

# Academic gathering during 'new normal'

Filipino teachers in Bahrain hold first research conference for educators



Teachers, practitioners and researchers at the event

● **Event's theme is "Diversity, Creativity, and Sustainability: Teaching and Learning in the New Normal"**

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Around 60 participants from the academe attended the research conference hosted by the Philippine Teachers Association-Bahrain (PTA-B) held at Golden Tulip Hotel, Manama on 25 June.

The PTA-B capped its first academic gathering with a theme "Diversity, Creativity, and Sustainability: Teaching and Learning in the New Normal".

It was attended by teachers, practitioners and researchers in Bahrain, and a virtual session with educators from the Philippines was also held.

According to PTA-B president Dr Arthur Basbas, topics on diverse research disciplines were covered at the conference reflecting good practices during the new normal.

"With such high caliber paper presenters, speakers and panel members, the assembly proved to be worthwhile," he said.

The conference for education wrapped up the research areas on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, General Education, Leadership and Educational Management, Business, Humanities, Social Science and Communication, Health and Environment and Islamic Banking.

The organisers claimed that paper presentations truly made the event an exciting moment for teachers who actively collaborated and engaged in professional learning communities despite the challenges brought



by the pandemic.

The event will boost professional confidence that provide a broad gateway for opportunities, innovative ideas, and inspiring results.

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enhancing their professional development," Dr Basbas said.

Panel members of the conference included Dr. Carlo Domingo C. Casinto, Dr. Alina Raboshuk, Dr. Belen T. Lumeran, Dr. Ilene Valian A. Igana, Dr. Habis Ahmad Humoud Alathamain and Dr. Felicidad Benchie B. Fortuno.

PTA-B is a non-profit organisation established in 2018 under

the auspices of the Philippine Embassy and under the umbrella of Philippine Professional Organizations (PPO) with a mandate of integrating teaching profession into one national aspiration for quality education and to work for the welfare of Filipino teachers and educators. It is also a member of Filipino Club Bahrain.



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## BAS hosts supervisory development programme certificate ceremony



BAS employees with their certificates

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Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) hosted a certification ceremony for employees who have completed the Supervisory Development Programme provided by Excellence Training Solutions (ETS).

The UK-based programme enabled staff members to gain, hone and nurture their leadership skills in their various fields of work.

Following a two-week period, 17 employees from various departments, including cargo, airside, workshop, maintenance and security, successfully received their certificates by attending both virtual and in-person classes.

The course included ten main subjects - effective problem solving and decision making, critical thinking, the Professional Supervisor, interpersonal skills, business writing, coaching and mentoring,

complaint handling, dealing with difficult people, motivating your workforce and building relationships for success in the workplace.

"We would like to congratulate all of our employees who have completed the Supervisory Development Programme," BAS CEO, Mohamed Khalil said.

"Through our various learning and development courses, we are able to train our staff members and elevate their skills to new heights. We continue to provide all of our employees with opportunities to excel in their career paths within the Company and position them as leaders in the field."

The SDP is a development program designed to support new and experienced supervisors in establishing and elevating capabilities that promote a productive and motivated workforce through supervisory leadership.

## Avenue 65 fast lanes set for closure

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Sewerage maintenance works on Avenue 65 at Diyar Al Muharraq necessitate closure of the fast lane

provided for the traffic movement for southbound traffic, the Ministry of Works said.

The closure will be effective for one month starting June 28, the ministry added.

## Awareness security exhibition



Southern Governor His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa inaugurated yesterday the awareness security exhibition which was held by the Southern Governorate in conjunction with the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The inauguration was attended by Deputy Southern Governor, Brigadier Isa Thamer Al Doseri, as well as representatives from various Interior Ministry directorates and a number of officials from the Southern Governorate.

# ILA takes part in International Day of Yoga celebration

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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) and yoga enthusiasts celebrated the 8th International Day of Yoga on 21 June at Isa Sports City Hall.

It was supported by the Indian Embassy, Ministry of Youth and Sports, and Ministry of Health. The theme of this year's event is "Global Yoga Ring".

Ms Neelanjana Bhardwaj, senior yoga coach, said ILA planned eight days step by step guide for



Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Piyush Srivastava graces the occasion



The yoga session participants

online yoga sessions and also conducted a yoga challenge for their members.

ILA's winner of the eight-day yoga challenge was Ms Ekta Vikas Sethi, while the runner-up was Ms Sushmita Vishwakoti.

The winners were awarded prizes by the ILA patron, Mrs Monika Srivastav.

The core purpose of the global celebration is to create awareness regarding the health benefits of yoga for the people, and ILA is living up to it every year.