

Bahrain voted as 'best global destination for Indian weddings'

● Top award given by Travel + Leisure India

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Travel + Leisure India has named Bahrain as the best global destination for Indian weddings, as part of the "Best Global Destinations for Indians Awards 2020". Travel + Leisure India is the Indian edition of the popular American luxury travel and lifestyle magazine.

The selection of winner is based on the public and website visitors voting for their favourite destinations.

In recent years, Bahrain has become the preferred destination for hosting Indian wed-



Indian wedding in Bahrain

dings. From January 2019 to the first quarter of 2020 before the coronavirus pandemic came along, the Kingdom hosted more than 20 Indian weddings.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority has made great efforts to make Bahrain the best international destination for Indian weddings.

Foreign Minister receives Chinese Ambassador



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received in his office at the Ministry's General court yesterday Chinese Ambassador Anwaer who delivered a written letter from Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on strong relations between the two friendly countries. During the meeting, the Minister Al Zayani commended the advanced level of friendship between the Kingdom and China, pointing out the importance of continuous cooperation in all fields for the benefit of the two friendly countries and peoples. For his part, Ambassador Anwaer praised bilateral relations and their perpetual growth, wishing Bahrain continued progress and prosperity.

Time to harvest Greenhouse project vegetables!



The Rotary Club of Salmaniya invited two inspirational girls Rawan and Noor to harvest vegetables grown in the Greenhouse project on 21 November. The Greenhouse project is a joint initiative between the Rotary Club of Salmaniya and Khalid Janahi Charity Society. The income generated from the project will be donated to the Friendship Society for the Blind, Al Rahma Center, and the Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled. The project started when the seeds were planted on 28 September in Khalid Janahi's farm in Al Jasra. It will end with a final harvest on 20 December.

Culture of partnership

Bahrain building and strengthening bilateral ties with South Korea

● Kingdom's openness promotes cultural exchanges: Korean Ambassador

● This year marks 44th anniversary of diplomatic relations' establishment

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Bahrain, a strong advocate of cultural diversity, has truly recognised the benefits of promoting culture as a means to build and strengthen international relations, South Korean Ambassador Hae Kwan Chung said.

"Bahrain is well known for hospitality, diversity, kindness, and openness, and this eases the introduction of any foreign culture to the society, either through dramas and theatres or by any form of art," the Ambassador said.

Korea's culture for instance has been accepted and appreciated by people in Bahrain, he added.

"We see a lot of responses when the embassy organises a cultural event," the Ambassador said.

Relations between Bahrain and Korea have been steadily growing and this year marks the 44th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"Our bilateral relations have focused on mutual understanding and exchanges in various fields and in many aspects," the Ambassador said.

The cultural aspect has been particularly prominent and remarkably close to the Bahraini hearts, Hae added.

For Koreans, Bahrain is the gateway to Middle East countries.

"Since the 1970s Bahrain was the center for Koreans, and based on direct flights between the two countries many Koreans visited Bahrain as the first Middle Eastern country; that's why we have around 5,000 Koreans



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who have chosen to settle in Bahrain," he said.

Hae stressed his country's potential for cultural exchange, and its readiness to further boost these ties.

"For several years we have had a lot of cultural projects in Bah-

rain, such as taekwondo competitions, the Korean film festival for the eighth year and which is set to have its grand opening on November 25 (today), dancing performances from a Korean band in the national theatre, Korean traditional customs fashion show in coordination with Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), and exhibitions of Korean scenes taken by Bahraini photographers," the Ambassador said.

Parasite, the black comedy thriller film that won four Oscars last year, will open the annual Korean film festival.

Tomorrow, the festival will screen the comedy-drama "Family Hood", and on November 29, the 2019 disaster action comedy "EXIT" will wrap the film festival for this year, shortened due to the COVID-19 restrictions.



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The Korean presence in Bahrain is also manifested in the language with more than 600 Bahrainis are learning Korean.

"The Korean Embassy in collaboration with the Korean language teaching institute (Sejong), started Korean language courses in major universities - the University of Bahrain (UoB), Polytechnic and Al Ahlia University," he said.



A Korean traditional stage show