

HM King, HRH Prince Salman greet Vietnam



HM the King

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HRH Prince Salman

Vo Van Thuong, on his country's Independence Day.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of congratulations to the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman wished President Thuong abundant health and happiness and the friendly Vietnamese people further progress and prosperity.

His Royal Highness sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh.

Gulf talks on future of economic and development fields

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Dr. Khaled Fahad Al Alawi, Assistant Undersecretary for Industry Development at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, participated in the fourth seminar of the Future Foresight in the Economic and Development Fields, held in Riyadh from August 29-31.

Present were Jassim Al Budaiwi, GCC General Secretariat Secretary-General, and 85 par-



Dr. Al Alawi speaks at the event participants from 32 ministries, institutions, government agencies, research centers, universities, private sector, and chambers of commerce in the region.

In the working paper, Dr. Al Alawi affirmed the determination of the government of the Kingdom of Bahrain to develop the promising sectors, one of which is the industrial sector, in addition to promoting Gulf products in regional and global platforms.

The fourth panel discussion to explore future prospects for the joint Gulf economic and development integration reviewed 18 working papers specialised in foreseeing the future submitted by the participating entities.



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Royal visions to develop media sector

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The new private radio stations building at the Ministry of Information is an exceptional addition that reflects the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and implements the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to launch creative media projects.

Radio Bahrain Director Younis Salman Al Ghais expressed his

gratitude to HRH Prince Salman for his visit to the Ministry of Information and inauguration of the main studio at the News Centre and the private radio stations building, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the beginning of television broadcasting.

He praised HRH's support for the national media, given the fact that it is as an active partner in backing the government's development efforts.

According to the director, the new studios are designed to provide an

integrated broadcasting system, including high-quality broadcasting studios, high-tech equipment and services as well as administrative offices.

The new building is over 1000 square metres and is equipped with the latest electric power systems that provide sustainable power supply. It has six radio studios and a control room that is linked to the main control room of the ministry. The building also includes 18 offices and a conference room.

Financial sector key to achieving SDGs

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A roundtable discussion was held focusing on the financial sector's involvement in exploring innovative financial tools to accelerate the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development, organised the panel discussion for the financial sector and listed companies.

The session stressed the importance of implementing national plans and programmes aimed at reaching zero neutrality by 2060, within targeted Financial Services Sector Development Strategy (2022-2026), and the 2030 Bahrain Economic Vision.

"We are pleased to cooperate with the Ministry of Sustainable Development to host this discussion session, which aims to highlight Bahrain's efforts and programmes towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2060," said CBB Governor Rasheed Mohammed Al Maraj, welcoming chief executives of listed companies, insurance firms, banks and investment companies.

This roundtable is part of a series of discussions with the financial sector to explore solutions that meet environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.

It is also one of the CBB initiatives aimed at enhancing the sector's resilience and efforts to provide financing that is com-



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patible with green requirements in accordance with relevant international best practices.

Challenges

Addressing the session, Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif stressed the importance of tackling social, environmental and other challenges to support efforts to achieve sustainable development.

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The ministry stressed the importance of enhancing the sector's flexibility and response to

any challenges, commending its pivotal role, within the economic recovery plan.

The minister indicated that the roundtable discussion is Bahrain's preparations to participate in the summit on sustainable development goals, which will be held at the United Nations in New York this September, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meetings.

International practices

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Director for the Arab Group and the Maldives, UN Special Envoy for Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin highlighted the best international practices and trends towards environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) standards.

"The drivers of climate action and transformation require the availability of fair and appropriate financing, the implementation of technological solutions, and changing ideas and policies among all actors", he said in a presentation.

"These tools are key to achieving the sustainable development goals as a whole, including the goal of confronting climate change", he pointed out.

Bank ABC Group Chief Executive ael Al Waary, Alba CEO Ali Albaqali, BEYON Chief Communication and Sustainability Officer Shaikh Bader bin Rashid Al Khalifa also took part in the roundtable sessions.

Bahrain attends Tatarstan oil and gas forum

Kazan

Delegated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Oil and Environment Minister, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina attended the Tatarstan Oil and Gas Conference.

The conference, which was held under the patronage of President of the Russian Republic of Tatarstan Rustam Minnikhanov, was attended by presidents and senior officials to discuss the latest developments in the field of oil and gas and innovative solutions.

Addressing the conference, Dr. bin Daina conveyed greetings from HM the King and His



Dr. bin Daina at the event

Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and their wishes of success to the event to achieve its goals. He valued the invitation

which was extended by the Tatarstan president for the Kingdom of Bahrain to take part in the conference which brought together senior officials, leading business and economic

stakeholders to build political, economic, cultural and social bridges between the Russian Federation and the Arab and Islamic Worlds.

The Minister toured the exhibition, which featured major companies that showcased studies, modern technologies and innovative solutions to various global challenges and ways to invest these technologies in various projects.

Dr. bin Daina also met a number of senior officials from oil and environmental companies and discussed investment and cooperation opportunities in the energy sector, stressing the importance of enhancing joint cooperation in this vital field.

Leadership programme

Dr. Shaikha Rana Bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Director General of Bahrain Institute for Public Administration (BIPA), attended the opening of the 32nd edition of Kawader leadership programme. The programme serves jobseekers, businesses, and various organisations, providing a set of advanced methodologies and practices for managing teams, clients, partners, and effective communication to enable participants to maximise their creativity and productivity at work.

