

## 'Investing in youth a top priority'

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**H**is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday welcomed this year's recipients of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Programme (CPISP), at Riffa Palace.

During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince affirmed that investing in Bahrain's youth is an important element of the Kingdom's efforts to help drive sustainable development as part of Bahrain's comprehensive development, led by HM King Hamad.

HRH the Crown Prince went on to highlight the significant achievements of the CPISP, stressing that the programme, which is now in its 20th edition, continues to deliver educational opportunities at world-class academic institutions for remarkable Bahraini students.

HRH the Crown Prince concluded by expressing his appre-



HRH the Crown Prince receives scholarship recipients.

ciation for all who continue to support the CPISP and extended his congratulations to the students for meeting the program's rigorous standards.

The recipients of 2019 CPISP scholarships are: Abdulla Mose Ali (International School of Choueifat), Ali Farouk Al Akri (St Christopher's School), Yasmine Nabile Noureddine (Ibn Khuldoon National School),

Zain Mohammed Zainal (AbdulRahman Kanoo International School), Ahmed Ebrahim Ali (Shaikh Abdul Aziz Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Boys Secondary School), Ahmed Husain Salman (Al Naeem Secondary School), Hassan Tariq Al Qassab (Shaikh Abdul Aziz Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Boys Secondary School), Fatima Mohammed Abdulla (Saar

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Secondary Girls School), Leen Mazen Al Nasoor (Al Maariffa Secondary Girls School) and Sara Saeed Mohammed (Muharrag Secondary Girls School).

Recipients were selected from among 420 Bahraini applicants following a comprehensive process that took into account their Grade Point Average, IELTS score, SAT score, leadership training, and a criti-

cal thinking course, which were organised by the CPISP as part of the candidacy training.

The CPISP offers scholarship recipients the opportunity to choose their own fields of study at any university they gain acceptance to.

The programme has awarded a total of 187 university scholarships since its establishment in 1999 by HRH the Crown Prince.

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**O**ver 600 rice bags were confiscated from shops during inspections carried out by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism after noticing trademark infringements.

The inspections were part of efforts by the ministry to ensure food safety and hygiene during the month of Ramadan.

The infringements were considered to be misleading the consumers, the ministry stated.

According to the officials, action is being taken against company that sold the rice bags.

"As part of the efforts by the ministry's inspection centre's preparations ahead of Ramadan, an inspection campaign is being carried out to ensure the rights of consumers and traders alike," the ministry stated.

"The inspection team confiscated 623 rice bags from a company after it was clear that the company infringed a trademark. The violation is one that leads to misleading consumers and the issue is being taken seriously," a ministry representative said.

Another inspection by the Standards and Metrology Directorate within the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism revealed that more than 100

weighting tools in market failed to meet the required standards, potentially giving wrong readings.

The inspection campaign by the authorities revealed that nine per cent of the weighing scales in the market were not meeting the required standards.

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism had in recent years stepped up its inspection team by establishing an inspection centre.

"In terms of inspection, we had previously suffered because we had small and fragmented inspection teams," the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Zayed Al Zayani said last December.

"The small workforce did not allow us to do a comprehensive job. We set up a central inspection team and we expanded the manpower within that team.



Commerce Ministry teams carry out their inspection at a warehouse.

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violated the law plus a 106 were sent to the public prosecutor.

"We do this because we want a clean business environment and we want to have as much consumer protection possible.

"We also want to make sure that those who abide by the law are protected and those who are outside the boundaries of the law are not able to gain an unfair competitive advantage."

## TradeQuest Programme winners honoured



Award winning teams with guests and dignitaries.

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**U**nder the patronage of Zayed Al Zayani, the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism and the Minister in Charge of Bahrain Bourse and in the presence of Rasheed Mohammed Al Ma-

raj, the CBB Governor, the final TradeQuest Awards Ceremony was held yesterday, where high school and university students taking part in the TradeQuest Programme, organised by Bahrain Bourse, were honoured with top finalists receiving a total of BD30,000 cash reward. The ceremony was attended

by students and their respective families, senior representatives from sponsoring organisations, and other senior officials from the Ministry of Education, as well as the officials of Bahrain Bourse.

On this occasion, Mr Al Zayani assured that one of the key competitive advantages of

the Kingdom is its human capital who are tech-savvy, young, educated, and bilingual, and that's what TradeQuest aims to nurture.

"We strongly believe in the boundless potential of young talent, empowering them with practical skills to better equip them for the future," the minis-

ter added.

The top three winners from the Private schools category are: 1st Place - Ibn Khuldoon National School, 2nd Place - Al Noor International School, and 3rd Place - St. Christopher's School.

The top three winners from the Government schools cat-

egory are: 1st Place - Khawla Secondary Girls School, 2nd Place - AlNoor Secondary Girls School, and 3rd Place - Jidhafs Secondary Girls School.

The top three winners from the Universities category are: 1st place - Ahlia University, 2nd Place - BIBF, and 3rd Place - Royal University for Women.