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INJAZ Bahrain has recently conducted the 12th edition of Young Entrepreneurs Competition that witnessed student entrepreneurs from around the Kingdom competing to obtain the coveted Awards.

Al Iman Private Schools (Boys) team- Ahmed Hassan Almannai, Mubarak Khalid Bin Hindi, Abdulla Salah Abuzaid, Ali Adel Mohammed, Isa Jassim Alrumihi, Mohamed Hamad Alhajri- won the High School Product of the Year Award for their innovative Wain Adriss under the coordination of Mohamed Ishaq.

The team shares the details of Wain Adriss with Bahrain This Week.

Can you detail Wain Adriss for our readers?
Wain Adriss App is an application intended for students and designed to work on smartphones. It aims to help university and school students to find suitable places to study in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in addition to providing the best prices and discounts to students from various stores participating in the application.

Our App is available on the Apple App Store at present time. It focuses primarily on supporting pioneering projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain and marketing for them with expressive images of the shop, working hours, data of communication with the store and its location. Features and profiles available in it serve students. More than 800 people have downloaded the application so far.

How did the idea of Wain Adriss originate?
From the beginning of the team’s launch in November 2019, we have endeavoured to research and investigate realistic problems in our society that require practical solutions. When we found the way to the problem that students in general and university students and higher studies, in particular, are suffering from, such as students’ lack of knowledge of the appropriate places to study, and the majority going to the same known stores in the Kingdom of Bahrain, thus crowding and inconvenience occurs, the students not finding a quiet place to study at the time- we have striven to provide a solution to this problem in the form of a smartphone application that is easy, simple and available to everyone.

How long did it to develop the app?
Work on the application continued for about three months, and it took all this time due to the high cost of options available for the application, and a large number of alternatives and methods available for the application.

Who are the participating vendors?
From starting day to this date we have 26 coffee shop participating with the App such as mama mocha, Tea club, White sugar, Beans and Java, Uncle Sam Caffe and other Coffee Shops located in different areas in Bahrain.

We have one shared work place (DIWAN HUB) that provide tremendous options for the student to work and collaborate.

What’s the next project for your team?
Our Next Project is to develop a second version of the App that works on Android platform, where our current App works only on iOS phones (Apple iPhone and tablets).
**BAHRAINI YOUTH IS THE WEALTH OF THE KINGDOM**

The Kingdom of Bahrain joined the other nations in the world in celebrating the International Youth Day on the 12th of August.

His Majesty the King’s Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, National Security Advisor and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Affairs (SCYS) Chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa affirmed that the council is keen to implement the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa in supporting Bahraini youth in various fields.

In an interview on the occasion of the International Youth Day, His Highness said that the youth and sports movement in the Kingdom is moving on the right track and that numerous prominent and initiatives have been approved at the regional and global level, which will bring the Bahraini youth and sports movement in line with international developments.

HH Shaikh Nasser pointed out that the initiatives are an embodiment of the vision of HM the King who has always been keen to provide the best environment for youth and sports, which resulted in massive achievements in various sports.

HH Shaikh Nasser mentioned initiatives and contributions that ensure youth development and emphasized their importance, stressing that future generations are a priority in the Kingdom.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) President hailed the vital role of Bahraini youth in promoting sustainable goals in various fields.

“We in Bahrain have a lot of faith in our youth and we stand by them, giving them our full confidence to steer the Kingdom towards new successes in the development field as we are keen to reach the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations. We want Bahrain to become a role model to emulate,” HH Shaikh Khalid said.

“Bahrain has taken tangible and clear steps to activate the role of youth as we consider them an integral part of the development process in all fields as well as to allow them to be involved in decision-making in line with the United Nations’ vision and aspirations for the 2030 sustainable development goals,” he added.

“Youth are the vein of all nations and with them, we prosper. We in Bahrain are proud of our youth who we consider them as our real wealth thanks to their capabilities and potential,” he concluded.

**BAHRAIN RECEIVES PATROL WARSHIP "RBNS AL-ZUBARA"**

With its modern combat warships, sophisticated administrative vessels and advanced transportation and training ships, in addition to the frigate RBNS Sabha, the RBNF revives Bahrain’s ancient rich maritime history, as the country used to have one of the largest naval fleets in the region.

The delivery of the new patrol warship (RBNS Al-Zubara) to RBNF is a source of pride as it carries the name of a region that is dear to every Bahraini citizen.

