and government stakeholders, to bridge the skills gap by providing its stakeholders with the necessary intelligence, sector-specific data, and necessary tools. It contributes to the transition from education to employment, and provides a clear path towards career development, therefore developing skilled and globally competitive Bahraini talent. 17383333

