

## Education Minister endorses results

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Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi has endorsed the results of all school stages, including the secondary, technical and vocational and intermediate, in addition to those of the students of the Nasser Vocational Training Centre (NVTC).

On the occasion, NVTC Director-General Dr Abdulla Nasser Al Nuaimi extended sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, for HM's care for the educational march in the kingdom, praising the constant support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He paid tribute to HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and NVTC's Board of Trustees Chairman, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, for his support to the Centre's affairs.

Dr Al Nuaimi extended congratulations to the students, parents and teachers for their success.

# Waste management is the way forward

Private sector urged to 'invest' in waste recycling, treatment and reuse

● BCCI organises online symposium on opportunities available in recycling

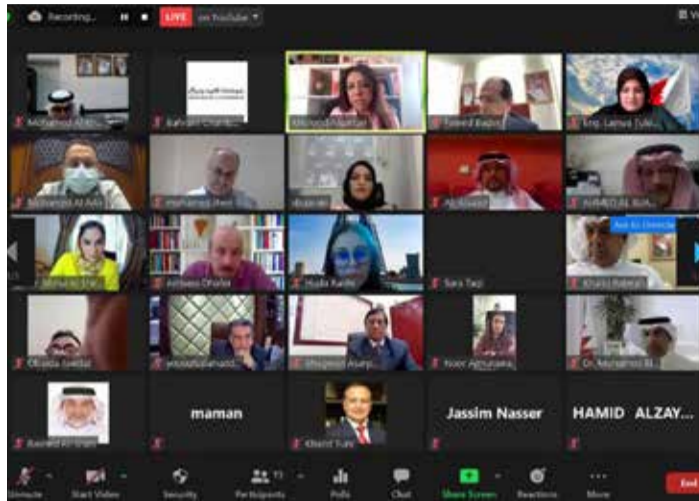
● Dr Bin Daina presents success stories about turning waste into useful products

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The Supreme Council for Environment is working to develop long-term waste management system in the Kingdom of Bahrain in cooperation with the relevant authorities and private sector.

This was confirmed by Special Envoy for Climate Affairs and CEO of the Supreme Council for Environment Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina who said it is based on the integrated national strategy for waste management approved by the Cabinet.

Dr Bin Daina took part yesterday in a symposium entitled "Opportunities Available in Recycling" which was held remotely and organised by the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) in cooperation with the Council and Min-



The participants in the online symposium



Construction materials make up the bulk of Bahrain's waste

istry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning.

He gave a presentation detailing the Council's future plans and current projects and referred to a number of success stories about investing in waste recycling, treatment and reuse in cooperation with the private sector.

They include the establishment of a 35,000-tonne aluminum lining cell treatment and recycling unit by Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), which will start operation this year.

He stressed the role of the private and public sectors in achieving environmental goals, and exchanging stories of successful cooperation in recycling and reducing waste.

Dr Bin Daina also stressed the need to invest in recycling and treating various types of waste generated in the primary and transformative aluminum industry, for which Bahrain plays an important centre in the region and the world.



**"The private and public sectors play an important role in achieving environmental goals, and exchanging stories of successful cooperation in recycling and reducing waste."**

- DR MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK BIN DAINA, SPECIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE AFFAIRS AND CEO OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENT

He noted that there is a need to invest in the recycling of electronic and electrical waste due to the increasing volume of production.

The Council is seeking the lawmakers' help in issuing special legislation regulating the management of this type of waste to encourage the private sector to invest in it.

Undersecretary Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa said that the Works Ministry, with the help of experts in this

field, is currently studying the establishment of a waste recycling plant.

The Ministry is expecting the completion of research studies for this project soon for its implementation.

Shaikh Mohammed said that the Ministry, in cooperation with the private sector, has succeeded in setting up a pilot project to recycle construction and demolition waste, which amounts to 600,000 tonnes. They were treated and turned into useful products.

About 79,000 tonnes of green waste were also recycled and converted into fertilisers, and reused last year.

The Undersecretary revealed that the largest volume of waste comes from household, followed by construction and building materials, and industrial and commercial products.

With regard to waste tyres, he said that Bahrain exports large quantities of it to Malaysia for recycling. The Kingdom produces 8,939 tonnes of waste tyres annually that are dumped at the Askar landfill.

Meanwhile, BCCI's Industry and Energy Committee chairman Farid Badr stressed that plans are underway to implement various programmes on sustainable development in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

## Project to rehabilitate 32 sewage pumping stations

● Completion rate hits 57 percent

● It aims to raise their efficiency

● Project amounts to BD759,801

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The completion rate of a project to rehabilitate sewage pumping stations in various governorates of the Kingdom has reached 57 percent.

The Director of Sanitation Planning and Projects Department at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Eng. Fathi Abdullh Al Farea, said 32 sewage pumping stations have been selected for rehabilitation.

These stations will be equipped with new pumps, internal pipes, valves, electrical control panels, control systems



Work is in progress at sewage pumping stations



and sensors, and some civil works will be carried out in some stations.

The project aims to rehabilitate and improve the pumping stations to raise their efficiency and ensure their sustainability, in addition to reducing malfunctions and floods in some areas.

Eng. Al Farea said that the project includes the rehabilitation of 32 main and subsidiary

pumping stations distributed in various regions, including three stations in Muharraq Governorate, 19 stations in the Capital Governorate, seven stations in the Northern Governorate and three stations in the Southern Governorate.

The project was awarded by the Tender and Auctions Board to Messrs. Al Dur Contracting Company for Excavation and Building, at a cost of BD759,801.

## Prosecution witnesses to testify in corruption case

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Prosecution witnesses will testify on July 1 in the trial of an employee of the Jaffaria Waqf Directorate, who is accused of corruption.

The defendant was charged with wasting money worth a whopping BD60 million in addition to receiving a bribe worth BD16,000 from a businesswoman who wanted to modify the classification of a land plot in

order to carry out a project.

According to court files, the defendant was a director at the directorate's land classification department.

He received the bribe from the woman after he pledged to change the classification of the land, but his failure to do so prompted her to reveal what happened during a meeting with officials.

She said that the defendant re-

quested her to issue a BD16,000 cheque without a receipt.

As a result, his superiors launched a comprehensive investigation which didn't just conclude with that the defendant received a bribe, but he also wasted BD60 million.

It was discovered that the defendant's wife received the money.

The businesswoman was also charged in connection with this case.

## Shaikha Mai receives team documenting archaeological sites in Bahrain



Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), received in her office yesterday a team of experts documenting archaeological sites led by Professor Fulvio Rinaudo, Secretary General of the Council and Secretary General of the International Council on Antiquities and Sites (ICOMOS), and in cooperation with Dr Una Felix, a heritage conservation expert from the Institute of Archeology University College London and member of the Board of Directors of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). A number of experts and professors from the University of Applied Sciences in Turin, Italy were also present. The project comes in cooperation with the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage in order to document the historical castles in the Kingdom of Bahrain such as the Qal'at Al Bahrain registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Fateh Castle in Riffa, Bu Maher Castle and Arad Castle in Muharraq. Shaikha Mai stressed the importance of documenting historical sites and castles in Bahrain, which reflect the rich history and culture of the Kingdom and the civilisation.

## National Disaster Management Committee meeting



Chief of Public Security, Lieutenant-General Tariq Al Hassan, yesterday chaired the virtual meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee, with the participation of the concerned ministries' representatives. The Chief valued the roles of medics in protecting the health and general safety of the public. He applauded the directives of the Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to ensure the precise implementation of preventive measures, including wearing masks, social distancing and taking legal steps against violators.