

## Intensified Forever Green campaign on highway



Dr Al Sayed and Shaikha Maram with other officials at the event

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A campaign to plant 3,383 trees and shrubs along 945 linear metres on the National Charter Highway in the Southern Governorate got underway yesterday.

The drive is supported by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) and implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture and the Supreme Council for the Environment.

The tree planting was the first in the second phase of the Forever Green campaign launched by the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) to be carried in the Southern Governorate.

It was attended by RFH Secretary General Dr Mustafa Al Sayed, NIAD Secretary-General Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Development of Charitable Materials in the RHF Youssef Al Yaqoub.

Deputy Governor of the Southern Governorate Brigadier General Isa Thamer Al Dosari, Director General of the Southern Municipality Asim Abdullatif, Head of The Department of Follow-up Services and Research in the governorate Mohammed Isa Al Nuaimi, and senior officials interested in the agricultural



**The ambitious Forever Green campaign was launched by National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) and it has received generous support from the private sector in a demonstration of the robust partnership among all components of the Bahrain community.**

and environmental sector were present.

This RHF support is in line with Bahrain's national goals to expand green areas and plant trees that are commensurate with its climate, which contribute to the absorption of carbon emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change.

RHF is keen on societal partnership with several institutions serving the community, Al Sayed said.

# 'Prostate cancer warning for men in the Kingdom'

Bahrain has an age standardized incidence rate (ASIR) of 13.5 per 100,000 for prostate cancer

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When compared to its neighbours, the Kingdom has one of the highest incidences of prostate cancer per capita in the Middle East; yet, a study by RCSI Bahrain found that "men and family circles can have a knowledge gap when it comes to comprehending prostate cancer."

According to research, "prostate cancer has a lower incidence and mortality rate compared with the global average. This may be related to lifestyle differences and possible under-reporting of cases due to underdeveloped cancer registries."

"The specific objectives of the study sought to ascertain the knowledge of men in Bahrain 50 years or older, regarding the rank of prostate cancer as a cause of death compared with other cancers; risk factors for prostate cancer; and warning symptoms for prostate cancer"

"The study found that prostate cancer to be curable disease, and 67.6pc believed that early diagnosis would improve a person's chances of surviving prostate cancer. Yet, 60.8pc had never undergone a prostate screening checkup.

"Reasons for not having a prostate screening checkup included no need, no time, no transport, lack of knowledge before, fear of discovering something, and some respondents who believed that there was no



Bahraini men over 50 years and older are in the highest risk group for prostate cancer



**Prostate cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer and the fifth leading cause of cancer death among men worldwide, with an estimated 1,414,000 new cancer cases and 375,304 deaths in 2020.**

need to have a checkup because their health was in God's hand. "Nonetheless, 75.7pc of re-

spondents indicated that they would consider going for a screening then going for a screening check-up in the future to a doctor or health center."

Prof Dr Bob Djavan, who is a professor of Urology at the University of Vienna and New York University. He is also the Chairman of the Department of Urology, Rudolfinerhaus Foundation Hospital in Vienna, Austria, earlier spoke to The Daily Tribune.

The leading urologist praised the Kingdom's healthcare sector, especially with regard to the cancer treatment protocols including the diagnosis and treatment.

He said the increasing rate of prostate cancer in the Kingdom should be linked to the early detection and screening programmes, which is a reflection of the best healthcare system. "Thirty years ago, two-thirds

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of cancer cases in Europe were detected in its advanced stage. Today it is just 10 per cent with patients living longer and having high survival rates."

He said early detection and early treatment are vital to tackle the rising number of cases, be it prostate cancer or breast cancer. "As long as we don't have the so-called perfect treatment for cancer, these are the two important things that we could do.

"One thing we have learnt in the past few years in Urology and Uro-Oncology is you cannot put a specific cancer age for human beings. But we know one thing, you are at high risk if you have a positive family history of cancer.

"Since prostate cancer numbers are increasing, we recommend the first Prostate Specific Antigen Test to be done at the age of 35."

## 10th Korean Movie Nights opening in Seef is a big hit

**● Korea's Ambassador to Bahrain Haekwan Chung opens film festival**

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K-cinema lovers flocked to a theatre in Seef to watch the first of three Korean movies to be screened on three consecutive nights as part of the Korean movie festival in its tenth edition.

Diplomats and members of the business community also attended the opening of the Korean

Movie Nights.

Korea's Ambassador to Bahrain Haekwan Chung hailed the cultural event as a well-established tradition of the embassy to bolster understanding and bring people together.

"I am very delighted to launch this annual event, the 10th edition, becoming thus a 'tradition' of the Korean Embassy in Manama," the Ambassador said as he opened the 10th edition of the Korean Film Festival.

"The Korean Embassy is keen on bolstering cultural understandings with Bahrain. Cinema is an excellent field for cultural communication between na-



Ambassador Chung attends the event

tions. An effective form of expression, so to speak."

Stemming from this belief, the embassy has made its best efforts to screen Korea's top-rated productions and this year's batch is nothing less than its predecessors, being carefully selected to meet expectations, he added.

"It comprises films that are breath-taking, as grandly displayed in "The Admiral: Roaring Currents", heart-warming, as lovingly put in "Miracle: Letter to the President", and thrilling, as brilliantly performed in "the Classified File, as per features," Haekwan Chung said.

## Workshop on cyber security awareness for students

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The National Cyber Security Center's Outreach and Awareness Directorate has organised a workshop entitled "Concept of Cyber Security", in cooperation with the Ministry of Education's Scout Education Directorate and Ibn Al Nafis Primary School for Boys.

The workshop targeted primary school students from public and private schools, as well



Teaching the students the concept of cyber security

as students with special needs.

During the workshop, students understood what cybersecurity is in a simplified manner, along with interactive activities aimed at highlighting the concept of cyber security, safe web surfing, and basic skills to safeguard children from cyber risks they may face online.

The National Cyber Security Centre aims to promote cyberculture for all members of society.

## Project in full blast



The Ministry of Works' project to develop the intersection of Street 46 with Al Hidd Street and Road No. 4338 in Block 243 in Arad has reached 70%. It aims to improve the efficiency of the public street network and increase its capacity.