

# ‘House, SCW co-operation vital’

HRH Princess Sabeeka highlights legislative role to boost achievements of Bahraini women

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**H**HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King, President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), yesterday received Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia Zainal, Chairman of the Shura Council, Ali Al Saleh, deputies, heads of committees and a number of members of the two councils.

HRH Princess Sabeeka highlighted maintaining co-operation with the SCW to promote various women and family issues, wishing the two councils to bring more successes to attain the set goals.

HRH Princess Sabeeka pointed out the support of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and follow up of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to Bahraini women and family files, which clearly contributed to the addition of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini women to the agenda of the Government Action Programme (GAP).

HRH Princess Sabeeka praised the legislative branch's keenness to hold this periodic meeting to mark the launch of the beginning of a legislative term to discuss promoting cooperation and de-



HRH Princess Sabeeka receives the delegation led by Ms Zainal and Mr Al Saleh.

fining priorities for the next stage, including following up the inclusion of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini women in the Government's Action Programme.

HRH Princess Sabeeka noted the constant support of the SCW-Parliament Coordination Committee for women file, attaching significance to the role of the permanent committees to adopt women file in legislative branch's meeting, calling on the committees' members to accentuate, in their international participations, Bahrain's effort to

promote women's advancement and their participations in the national development process.

SCW Secretary-General Hala Al Ansari gave a brief on the work strategy (2019-2022) that focuses on the integration of Bahraini women in various development programmes and the national efforts to enhance women's advancement for sustaining family stability and raising women's contributions to the national economy by adding the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women to the agenda of the GAP.

Ms Al Ansari emphasised on



**Including the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women in the GAP is a key milestone.**

HRH PRINCESS SABEEKA

the harmonisation of the requirements of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women 2013-2022 with the GAP and State Budget through five topics, including legislative, ser-

vice, financial an economic, infrastructure and environment, which were the result of the consultations between the SCW and government under the umbrella of following up the outcomes of the Government Forum overseen by HRH the Crown Prince.

The Speaker hailed the SCW President's effort to upgrade the Bahraini women's status, as an essential partner in the comprehensive development process, affirming readiness to boost parliament-SCW cooperation to achieve Bahraini women's advancement to assist them in tak-

ing on their national and family responsibilities.

The Shura Chairman pointed out the SCW President's role in supporting women's issues and promoting their active participations in the construction and development process, noting women's achievements and gains made during the prosperous era of HM the King. He stressed the Shura support for reinforcing the Bahraini women's status, saying the Shura-SCW co-operation would ensure turning the national strategies for the advancement of Bahraini women into reality.

## Autumn Fair 2019 kicks off in style



Mr Al Moayyed opens Autumn Fair 2019 at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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**U**nder the patronage of Zayed Al Zayani, the Minister of Industry,

Commerce and Tourism, Undersecretary of Commerce Affairs Nader Al Moayyed opened Autumn Fair 2019 at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The fair is organised by Arabian Exhibition Management and runs until January 31.

This year's 30th edition of Autumn Fair, spanning over 15,400 square meters of exhibition space, will bring together 650 exhibitors from 18 countries to display a wide-

range of products including arts and crafts, boutiques and fashion, electrical goods and appliances, furniture and furnishings, houseware and decors, kitchenware, leather goods, shoes, cosmetics, toys, textiles, specialty foods and many more.

This year's Bahraini business participants, as in the past, will be offering special deals to visitors.

The Autumn Fair is the biggest gathering of distributors, retailers and agents presenting the widest range of choices and competitive prices to shoppers.

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Counties participating this year includes: Bahrain, China, Egypt, India, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, Yemen and Zimbabwe.



Mr Al Moayyed along with other ministry officials tours the expo.



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