Al-Zubara, which was established by the Al Khalifa Rulers during their reign over the Qatar Peninsula, was a thriving commercial and economic centre, as well as a beacon of knowledge and culture.

It was an integral part of the territories of the Kingdom of Bahrain as it was the Capital of the Al Khalifa state in the Qatar Peninsula and the islands of Bahrain.
DEWA INSTALLS MORE GREEN CHARGER STATIONS AT EXPO DUBAI SITE

The Dubai Electricity and Water Authority, Dewa, has installed two electric vehicle Green Charger stations at the offices of Expo Dubai - in addition to installing 15 more stations at the Opportunity, Sustainability and Mobility pavilions for electric vehicle owners who will visit Expo Dubai.

This is part of its effort to provide a sustainable Expo Dubai for six months and longer.

As the Official Sustainability Partner for Expo Dubai from October 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, Dewa has invested Dh4.26 billion to build the electricity and water infrastructure for the event using the latest smart systems. It will also provide clean energy to the Expo Dubai from the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park, the largest single-site solar park in the world based on the Independent Power Producer, IPP, model.

Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, MD and CEO of Dewa, said that Dewa collaborates with the relevant organisations in the UAE to prepare to host the best World Expo, in Dubai.

“Host Expo Dubai, Dewa has completed several major projects, including constructing electricity and water transmission networks. The total cost of Dewa’s three sub-stations at Expo Dubai has reached Dh420 million,” he added.

“Our plan to install 17 electric vehicle Green Charger stations at the Expo site is part of our work to achieve the Smart Dubai initiative, launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, to make Dubai the smartest and happiest city in the world. It also supports the Dubai Plan 2021 to make Dubai a smart, sustainable and innovative city in managing its resources, improving its quality of life, consolidating Dubai’s position as a global model for a green economy. We are committed to increasing the number of hybrid and electric vehicles in Dubai, which supports the Dubai Green Mobility Strategy 2030 and the Dubai Carbon Abatement Strategy 2021 to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector,” Al Tayer said.

As the expiry date for free charging for electric vehicles approaches, Dewa has announced an extension. The extension allows private users, who register for the Green Charger Initiative to charge their vehicles for free at Dewa public charging stations until December 31, 2021.

This incentive is exclusively for Dewa public charging stations and does not include home charging stations.

THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

By Dr. Jassim Haji

The advancement of digitalisation and artificial intelligence, sometimes referred to as the fourth industrial revolution, is one of the most topical issues among economy experts and policy-makers worldwide.

Lately the productivity growth rates have been subdued in many developed countries. In some Eastern European countries, they have also moderated compared to their levels before the crisis when the economy saw very rapid growth. On a global scale, the productivity growth has been and will continue to be affected by factors such as demographic challenges (population ageing) and mounting government debt inhibiting policy efforts to introduce changes.

Meanwhile, some researchers believe that the existing statistical methods of data presentation simply might not reflect part of the productivity growth.

The digitalisation of the economy comes with high expectations: the development of the internet of things, big data, 3D printing and sharing economy would make it possible to optimise the existing processes and unlock the potential for new development incentives. Examples are countless but some of the most notable and known to the Latvian public are the virtual assistants of the technology and entertainment company “Tet” and the Enterprise Register. Such new solutions allow us to save both material and human resources. Furthermore, they would enable us to improve our productivity over time. Already today, digital algorithms can replace workers in many occupations, allowing businesses worldwide to reduce costs and boost productivity.

Economists largely agree on the productivity gains of digitalisation, but their opinions on employment-related issues in this context vary greatly. There are two opposing views of how digitalisation will affect employment in the future. The first view holds that up to a half of jobs in the developed world will be automated in the coming 10 to 20 years. The share of automated jobs might be even larger in developing countries due to their employment structure. Such rapid changes might result in mass unemployment. Meanwhile, those with the opposing viewpoint remind us that, historically, the replacement of labour with technologies has consistently led to the creation of new jobs, and they believe that digitalisation will also increase the demand for new professions. Time will show what will be the actual development. Either way, it is already clear that we can expect major changes, and policymakers should prepare for them in good time.

