

PM pledges to continue development drive

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His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, yesterday pledged full support to all measures that would serve citizens' interest and development drive.

Addressing government officials as the pivot of development plans, HRH the Premier stressed that it is "our duty and the core of our national responsibility to achieve the citizens' aspirations in education, housing, health-care and jobs."

This came as His Royal Highness the Prime Minister received yesterday Members of Parliament (MPs) led by First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman at Riffa Palace.

The Premier told MPs that the Executive and the Legislative



HRH the Premier with Parliamentarians during a session at Riffa Palace, yesterday

bodies share the same national goals and objectives to achieve the best interests of all citizens. To address the issues concern-

ing citizens, HRH the Premier told MPs, the government is keen on bolstering the Executive-Legislative cooperation.

His Royal Highness stressed that the cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities constitutes the key

essential pillar to accelerate the momentum of Bahrain's progress in the various fields. The lawmakers expressed

their gratitude to the PM for his continuous keenness in supporting governmental-parliamentary cooperation.

Cosmetic market poised to reach BD70 million this year

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Bahrain's cosmetic sector, one of the vital contributors to Bahrain's GDP, is poised to touch a volume of BD 70 million by end 2019. The sector was valued at BD 60 million in 2017.

According to Dr Mohammed Al Shaikh, who signed an agreement with the Swiss cosmetics company MAVALA Switzerland, said the sector contributes greatly in providing job opportunities for Bahraini women.

The sector, Dr Al Shaikh said,



Officials during the launch

plays a major role in boosting GDP and has all the growth potential to make Bahrain the

beauty capital of the Gulf. He, however, pointed out that the competition varies from one

product to another.

"Women in Bahrain are looking for high-quality cosmetics, which are often imported, but there is a preference for reasonable price cosmetics and that's what we're working on," he said.

The sector is highly competitive in the Kingdom, Dr Al Shaikh said pointing out the tremendous development happening in the Bahraini society.

The business-friendly legislation and infrastructural facilities offered here are attracting foreign investments, thanks to the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister.

Speaking about the activities of MAVALA Switzerland, International sales Manager Sabine Granger told Tribune that the company, which is a cosmetic and body care maker, has agents in 120 countries and is in the market for more than 70 years.

"We manufacture cosmetics in Geneva, Switzerland and employees around 100 people to make sure that our products are excellent for health," Sabine said.

MAVALA Switzerland's range include products for make-up, hands, feet, nails, skin cosmetics. "All of our products are extracted from roses and plants in the Swiss Alps."

"This is a rapidly growing sector. Today, we are in Bahrain and the UAE in the Gulf region, and are optimistic about the Bahraini market," Sabine said adding: We have customers and fame here, and now we are professionally available."

Veggus for general trading company is the exclusive distributor for MAVALA Switzerland in Bahrain.

The general manager of Veggus for general trading company Dr Taher Salem said he is expecting MAVALA Switzerland products to make a huge leap in the field of body care and cosmetics in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The deal was signed in the presence of CEO Dr Mohamed Khairy.



Deputy Premier and President of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, chaired yesterday a meeting of the Council in its third session. The session reviewed the education and training strategy for the coming period and discussed a proposal to discuss educational development programmes within the third edition of the unified framework of government

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