

Kingdom's hospitality boosts tourism sector

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Media Affairs Advisor to His Majesty the King Nabil bin Yaqub Al Hamar visited the Vatel Hospitality and Tourism Business School in Al Jasra, and discussed the rich history of hospitality in the Kingdom and its significant role in nurturing competencies across Gulf countries.

The visit took place in the presence of Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sairafi, Bahrain Tourism, Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Nasser Qaedi, and Shaikh Khalid Khalifa Al Khalifa, Vatel Bahrain Director General. Touring the establishment, Vatel's curricula, programmes, and accomplishments in terms of education and scientific research were highlighted.

Al Hamar engaged with the foundation year students at the school, actively listening to their experiences and opinions regarding the educational programs provided by the college.

He emphasised that the Kingdom's legacy of hospitality dates back numerous centuries, noting that the values of hospital-



Al Hamar with Al Sairafi, along with Tourism Ministry, BTEA and Vatel Bahrain officials

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HM the King's Advisor added that this cultural aspect serves as a crucial factor in attracting tourists to the Kingdom, and enhancing the hospitality and tourism sector.

He encouraged students to capitalise on their academic journey at the college and strive for exceptional outcomes in their studies.

Al Hamar offered valuable advice and guidance on how to succeed in their future careers, emphasising the significance of hard work, diligence, and acquiring the necessary skills to excel in their respective fields of study.

He commended the role played by Vatel Hospitality and Tourism Business School in

training and preparing national professionals in accordance with the highest international standards upheld within the hospitality and tourism sector.

Media promotes tourism

Al Sairafi commended the pivotal role played by the national media in promoting the achievements of the tourism sector, including the dedicated professionals working within the industry.

She highlighted the contribution of Vatel Bahrain to honing students' skills and expertise, effectively integrating them into Bahrain's hospitality and tourism sector.

Support for sports



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President, received the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, at Al Wadi Palace yesterday. HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, GSA Deputy Chairman, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry's Undersecretary, Khalid Ahmed Hassan, Undersecretary for Agriculture and Marine Resources at the same ministry, and Dr. Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, GSA's CEO, were present. HH Shaikh Khalid was briefed about the development projects the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry is planning to implement to support the sports system in the kingdom, as part of the integrated efforts of various government entities to serve the sports movement in the kingdom.

Bahrain-US relations



Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, received yesterday a delegation from the US-based Council for a Secure America (CSA), led by Fred Zeidman, currently on a visit to the kingdom. They discussed aspects of the deep-rooted Bahrain-US relations and strategic partnership, praising the steady growth of bilateral ties thanks to the two countries' keenness to strengthen them in various fields, particularly energy, economy and investment. They also reviewed ways to enhance bilateral relations further to benefit the two countries and serve their interests.

Advance military and combat systems



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief chaired the first meeting of the Military Institution for the Development of Warfare Industries. Present were Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor, Secretary General of the Supreme Defence Council, and Royal Guard Commander, and Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Defence Affairs Minister.

Bahrain shows the way in women empowerment



H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa



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Bahrain can be named as a leading country in terms of women's empowerment and inclusion in the country's workforce, H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the US, said yesterday.

Addressing the Atlantic Council's Win Fellowship workshop via online, the Ambassador said that today the Kingdom is moving fast to include Bahraini women in the workforce to boost the economy.

The Win Fellowship is led by the Atlantic Council's EmpowerME Initiative in cooperation with Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business with support from the US Embassy in Manama.

Female leadership in Bahrain, progress, potential and sustainability were discussed during the meeting held at Fin-tech Bay premises yesterday.

Bahrain has more than 54% female participation in the public sector, and 45% of women hold executive positions in oth-



Participants at the event

er linked institutions, according to information shared during the meeting.

In the private sector, more than 35% of the workforce are occupied by women. The Council of Representatives consist of 20% women, and 25% women in the Shura Council.

According to the Global Gender Gap report 2023, Bahrain is second best country among the Arab region.

“This program goes beyond our Free Trade Agreement and takes it to the next level. We are investing in Bahraini women. We are proudly supporting Bahrain's national strategy on

gender equity and equality,” Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Manama, David Brownstein told The Daily Tribune.

“Still we are working on the future challenges in the region,” Amjad Ahmad, Chairman of EmpowerME at the Atlantic Council's Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, said in the meeting.

The year-long program from June 2023 to March 2024 will enable 22 Bahraini women entrepreneurs to enhance their networks, gain practical knowledge, and develop US-Bahraini people to people.



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