Empirical studies have shown that jobs are not only lost but also created in the process of digitalisation. For instance, a study conducted in Europe found that in more digitalised sectors the number of created jobs is five times higher than that of lost jobs, while in less digitalised sectors the number of created jobs is almost half of those lost. This indicates that the employment growth and the progress of digitalisation can be positively correlated in the economy. However, the technological development results in the creation of new jobs only under certain conditions.

Regardless the total number of jobs remained unchanged or increased due to further introduction of digital technologies, it is obvious that this process can significantly change the skills profile of in-demand employees.
Snapchat now has lenses specifically to be used in viral TikTok dance challenges

Snap knows that people post videos with its augmented reality lenses to multiple platforms, it’s launching lenses specifically to be used on TikTok. The company is partnering with four TikTok stars, including Jalaiah Harmon, who created the Renegade dance, to launch Snapchat lenses that track people’s bodies as they move and change in response. One lens, made in collaboration with Dixie D’Amelio, places rain around the subject along with cartoon lightning bolts and fireworks, depending on how they move. Snap says these lenses track 18 joints across the body, and anyone can make body lenses starting today through Lens Studio.

With these initial lenses, the idea is clearly to incentivize people to come to Snapchat for its creative tools, possibly more than its social network. Given that all of Snapchat's influencer partners for this rollout are prominent TikTok dancers, the company is tacitly saying it wants people to dance with the lenses and use them in challenges, which are most popular on TikTok.

For now, only two of the lenses have music embedded, so people can't play music and perform the challenges straight from Snapchat. Instead, they'll have to play the music from a different app while recording or perform the dance without music cues. Snap says it plans to allow English-speaking users to record with music starting this fall. The company says the feature is designed to help people share music with their close friends rather than encourage dance challenges on the platform.

Generally, Snapchat is positioning itself as more of a place to create than to share, which is an interesting space to see the company conquer. Snap has considered itself a camera company for years now, and these lenses, along with other initiatives like its Snap Camera desktop app, speak to that mission.

Businesses that need to settle their VAT can now easily do it online via the National Portal, bahrain.bh.

Launched by the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), in cooperation with the National Bureau for Revenue (NBR), the eService enables all companies eligible to charge VAT on their products and services, to easily and conveniently view and settle their bills online.

The service is available through the National Portal, bahrain.bh which allows entering bill and VAT account numbers to view the amounts due in detail. Also the services allows entering the due amounts and contact details, to finalize the online payment. Once the transaction is complete, a receipt can be printed or sent via email.

The service is in line with commitment to deploy modern technologies and systems that further streamline and secure the VAT collection process. It also supports the government's ongoing digital transformation initiatives and national efforts to support the private sector through convenient online channels, while maintaining the highest security and privacy standards.

For any suggestions or enquiries on the services, please contact us via the National Suggestions & Complaints System Tauasul at bahrain.bh/tauasul or bahrain.bh/app or call 80008001.

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BAHRAIN AIRPORT COMPANY COMPLETES THE ANNUAL BAHRAIN CIVIL AVIATION AFFAIRS SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AUDIT

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), completed the annual Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA) Safety Management System (SMS) Audit aimed at ensuring that relevant SMS Aerodrome Certification requirements are met. This year’s audit was focused on the effectiveness of the Aerodrome Safety Management System at BIA, including considerations for COVID-19 management and recovery. The audit required close coordination between the BCAA audit team and BAC Airside Operations, Facilities Management, and Fire Fighting and Rescue Services.

Mr. Al Binfalah said: “Safety is at the top of our priorities and this important annual audit plays a key role in ensuring that we maintain the necessary standards. This is even more vital as airlines operating out of BIA begin to resume regular flights following the slow down caused by COVID-19. We are taking every possible precaution to safeguard the wellbeing of passengers and staff at BIA and continue to comply with all directives issued by the National Task Force for Combating COVID-19. I would like to thank the BCAA auditors for their hard work in assisting our team throughout the audit process, which is essential to enhance operational efficiency, identify areas for improvement, and build on our solid safety performance.”

Other areas assessed during the audit included safety performance indicators and targets, airport capacity analysis and safety measures including management interactions, implications of parked aircraft on BIA operations, safety, and infrastructure, human factors in aerodrome safety management, rescue and firefighting capabilities, and wildlife management.

The audit is a proactive safety management activity intended to ensure the timely identification of areas with potential for improvement to enhance safety, and that the Airport Safety Management System complies with applicable safety regulatory requirements.

