

RCSI Bahrain concludes 'History of Medicine Talks' webinar series



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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland-Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) concluded its "History of Medicine Talks" series of nine webinars, which commenced in February, to survey the development of the medical field across the ages and its influence on present-day medical practice.

Hosted by Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at RCSI Bahrain, Professor Martin Corbally, the aim of the webinar series was to emphasise the important lessons to be learned across centuries, the need to constantly question the current status quo and embrace change as an inevitable aspect of the evolution of medicine and surgical practices.

Professor Corbally commented: "The History of Medicine webinar series informed us not just of the skills and dedication of our predecessors, but also their persistence in the pursuit of solutions. Therefore, we must appreciate the countless doctors, nurses and patients over the many thousands of years who have helped forge medicine as we know it today."

"The webinar also highlighted how science contributes to our understanding of medical practice 200 years ago and I would hope, develop resilience, empathetic skills and remind our students to persevere when faced with challenges."

The series delivered by RCSI Bahrain faculty and experts from different medical specialties explored a range of topics in the fields of surgery, anatomy, obstetrics and gynaecology and pathology through different time periods. All webinars were open to healthcare

practitioners and ended with a question-and-answer session.

The series included a variety of themes such as "Women: Their Fall and Rise" presented by the late Professor Jim Dornan, Former Chair and Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, RCSI Bahrain and "Anatomical Dissection and the History of Anatomy" delivered by Chair and Professor, Department of Medicine at RCSI Bahrain, Professor John Flood.

In addition to, "What can we learn about disease in ancient times from Paleopathology", presented by Associate Professor in Surgery, Department of Medicine, RCSI Bahrain, Professor Thomas Walsh, "Medicine and the Holocaust", by Lecturer in Healthcare Ethics, RCSI Bahrain, Dr Fionnuala Gough, "Another Unprecedented Epidemic?: The Irish influence on the 1832 Cholera Epidemic" by Consultant Paediatrician, King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH), Dr Gabriel Fox.

The final webinar of the series was moderated by His Excellency Dr Faisal Al Mousawi, Former RCSI Bahrain President, Former Minister of Health and Speaker of the Shura Council, Kingdom of Bahrain and featured the topic of "The History of Medicine in the Arab World", presented by Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, (KHUH), Dr Mohamed Amin Al Awadhi.

President of RCSI Bahrain, Professor Sameer Otoom commented: "The History of Medicine webinar series, the first of its kind in RCSI Bahrain, provided an opportunity for our students and healthcare professionals to understand and explore the changes that have occurred in the field of medicine across the centuries."

Developing labour market

National plan provides more quality job opportunities for Bahrainis: Humaidan

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Labour and Social Development Minister and Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Board of Directors Chairman Jamil bin Mohammad Ali Humaidan praised the Cabinet's decision to adopt the National Labour Market Plan 2021-2023.

The plan reflected the visions and directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to develop the labour market in accordance with the basic principles of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 of sustainability, competitiveness and justice.

It will contribute in creating quality job opportunities for citizens and making them the best choice for employment, in addition to continuing to develop control and regulatory procedures and enhancing the contributions of the private sector in the labour market.

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promotes economic growth, serves the objectives of developing capabilities and skills of national human resources, and improves the means and the mechanisms.

He referred to the many unprecedented measures that have been taken to maintain the stability of the labor market in Bahrain during the pandemic and proved the Kingdom's ability and the support and cooperation of the business sector to deal with these challenges with responsibility.

The plan seeks to achieve the principle of preferential employment for citizens, and to develop a mechanism for attracting foreign

workers.

It is also taking advantage of the initiatives launched by the government to reduce the economic repercussions of the pandemic and ensure the stability of national employment in the labour market by paying the salaries of citizens working in the private sector.

As well as supporting successful experiences such as the part-time work system and remote work, which takes into account flexible work requirements in some jobs capable of benefiting from the productive female workforce with the directions of the National Plan for the Advance-

ment of Bahraini Women 2013-2022, which is supervised by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) and aims to make Bahraini women's participation in the labour market sustainability.

The plan stressed the importance of regulating workers' housing licensing and adhering to safety requirements in these establishments, provided that continuous follow-up of these accommodations to ensure the safety and rights of workers, in addition to intensifying efforts and measures aimed at controlling irregular workers and reducing their numbers in the labour market.

Colourful Philippine cultural heritage on display



Ambassador Ver and the guests of honour view the artworks

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The Philippine Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain presents the Philippine Cultural Heritage Art Exhibit entitled "Iba't Ibang Kulay at Hugis ng Kasaysayan" (History in Myriad Colours and Forms).

The event, part of the 123rd Philippine Independence Day celebrations, is being held in cooperation with the Filipino Creatives Bahrain art group and the Filipino Writers Circle.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver and Chief Executive Officer of Harbour Gate, Alex



Craine, Indonesian Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo and Farida Hairani Hisham, Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of Brunei Darussalam, also attended the opening night.

The art exhibit features a unique way of promoting Philippine cultural heritage through arts in different colours and

forms accompanied by literary works crafted by Filipino artists and writers who have made Bahrain their second home.

In addition, the exhibit features art works created by budding young Filipino artists.

The exhibit will run from 10 to 23 July 2021 at the Harbour Gate, Bahrain Financial Harbour.

Nass looks to sign FTA with Brazil to step up trade

● Federation of GCC Chambers and Arab-Brazilian Chamber hold virtual meeting

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Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Sameer Nass expressed pride in the growing bilateral relations of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries and Brazil at all levels.

Also Chairman of the Federation of GCC Chambers, Nass recalled the recent meeting between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, which was held in March 2021 via video conferencing. This came



The online discussion in progress

during a virtual coordination meeting held between the Federation of GCC Chambers and the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking at the meeting, Nass cited the trade volume between the GCC and Brazil which amounted to \$9.2 billion in 2018 and called to consolidate efforts to reinforce trade and investment and connect business

owners from both sides.

He voiced the keenness of the business community of the GCC in having a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed between both sides, which will contribute to facilitating trade and boosting economic cooperation.

Nass also called to exchange business delegations and hold sector-specific business functions to highlight investment

and partnership opportunities.

Speaking at the event, Arab Brazilian Chamber of Commerce President Osmar Chohfi reiterated pride in the high-level relations between Brazil and the GCC, exemplified in the growing, diplomatic, political, and economic ties.

He shared the sentiment of Nass with regard to consolidating efforts to boost trade and partnerships.

He also revealed the Arab-Brazilian Chamber's plans to reinforce liaison with Arab countries, which include inaugurating a representative office in Riyadh and Cairo, in addition to its existing office in Dubai-the UAE.

Chohfi expressed confidence in the outcomes of the forthcoming Brazil-GCC economic forum, scheduled for November.

Jail term upheld for money launderers

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The High Appeals Court upheld the jail sentence of an owner of a production company and two other men involved in money laundering.

The defendants were earlier sentenced to five years in prison along with fines worth BD5,000. The court also ordered for the confiscation of BD200,000 from them. A fourth man was involved in the case, but was acquitted due to lack of evidence.

According to court files, the production company owner is an Arab man who is believed to have been generating enormous income through prostitution. He reportedly circu-

lated transferred part of the income to the second and third defendants who were jobless.

Investigators discovered that the defendants used to circulate the money before using it to purchase valuables.

Shockingly, the Arab man was already in prison, serving a five-year imprisonment sentence when it was found that he was implicated in this case too. He was arrested earlier for running a prostitution den.

He denied involvement in money laundering, stating that the income came from the operations of his company. The other two men also claimed they weren't guilty, saying that they were partners in the same establishment.