

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Green garbage begins at your doorstep



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There is a lot of talk in decision-making circles these days about the 'aesthetics' of garbage dumpsters.

There has even been a suggestion to stick artificial grass panels to the dumpsters to give an impression of 'green cover'. Personally, I think that is a very unhygienic solution.

Inevitably people dropping off their waste will let the trash overflow and bits of waste will get stuck in the artificial turf cover, leading to the menace of flies and odour.

Indeed, we are going about the whole garbage issue in the wrong way.

In Bahrain, we are fast running out of landfill area and our garbage is just increasing every month because of rapid urbanisation and general uptick in the use of disposables.

In April this year, the Southern Governorate alone saw the removal of over 700 tonnes of discarded furniture. Luckily, these did not end up in landfills but were recycled to needy families.

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Why not start at the beginning of the cycle and get people to segregate their trash into recyclables and non-recyclable garbage so that we can lessen the burden on our landfills and our planet too.

The impact of household-level segregation of garbage is enormous and many countries are practising this civic duty. In places like the UK and Germany, unsegregated garbage is left uncollected and this kind of public exposure of carelessness is a great deterrent.

In our Eastern culture, we sadly believe that garbage is not worth our time once discarded, forgetting that if we do not make it ecologically suitable for disposal, it will impact our children's lives more than ours.

In these times of climate change and global warming, begin the renewal of our planet at every doorstep – simply separate your trash into glass, paper, plastic and organic waste and lessen the burden on Mother Earth.

Leave the ideas of "beautification of garbage bins" to dreamers.

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A training programme for university students

Goal is to address environmental and climate challenges and problems in Kingdom

Higher Education Council and British Council launch event

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A training programme of the international "Climate Champions" research project for undergraduate students in public and private higher education institutions in the Kingdom was opened yesterday in partnership with the British Council.

The event, set from October 23 to 28 at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Bahrain Bay, is held under the patronage of the Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council (HEC) and the Deputy Chairperson of its Board of Trustees, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duajj Al Khalifa.

Attended by the UK Ambassador to Bahrain Roddy Drummond and heads of higher education institutions in the Kingdom, the programme aims to enhance the research ca-



Dr Shaikha Rana speaks at the inauguration

abilities of students in a way that contributes to addressing environmental and climate challenges and problems in the Kingdom.

Environment, climate and scientific research skills experts Dan Boyden and Daniel Smith will lecture during the programme.

Addressing the opening session, Dr Shaikha Rana expressed thanks to the British Embassy and the British Council for their partnership in implementing this training programme, which relates to an important issue closely related to various areas

of development.

It also coincides with the national "Forever Green" campaign, launched under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King, to achieve the goals of sustainable development in the areas of climate and the environment.

She stressed the importance of scientific research in the field of environment and climate in addressing the associated challenges from which various countries suffer.

Dr Shaikha Rana highlighted the distinguished level of

this training programme and its participants, noting that it defines the ecosystem, nature and cultural identity, shows how our identities shape our relationship with nature and promotes innovation in climate action.

She also praised the participation of ten academicians and 50 undergraduate students from various disciplines in the kingdom's higher education institutions.

The HEC Secretary General added that the programme will continue throughout the first semester of this academic year, as the participants in the workshops will be divided into groups, with each group tasked with preparing a research and a social project on one of the environmental and climatic problems in the Kingdom, based on the recommendations of the Supreme Council for the Environment.

Each group will be supervised by a member of the academic staff participating in the programme, and will contact trainers in the United Kingdom virtually.

Filipinos updated on Philippine COVID-19 vaccine rollout

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The Philippine Embassy has been regularly updating Filipinos residing and working in the Kingdom of Bahrain on the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine rollout back home.

To date, the total number of first and second vaccine doses administered in the Philippines has reached more than 53,315,069 million as of 19 October. There are now 24,694,717 million people who have been fully vaccinated from the virus.

COVID-19 vaccination in the Philippines started in March 2021 and the country aims to vaccinate 58 million people by the end of the year.

Through its official Facebook account, the Embassy also provides the guides to be followed by Bahrain-based Filipinos to reduce inconvenience they encounter going home.

Under existing protocol, returning Filipinos from overseas are subjected to 10-day facility quarantine.



In compliance with Philippine government regulations, travellers arriving in the Philippines starting 8 October and onwards, who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated, and those vaccinated but failed to comply with the test-before-travel requirements, shall undergo 14 days of quarantine, eight days of which shall be observed at an accredited hotel or facility, and the remaining six to be completed at home under the monitoring of their respective Local Government Units.

Travellers shall also undergo an RT-PCR test on the seventh day of their quarantine stay.

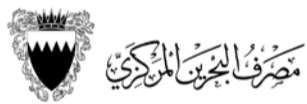
A traveller must stay at a hotel accredited by our Tourism and Health Agencies while waiting for scheduled test and the release of results. He/she can only check out from the hotel until the release of the negative RT-PCR test taken on the seventh day. Day 1 starts on arrival date.

SEA President receives Ambassador to Belgium



Sustainable Energy Authority (SEA) President Dr Abdulhussain bin Ali Mirza received newly appointed Bahraini Ambassador to Belgium Abdullah Faisal Jaber Al Dosseri. Dr Mirza congratulated the Ambassador on obtaining the Royal trust, wishing him success in performing his duties and developing cooperation in all fields. He stressed the deep historical relations between the two countries, which have an impact in enriching aspects of cooperation in the renewable energy and energy efficiency fields. The meeting discussed opportunities for exchanging expertise and investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects between the two kingdoms.

Central Bank of Bahrain



Notice of Application to Transfer Business

From T'azur Company B.S.C. (c) to Solidarity Bahrain B.S.C.

Pursuant to Article (66) of the Central Bank and Financial Institutions Law No. (64) of 2006 as amended, the Central Bank of Bahrain hereby gives notice that an application has been received from T'azur Company B.S.C. (C) (the "Transferor") registered under C.R. No. 66941-1 for the purpose of approving the Transferor's desire to transfer the Company's whole business related to Bahrain operations (including Qatar branch in run-off), and excluding the Company's ownership of 70% of the paid-up share capital of T'azur Takaful Insurance Company K.S.C. (Kuwait), to Solidarity Bahrain B.S.C. (the "Transferee") registered under C.R. No. 5091-1. Precise details of the business to which this application relates can be obtained from the Transferor at the following address:

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Written representations regarding the aforementioned transfer of business must be submitted to the Director of the Insurance Supervision Directorate at the Central Bank of Bahrain within three months from the date of publishing this notice to the following address:

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