

## Building emergency rainwater drainage channel proposed



Council member Faisal Binshabib

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An urgent proposal was passed yesterday on the construction of an emergency rainwater drainage channel from the industrial area in Salmabad in the Northern Governorate to Tubli Bay in the Capital Governorate.

This came during the weekly meeting of the Northern Area Municipal Council yesterday where council member Faisal Binshabib explained that the proposal aims to redirect rainwater floods during the coming rainy season from the area, which he said experiences an annual rainwater flooding crisis.

Binshabib said: "Due to it being an industrial area, the large swamps and flooding halt the commercial activities. Many traders, business owners, citizens and residents find difficulty in carrying out their work during the rainy period, which floods the area with rainwater."

He also noted that temporary channels have proven its effectiveness in more than one area during the rainy season, adding that it would make up for the inability of water suction tankers to absorb large quantities of water every year.

# Highest quality standards

University of Applied Sciences obtains ISO certificate for second year in a row

## Administration staff contributions hailed

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The University of Applied Sciences has obtained an ISO certificate for the management systems of educational institutions for the second consecutive year.

It is the first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arabian Gulf to obtain this international certificate.

The university's Board of Trustees chairman Prof Dr Waheeb Al Khaja congratulated all the university's affiliates on the occasion of obtaining the prestigious international ISO certificate (ISO 21001: 2018) after the certification body completes the audit procedures by default to ensure that the university fulfills all the requirements.

Prof Al Khaja affirmed that this achievement enhances the academic and educational march of the university and contributes to achieving the visions and aspirations for the advancement of the university and the services it provides to its students.

He pointed out that obtaining this certificate confirms the university's commitment to the quality policy in all the services it provides. Academic and administrative staff provides the best education for students.

The external auditor appreciated the university's keenness to apply the highest quality stand-



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ards, especially with regard to the e-learning systems adopted by the university to ensure the continuation of the educational process for students in the best conditions.

The external auditor praised the health and safety measures taken by the university to deal with the coronavirus (COVID-19). At the end of his report, the external auditor concluded that the university administration system is efficient and achieves its main goal of continuous improvement of the university's operations and procedures.

For his part, the president of the university, Prof Dr Ghassan Awad, congratulated the chairman of the Board of Directors, Samir Nass, Prof Al Khaja and

members of the two councils, for this achievement.

Prof Awad noted that the support provided by the university administration and its relentless follow-up is one of the most important reasons for the university's excellence and obtaining the ISO certificate.

The university president explained that obtaining this certificate for two consecutive years comes as a continuation of the university's approach to placing quality and excellence at its highest priority

It also confirms the university's success in continuing its leadership and achievements by ensuring the development of its academic and administrative staff and attracting expertise

and competencies.

Prof Awad extended thanks to those in charge of this achievement, in particular Professor Hatem Head of the Audit and Compliance Unit.

The university head stated that the aim of this certificate is to make academic processes run in an orderly, more efficient and effective manner.

Prof Awad noted that the university has demonstrated its ability to excel and deal with various circumstances, which represents a new achievement.

The most important of which, Prof Awad added, is the success in passing the institutional review by the quality of education and training, and its obtaining institutional accreditation from



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the Higher Education Council, in addition to its entry for the first time in the QS World University Rankings (651-700) among the best universities in the world, which confirms its outstanding level as the best private university in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrates 'Dussehra'

### Students display their artistic skills

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Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School students celebrated the Indian festival of "Dussehra" which marks the victory of good over evil with a special assembly conducted through virtual medium.

The dance added a gleam to the festivity.

Kindergarteners made crafts and learnt "garba dance" through virtual medium. The artistic skills were enhanced as students of Grade 1 made pinwheels and students of Grade 2 made 'Bhandanvars' to decorate their house. The activities helped in enlivening the festivity.

School Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma and Principal Saji Jacob conveyed greetings to the students, parents and staff and wished every one happiness and peace on this auspicious occasion of 'Dussehra'.



## Bahrain Indian School and The Asian School triumph in online quiz



The students taking part in the event

### Grand Finale set for 7 November

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Students from Bahrain Indian School and The Asian School emerged as the top two teams in the preliminary round of the 'Bhavan's Inter-School Online Quiz-BISQ' which was held virtually at Bahrain Indian School on 24 October.

They will be competing in the Grand Finale set for 7 November.

The winners in the final

round will receive the following prizes:-

\$1,000 (first prize), \$750 (first runner-up) and \$500 (second runner-up).

Students from six CBSE schools of Bahrain - The Asian School, The Indian School, The New Indian School, New Millennium School, Ibn Al Hathyam School and Bahrain Indian School - competed with other Indian Schools across GCC.

It was a preliminary round which was hosted by Bahrain Indian School and conducted by Bhavans School-PIES, Abu Dhabi.