BATCHED LAUNCHES DIGITAL STEM SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP

Bateelco, has announced its support for the STEM Leadership Summer Camp in support of youth across the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and leadership. The digital Camp opened on August 9 and will run until September 6.

The digital training programme, being held in collaboration with BRINCE Bateelco and Clever Play, aims to foster leaders equipped with relevant skills, knowledge and the required mind-set in preparation to excel in the future business landscape.

Participants in the digital camp are divided into two camps, with Camp 1 for students aged 15-18 and Camp 2 for those aged from 19-22. The programme’s content will cover all business aspects ranging from generating innovative product ideas for revenue generation and cost cutting, to creating the participants’ own business models, allowing them to identify revenue streams and key stakeholders. Throughout the Camp, students will be educated on how to start a business and be provided with the opportunity to prototype their idea through developing a mobile or web app with a flow interface, through attending the STEM classes. The camp will also provide participants with a tailored programme, enabling them to improve their presentation skills and pitching, while also teaching them what should be included in their pitch decks. The camp will conclude with the ideas being shared during a pitching competition in front of a panel of expert judges who will announce the winner with the best idea.

Through the camp, students will have the opportunity to discover their inner strengths, develop their skills and enhance their self-confidence, while developing leadership skills and ways to establish and implement action plans successfully.

Bateelco continues to participate in various initiatives and events to enhance the role of youth in the Kingdom of Bahrain and to provide them with a supportive and encouraging environment. Through this camp, the Company aims to provide young talents with motivation and the necessary skills, while also guiding them towards becoming a key resource for the Bahraini business sector and economy in the coming years.

The company aspires to contribute to the development of Bahrain’s promising youth in line with the required development of the future digital economy.

BENEFIT TAKES PART IN BUILDING FUTURE IT LEADERS OF BAHRAN

BENEFIT has collaborated with Thinksmart for a special project aimed towards building the future IT leaders of Bahrain. The program, known as Forsati, is an initiative in partnership with Microsoft, and aims towards shining top Bahraini graduates and preparing them for the jobs of tomorrow.

Through this initiative and amongst other partners, BENEFIT is leading the way for Bahraini’s economic and community development, by preparing Bahraini youth for key positions in all sectors, leading to sustainability and economic development, in line with Team Bahrain’s initiatives.

Selected Bahraini graduates joining #TeamBENEFIT will be undergoing Microsoft’s job-role training and professional certifications, aligned with the industry and technical roles and requirements. Students will also be provided with career coaching and mentoring, ultimately improving their employability chances for emerging jobs such as Fintech Analyst, AI Engineers, Data Scientist, Software Developers and Solution Architect. Organizations such as BENEFIT, will have complete access to the pool of talent during the entire duration of the program.

Abdulwahed AlJanahi, Chief Executive of BENEFIT, said: “BENEFIT is pleased to support such an important initiative, in line with our mission to provide innovative solutions and encourage young Bahraini talents. We are confident in this initiative that will support the community as a whole, leading to sustainability and economic development for the Kingdom of Bahrain.”

Mr. Ahmed AlHujairy, Group Chief Executive Officer of Thinksmart, mentioned in a statement: “We believe in the importance of education and building a sustainable future for our young Bahraini talents with the support of our partners and Kingdom’s best universities involved. Together, we can further advance our economy and contribute to the growth and sustainability of the Kingdom’s economic development.”
KEEP ON DREAMING...

Friends, this is my last article in this series. Thank you all for accompanying me in this year-long journey. Recently I was honoured by ranking among top ten Indian billionaires in GCC region. Many of my friends congratulated me for this achievement. One of them smilingly asked, “Jay, what is the secret formula to become a billionaire?” I replied, “There is nothing secret in it. The formula is very simple. It is ‘4D’ i.e. Dream, Determination, Discipline and Destiny. Remember, the voyage starts from dreaming, but later the other three factors decide your success.”

When I look back at my past, I see a young boy of sixteen dreaming a cozy and childish dream of becoming a rich person instantly. The boy had seen people from his area going to Gulf countries for jobs and becoming part of affluent society. He then decided to go to Dubai for a job and make a fortune. Somewhere, the tender wish of that boy was heard by Destiny. She smiled and blessed him with an opportunity. Of course the dream came true, but not instantly. It took 40 years to reach that milestone. Meanwhile the boy had also understood the value of hard work, honesty, humanity, happiness and health.

