

# High-demand joy for housing units



The second Housing Finance Exhibition venue

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Around 63% of the units in the "Suhail" housing project - the first to be implemented under the Government Land Development Programme - have already been reserved, Housing and Urban Planning Ministry announced. They were booked during the first four days of the second Housing Finance Exhibition, inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ab-

dulla Al Khalifa, at City Centre on June 15, and will run until June 24.

The housing project was implemented following the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to expand the Government Land Development Programme and implement eight additional projects in partnership with the private sector during 2023-2024.

According to the Ministry, the citizens who meet the eligibility criteria of its financing services had reported massively to "Suhail" project pavilion since the opening of the exhibition, adding that those who had booked their units will have to complete the purchase procedures within the following days.

The ministry indicated that high turnout of the citizens and the great number of booked units from the "Suhail" project on the first days of the exhibition reflect the objectives of the

Government Land Development Programme in providing a supply base of housing units that is appropriate to the value of financing granted by the ministry to citizens, adding that the commercial banks participating in the exhibition provide exclusive offers to help citizens choose housing units immediately.

Over 10,000 citizens had visited the Housing Finance Exhibition on its first four days, and were informed about the offers of the real estate development companies.

## Bahrain ensures best healthcare services



Dr. Al Ansari with Israel Health Ministry officials

Tel Aviv

The Government Hospitals administration is keen to provide the best healthcare services within a framework that enhances the healthcare system in the Kingdom, according to the highest level of quality, competitiveness, and excellence.

This was emphasised by Dr. Ahmed Al Ansari, Chief Executive Officer of Government Hospitals, as he visited the Ministry of Health of Israel, accompanied

by Khaled Yousef Al Jalahma, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Israel.

The visit aims to enhance joint work, exchange skills, and reinforce cooperation in the training and scientific research, as well as in the Visiting Doctor Programme, within the framework of the two countries' efforts to enhance healthcare services.

Dr. Asher Solomon, Head of Department of International Relations at the Israeli Ministry of Health, was present in the meeting.

## Talks held on fight against trafficking

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The National Committee for Combatting Trafficking in Persons held its first meeting after its restructuring, chaired by LMRA Chief Executive Officer Nouf Abdulrahman Jamsheer.

Jamsheer congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on Bahrain's

achievement of the "Tier 1" status in the US State Department's report on the classification of countries in the field of combatting trafficking in persons for the sixth consecutive year.

She noted that this achievement reflects the Kingdom's significant and sustainable efforts to maintain a stable and fair work environment.

Jamsheer highlighted Bahrain's pioneering regional role in combating trafficking in persons.

### Joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted four joint inspection campaigns in coordination with the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture in the Capital and Muharraq Governorates. The inspection campaigns included visits to a number of shops and work sites, to determine the extent of compliance with laws and regulations in order to preserve the competitiveness, stability and productivity of the labour market. The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action. LMRA renewed its call to all members of the society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055

## NSSA takes part in UN space meeting for women

New York

The National Space Science Authority (NSSA) represented the Kingdom of Bahrain in the "Space4Women: Progress and Updates" meeting, on the sidelines of the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations Committee for the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

NSSA attended the event at the invitation of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).

Engineer Aisha Al-Haram, a member of the Bahrain space



The percentage of women working in the space sector in Bahrain is 65%, and the percentage of women in leadership positions in the same sector is about 67%; which are considered the highest in the world among the international space agencies.

team, was delegated to attend the meeting.

She was among those selected as part of the 2023 mentors program of the "Space4Women" initiative, which is one of the initiatives that support the

empowerment of women in the space sector.

Eng. Aisha expressed her gratitude to NSSA for the opportunity to participate in this important meeting, noting Bahrain's keenness to empow-

er women and NSSA's efforts to achieve gender equity in this promising sector.

"I am proud to represent Bahraini women in the "Space4Women" initiative, and to highlight their ability to lead in all sectors," Al-Haram added.

During the meeting, Niklas Hedman, Acting Director of UNOOSA, stressed the importance of empowering women and promoting gender equality within the "Space4Women" initiative.

The meeting concluded with an update on the Mentorship Program for "Space4Women".

## Philippine Embassy holds National Reception Day

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The Philippine Embassy has hosted a National Reception Day to jointly commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence Day and the 45th year of Philippines-Bahrain Diplomatic Relations.

Her Excellency Anne Jala-

do-on Louis welcomed guests of honor His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Ali Bahzad, Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Daij bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chairman of ASEAN Bahrain Council, and Manama Capital Directorate, Director of Information and Follow up, Mr. Yusuf Lori.



Information and Follow-up Director, Mr. Yusuf Lori, with Filipino community members

The reception at the Bahrain Conference Center, Crown Plaza Hotel was graced by around 260 guests including Bahrain government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, leaders and representatives of the business community, and the Filipino community.

A collection of vintage memorabilia, which consisted of old

stamps and coins, bank notes postcards and documents were exhibited to show glimpse of panoramic view of the Philippines through small things.

The Nightingales, a soprano duo comprised of Ms. Katrina Saga and Ms. Bernadette Mamaug along with Filipino Community Band serenaded the guests with Filipino songs.