

Pearl diving season begins



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Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has announced the start of the new season for the pearl diving activities and the first batch of pearl drivers will depart from Ras Raya Port in Muharraq.

The pearl diving activities come in line with the national strategy to revitalize the industry and is approved by the Council of Ministers and the Executive Committee chaired by the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, with the aim of protecting the marine environment and regulating fishing.

The tourist attraction offers residents and tourists the opportunity to experience pearl diving. Participants can choose from a variety of tour packages departing from the Ras Raya Port, and can go on a sea cruise that may take between one to six hours.

Through this initiative, BTEA aims to revive the pearl diving legacy and further explore the many aspects related to the profession as part of its focus to develop the tourism sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

"We are delighted to announce the start of the pearl diving activities season, which comes in line with the national strategy to revitalize the pearl industry and supports BTEA's mandate to develop the tourism sector, further strengthening the Kingdom's position as an international tourist hub," said BTEA Chief Executive Officer Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa said.

Community Partnership Day celebrated with joy

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The Capital Governorate has celebrated Community Partnership Day with enthusiasm to promote participation of citizens in the service of the country.

Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate, inaugurated the event at Seef Mall, with the participation of the Community Police and the committee on combating violence and addiction.

During the event, the Governor was briefed about the activities of the participating parties and their ways of promoting community awareness among different sections of society.

"The Kingdom's celebration of the Community Partnership Day is a reflection of the importance of the cooperation of citizens, residents and civil society organizations with security personnel to achieve safety and security for the Kingdom," said Shaikh Hisham. The day was celebrated in cooperation with different groups of society.

"The province will continue to implement its projects, programmes and initiatives aimed at consolidating the



A programme held as part of the Community Partnership Day principle of community partnership in various fields. The fourth edition of the 'Capital Weekend' programme will be launched along with the sixth edition of the summer programme, in addition to

the implementation of the seventh edition of 'Nation of Mohammed (PBUH)' programme during the holy month of Ramadan as a concept in promoting community partnership," he said.

"Further, all the activities planned for this year will be implemented in accordance with the Minister of Interior's initiative to achieve the concept of community partnership in the Capital," he said.

Capital hails approval for water front project



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The Capital has hailed approval of the master plan for the first phase of the Manama-Muharraq Water Front Project.

The project was approved by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate said, "The project translates the vision and guidance of the wise leadership towards establishing sustainable urban development projects on the ground to reflect the quality of life as an essential indicator of the prosperity of cities."

"Further, the implications of this project will enhance the status of the capital among other regions in the Kingdom. This comes in line with the Government's

efforts to promote the concept of comprehensive human development and the harmony of the project with the Strategic Plan of the 2030 vision."

The Chairman of the Board of the Capital Municipal Council, Eng. Mohammed Ali Al Khozai further added, "This pioneering project, which includes tracks for walking, running, cycling, open green spaces, tourism and leisure facilities and restaurants, will be one of the most important projects in the Kingdom."

"The Board of Directors of the Municipality and its members appreciate this project, which will be a blessing for citizens and residents, especially with the shortage of land in the capital. Such projects will meet the recreational, tourism and environmental needs of the public," said Eng. Mohammed Ali Al Khozai.

A detailed proposal to develop a 14km waterfront section between Juffair and the King Faisal Corniche is also contained within the master-plan.