I still remember the day when I first landed in Dubai. I had only 30 Dirham in my pocket, which my father had sent me in advance for spending our dreams come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. Life is very beautiful, live healthy and happy and let us make other’s lives more beautiful. You may call it my next dream, but today I can handle transactions worth millions of Dirham. My educational progress was so disappointing that my parents expected me to become a plumber or an electrician. Today I have a doctorate with distinction in Business Management from a foreign university. I am sure that my dreams were the cause of this. Let me appeal to you- cherish as many dreams as possible and pursue them. Life is very beautiful, live healthy and happy and let us make other’s lives more beautiful. You may call it my next dream.

I take your leave quoting Walt Disney- All our dreams come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.

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THE RITZ-CARLTON, BAHRAIN INTRODUCES PLEX’EAT

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, our goal remains to be the benchmark of luxury hospitality and what better way to prove our dedication to this cause than to introduce a first-of-its-kind safe setting to fine dining. We are also very proud to be the first ones to introduce PLEX’EAT in the region, in collaboration with our ownership, International Hotels Establishment.”

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain is located in the Al Seef district in Manama.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain continues to elevate the guests’ experience by providing innovative solutions to provide a safe experience amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic with the new PLEX’EAT. True to its promise of elegance and luxury, the 5-star property introduces the well-designed Plexiglas visors guaranteed to make guests feel safe while dining in select award-winning restaurants and lounges inside the resort. The bold introduction is in line with the Kingdom of Bahrain’s measures to begin easing the strict guidelines on restaurants and bars. With the use of PLEX’EAT, cleanliness is maintained while guests can dine safely with the transparent cone hanging from the ceiling.

Like pendant lights, PLEX’EAT units surround each person’s upper body so that one can enjoy a meal with friends without having to worry about the spread of the pathogen. The protective shields are a unique combination of artistic form and function that can be positioned corresponding to the seats around the tables. An overture on the back allows guests to easily move, enter and exit from the transparent dome. Strikingly beautiful, and a pure piece of art, PLEX’EAT is created by Christophe Gernigon, a French designer and decorator who has been working in the fields of interior design and scenography for over 20 years.

On the occasion, General Manager, Bernard de Villèle, commented “At The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, our goal is to introduce a first-of-its-kind safe setting to fine dining. We are also very proud to be the first ones to introduce PLEX’EAT in the region, in collaboration with our ownership, International Hotels Establishment.”
HH SHAIKH ISA BIN ABDULLAH CROWNS THE GOLDEN TRIO IN THE 1ST AL QATTAN HORSE BEAUTY CHAMPIONSHIP

HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) has crowned the Golden Trio of the 1st Al Qattan Arabian Horse Beauty Championship which was held through video call.

The crowning ceremony witnessed the presence of Dr Khalid Ahmed Hassan, BREEF’s Board member Head of the Horse Beauty Committee at the Federation. Meanwhile, Mr Yasser Al Qattan of Al Qattan Stud which organised the Championship gifted HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, a souvenir and another one to Dr Khalid Ahmed Hassan.

Meanwhile, HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa presented the cups to the first-place winners in the three competitions of the Championship, including Ali Qambar-owned Shaikhat Al Nawader, Zakriya Yahya-owned Reem Al Nauader and Jalal Al Ali-owned Ghazal Al Sultana, who finished first in the 2yr-old mare category, the 3yr-old mare class and the 4+yr-old mare section respectively.

Commenting on this, HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa expressed gratitude and appreciation to Al Qattan Stud for their efforts in organising the event virtually, pointing out that this step comes in line with the vision of BREEF which always strived to improve and upgrade the equestrian sports in the Kingdom of Bahrain amid the great support they are receiving from HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa explained that Al Qattan Arabian Horse Beauty Championship reflects the huge interest and care of Al Qattan Stud in organising equestrian events despite the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus “Covid-19” pandemic. “BREEF has been keen to support all the local studs to organise various championships which contribute to achieving further successes.

Furthermore, HH Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa discussed with Yasser Al Qattan several topics related to the Championship. He revealed that the 5-day event featured wide participation from the local studs. “On the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to thank HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of BREEF and all the staff serving there for their support to the Championship,” he said, adding: “The event witnessed broad participation from the local studs and we are happy with the success it accomplished, although it was held through video call. We will continue organising more similar events.”