

Bahrain embraces global digital technologies, data revolution

More than 500 experts from 107 countries take part in 9th SDMX Global Conference

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The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) launched the 9th Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) Global Conference under the theme 'Empowering Data Communities'.

Held in the Middle East for the first time, the event is a collaboration between the iGA and number of international organisations.

The event has drawn more than 500 participants from 107 countries, including data science experts, officials from regional and international institutions, statisticians, and data users from national, regional, and international organisations, as well as academia and the private sector.

The opening ceremony commenced with a keynote address

“It is important to adopt the SDMX initiative and its influence on enhancing the data management capabilities of these institutions, as it contributes to the creation of a more comprehensive and coherent global ecosystem for financial data.”

- RASHEED AL MARAJ, GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF BAHRAIN (CBB)

by Rasheed Al Maraj, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), in which he highlighted



Mr Al Maraj and Mr Al Qaed with participants

the CBB's dedication to the development of official statistics with a focus on enhancing monetary and financial stability while ensuring the sustainable development of the financial industry.

He emphasised the importance of high-quality official statistics that can be effectively managed and published, recog-

nising their impact on the bank's policies and initiatives, and adding that this information also empowers financial institutions and the general public.

Al Maraj also highlighted the CBB's commitment to offering a variety of transparent monthly and annual statistical publications, and its focus on harnessing digital tech-

nologies to improve data accessibility and utilisation, in alignment with global best practices.

During his speech, iGA Chief Executive, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed underlined the iGA's core principles and unwavering commitment to turning Bahrain into a digital society, in line with the vision of the senior leadership

“The SDMX Initiative provides the tools needed to address regional challenges, harness opportunities, and make significant contributions to global dialogues on statistics.”

- MOHAMMED ALI AL QAED, INFORMATION & EGOVERNMENT AUTHORITY (IGA) CHIEF EXECUTIVE,

and the directives of His Excellency Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communications Technology (MCICT).

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'Features of Bahrain Civilization' mobile exhibition ongoing



Visitors learn more about Bahrain's rich heritage and civilisation

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The Arabian Gulf University is currently hosting the "Features of Bahrain Civilization" mobile exhibition, launched by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) earlier this year.

The exhibition aims to provide visitors, students, and academic and administrative staff with a collection of introductory panels and historical texts highlighting various historical and heritage sites in the Kingdom of Bahrain from different eras.

Among the prominent sites showcased are the Unesco World Heritage-listed archaeological sites, including the Bahrain Fort site, the Pearling

Path site, and the Dilmun Burial Mounds site.

During the exhibition's opening at the university, Dr. Salman Al-Mahari, the Director of the Museums and Antiquities Department at the BACA, provided a detailed explanation of Bahrain's significant monuments, such as the Dilmun burial mounds, the Temple of Draz, the Bahrain Fort, and more.

The exhibition's purpose is to deepen knowledge of Bahrain's ancient historical and cultural heritage by bringing cultural activities to public places and spaces across the Kingdom.

It aims to introduce Bahrain's heritage and civilisation, offering comprehensive information about historical sites.

Bahrain-UK cooperation



H.E. Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, received yesterday Alastair Long, UK Ambassador to Bahrain. The minister affirmed the solid Bahraini-British, which are growing steadily across various fields, stressing the need to continue consolidating bilateral ties to serve the interests of the two kingdoms and their peoples. The two sides also discussed topic of common interest, in addition to ways to bolster bilateral cooperation.