

Spotlight on Arabian Horse tradition

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday praised the extraordinary efforts being exerted by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities to organise the 27th Annual Traditional Festival.

The festival, HH Shaikh Khalid, the First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympics Committee (BOC), said, "Sheds light on the genuine and authentic Bahraini traditions."

The festival is being held this year under the slogan "The Arabian Horse".

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa was patronising the opening ceremony of the Festival as deputised by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Organised by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, the event which began on Wednesday will continue until 3 May 2019, at Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Fateh Fort in Riffa.

"The theme of this year's festival emphasises the continuous efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to look after the genuine



In pictures, highlights of the festival

Arabian horses and to express their high prestige among the rulers of Bahrain over time," said HH Shaikh Khalid adding: "Since ancient times, Bahrain has been associated with horses, which highlights its prominent role in preserving them, making them part of the historical identity established by the ancestors and fathers of the rulers of Bahrain."

"HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has adopted an approach based on his grandparents to preserve Bahrain's horses through the efforts of the Royal Stud."

Following the opening ceremony, Shaikh Khalid toured the main tent of the festival which featured historical photos and museum exhibits, as well as pho-

tos of horses belonging to the Royal Studs, taken by Shaikha Hanan bint Hassan Al Khalifa.

The exhibition also included paintings by Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and Shaikha Mariam bint Abdulrahman Al Khalifa. During his tour, HH Shaikh Khalid exchanged friendly talks with the participants in the festival.



MBPAC throws light on biotechnology application

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The Millennium Biotechnology Pan Arab Conference and Exhibition (MBPAC) concluded yesterday under the patronage of Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, the Minister of Education.

The three-day conference held under the theme "How life science and biotechnology will re-shape the third millennium?" was co-organised by the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) and the University of Bahrain (UoB).

The event provided a unique opportunity for biotechnology universities and institutes in the fields of pharmaceutical, agricultural and environmental industries from the Arab world to present their research and achievements, and interact with scientists, international experts and investors in various fields of



Participants during the three-day conference

biotechnology.

Prof. Mohamed Al Dahmani, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies in AGU and President of MBPAC, told Tribune, "The conference shed light on the most important biotechnology applications in the fields of health, agriculture and the environment."

"Additionally, the conference shed light on gene correction,

cell and gene therapy, bioremediation, drug design and genome-specific discoveries where the conference reviewed the scientific progress of these topics alongside new emerging technologies that lead to real paradigm shifts in the health-care system, and make real promises to control and treat human diseases and alleviate the burden of healthcare for the

millennium."

"It is crucial to strengthen these research activities and joint conferences to unite efforts and promote scientific research in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This partnership with local, regional and global institutions, is directly involved in the development plan of UoB for the years 2016-2021, in line with the economic vision of Bahrain 2030."

Fraudster who fled to Bahrain after stealing gets jail in Jersey

Jersey

After fleeing to Bahrain from Jersey more than a decade ago, Russell Stephen King (60) was brought to justice when he was jailed for six years recently, reported Jersey Evening Post.

King, who appeared in court in a wheelchair, laundered a total of £671,000 from the now-defunct Belgravia Financial Services Group, of which he was a shadow director, over a three-month period in 2008. Much of the money was then hidden in Switzerland.

He also sold 'cherished registration plates' on behalf of his former business partner Duncan Hickman, following his sudden death and kept the money for himself.

King pleaded guilty to five counts of fraudulently converting a total of £740,286 of



Russell Stephen King

money belonging to others.

Crown Advocate Matthew Jowitt, prosecuting, said King's motivation was 'pure greed'. The lawyer said the defendant was a man who was known among staff to enjoy first-class flights around the world, five-star stays at the Ritz-Carlton in Bahrain and at the Dorchester in London, as well as trips to the Island and dinner for his parents at Longueville Manor - all on the financially crippled company's expenses.

Bapco holds Green School award ceremony



First place winner Al Estiqlal Secondary School for Girls



Al-Noor Secondary School for Girls won the second place



Third place went to Al Jabriya Secondary Technical School for Boys

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The Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) yesterday held a Green School Award Ceremony to honour the winners of the academic year 2018/2019.

Al Estiqlal Secondary School

for Girls won the first place for its project "Recycling Aluminium Slag", while Al-Noor Secondary School for Girls won the second place for its project "The Production Silage from Palm Residue".

Third place went to Al Jabriya Secondary Technical School for

Boys for the project "Manufacturing a 3D Printer".

The Bapco Green School Award is a nation-wide competition organised by Bapco since 2005, where Bahrain's public secondary schools are rewarded for environmental projects aimed at improving air quality,

water supply, waste management and devising modern and effective methods to promote awareness on environment-related issues.

This year's Green School Award witnessed the participation of 21 government secondary schools.

Held in Bapco Club yesterday, the event was attended by Dr Mohammed Mubarak Juma, Undersecretary for Resources and Services at the Ministry of Education, in addition to senior officials from the National Oil and Gas Authority (Noga) and the Supreme Council for the

Environment (SCE) as well as members of Bapco's Board and Management.

The event was held under the patronage of the Minister of Oil, Chairman of Bapco's Board of Directors Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.