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Zahra Al Safi, the Bahraini student has made the Kingdom proud by winning a Korean-language speech contest after beating 1,918 competitors from 90 King Sejong Institutes worldwide. As Zahra is looking forward to specializing in the Korean language in order to become a competent translator and interpreter in Arabic and Korean, she'll indeed be the Cultural Ambassador for the Korean language in Bahrain.

Congratulations on winning the Korean-language speech contest after beating 1,918 competitors from 90 King Sejong Institutes worldwide. How did you develop an interest in the Korean language and how long you're studying the language?
I'm really interested in languages and linguistics in general. My mother tongue is Arabic, and I learn English since my childhood, but I always wanted to learn a new language. I started learning Korean by myself at first. Starting from the alphabet of the Korean language, to vocabulary and grammar, everything was unique and interesting to learn. I'm now attending regular classes in Sejong Institute following a well-structured curriculum to improve my level and enhance my skills. It has been 4 years now since I started learning Korean.

What was the preparations for the contest?

The Sejong Institute provided all the final round participants with individual online classes with Korean teachers and prepared us to answer any questions. We wrote our speeches and practiced with the teachers to improve our pronunciation and speech content. Those online classes provided us with everything we needed and helped us in each step to finalize a high-quality speech that speaks up our thoughts.

What was the procedures to take part in it?

We initially had a Bahrain based competition and the winner got the chance to represent Bahrain in the international contest. Unfortunately, we didn't travel this year and presented our speeches in the institute



online. After I was selected from Bahrain, we went through several more rounds (evaluation of speech videos, interviews, etc.) and 10 of us were selected to participate in the final round.

What was the topic/theme of the contest?

The topic of this year's contest is "The Korean I Met, The Korean I Will Meet". As you know, learning a new language comes with many opportunities to meet new people and get to know new cultures deeply. In my speech, I talked about the interesting features and characteristics of Korean people that caught my eyes as a foreigner. One of the points I wrote about, is how Koreans praise others a lot. They have always appreciated the fact that I'm learning their language and it's one of the things that motivated me to study the language.

You're a Quantity Surveying Student at BUB College of Engineering. Your passion for language is entirely different from your academics. What other hobbies/interests that you pursue?

I believe that each student should improve other skills even if they are not related to the major he/she is studying. For me, learning new languages is what I enjoy. I recently started learning Chinese as well. I love to read and study deeply about my mother language, Arabic.

Who encouraged you throughout this unique journey?

Many people helped me and

encouraged me throughout this journey, and this is what made it even more special and unforgettable. My teachers at Manama Sejong Institute helped me a lot from the beginning to deliver the best speech possible. The Korean Embassy also encouraged me to perform well. BUB as well as supported me in every way possible and celebrated this achievement with me. I'm really thankful for them all.

Have you participated in any other speech competitions?

This is my first speech contest in Korean. But I've always enjoyed participating in Arabic and English speech contests in school.

What are your future plans for advancing with the Korean language?

I'll continue taking classes in the institute as well as for self-studying. Also, I hope to go to Korea and learn the language there, because I believe that it will help me improve my skills really fast.

What's your advice for anyone who's interested in learning the Korean language in the Kingdom?

These days, we have many opportunities in Bahrain for Korean language learners. Anyone who is interested can register for free classes in Manama Sejong Institute. Learning a new language is an interesting journey that comes with many opportunities and experiences. I really encourage everyone to learn Korean or any other language. It's a perfect way to look at life from another perspective.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS AFFAIRS WINS THE BEST GOVERNMENT PROJECT FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AWARD



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs has affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain's rich experience in empowering youth has set an example to follow at regional and international levels thanks to the directives of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, whose sponsorship to youth and the initiatives aimed to empowering them has played a key role in developing their skills and capabilities.

HH Shaikh Nasser's remarks came after the Ministry of Youth and Sports

Affairs won the Best Government Project for Youth Empowerment Award in the Arab World for its project "The Making of Elite" during the Arab Government Excellence Award which was organised under the umbrella of the Arab League, in partnership between the UAE Government and the Arab Organisation for Administrative Development.

"This is clear evidence of the great development in the initiatives and programmes that are offered to youth in various aspects, as they have contributed to giving them a great opportunity to convert challenges into opportunities and get a fresh start towards wider

horizons of growth," HH Shaikh Nasser said, adding: "The experience of the Kingdom of Bahrain in empowering young people has succeeded with distinction in exploring their strengths and developing them as well as allowing them, through qualitative programmes and initiatives, to hone their talents. As a result, we are glad to see a growing number of successful and inspiring stories of young people who deserve our support and worth highlighting."

Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser underlined that the Kingdom will continue its efforts towards empowering, supporting its young

people and exporting its experience in this field, stating that the Kingdom has become a role model for the whole world in youth empowerment.

"The Supreme Council for Youth and Sports will continue developing plans and programmes that contribute to empowering Bahraini youth and enabling them accomplish major achievements. The coming period will witness more initiatives and programmes that will enrich Bahrain's youth experience and will give young people additional opportunities to showcase their capabilities and their true role in society," he concluded.



BAHRAIN HONORED WITH FIVE ARAB GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The Kingdom of Bahrain clinched five awards within the Arab Government Excellence Award which is organised by the Arab League's Arab Administrative Development Organisation (ARADO), in cooperation with the UAE government. The announcement was made in a visual celebration held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE Vice President, Prime Minister

and Ruler of Dubai. Five ministries and governmental institutions won the awards. They are the Health Ministry which won the Best Arab Government Project for Developing the Health Sector, the Ministry of Labour and Social Development which won the Best Arab Government Project for Community Development for its "Khatwa" programme for home projects.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry's Customs Directorate was honored with the Best Arab Government Development Initiative award for its Governance of Economic and Customs Information to Facilitate Trade (Ofoq). The Information and eGovernment Authority was picked up for the Best Arab Government Smart App award in recognition of its Tawasul App for the National Suggestion and Complaint system. The Ministry of Youth and Sport Affairs was selected for its Elite Project which was chosen as the best Arab government project for empowering the youth.

This achievement comes within the framework of the efforts made by the Bahraini government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, to benefit from the best practices in upgrading the government's performance to achieve the kingdom's Economic Vision 2030.

HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister directed after the announcement of the Arab Government Excellence Award to set up a High Committee headed by the Cabinet Affairs Minister, HE Mohammed bin

Ibrahim Al Mutawa, and taking into its membership Head of the Civil Service Bureau Ahmed bin Zayed Al Zayed, the ARADO member, who took charge of coordinating with the Secretariat General of the Arab Government Excellence Award.

An evaluation committee, headed by Mr. Ibrahim Al-Tamimi, emerged from the High Committee. It included 13 neutral evaluators to assess the government best practices.

It is worth noting that the Arab Government Excellence Award has witnessed 5,000 Arab participations. More than 1,500 nomination applications have been received since the launch of the award, which includes 15 categories divided between institutional awards and individual awards that cover all aspects of government work.

The award aims to promote the culture of institutional excellence among government work teams in the Arab countries. It also seeks to provide a positive leadership thinking to adopt the approach of excellence and innovation in a way that enhances the ability of the governments to deal with the tasks assigned to them through continuous development of the work system and its methods.

MEENA PLAZA DEMOLITION CREATES NEW WORLD RECORD



Mina Plaza Towers has been declared the world's 'tallest building to be demolished using explosives' (controlled demolition). Modon Properties, which carried out the project, set a new Guinness World Record with the safe and successful

demolition on Friday.

Comprising four high-rise structures, a total of 144 floors were demolished in 10 seconds, with stable non-primary explosives placed in 18,000 drill holes within the structures.

Danny Hickson, official Guinness

World Record adjudicator, said demolishing a structure of such scale required a high level of expertise held only by a few.

"It's a pleasure to witness this controlled demolition and verify it as the largest of its kind. This

monumental achievement promotes a new beginning for the Abu Dhabi skyline, making room for new vibrant developments and designs," Hickson said.

Lauding the team who worked hard on the project: Bill O'Regan, CEO of Modon Properties, said: "We are really proud and excited about making it to the Guinness World Records. The demolition work was a collective effort of all the teams, including government departments and all other partners."

Ahmed Al Shaikh Al Zaabi, director of delivery at Modon, said: "This historic milestone for Abu Dhabi reaffirms the Capital's ability to execute mega projects safely. We are privileged to be appointed as one of the developers tasked to transform key areas of Mina Zayed and delighted to play a vital role in the redevelopment of such an iconic area etched in history.

"This marks a significant step towards the progress of the Mina Zayed community. It also demonstrates the determination of our team and stakeholders to drive this project forward and deliver on the vision of our wise leadership to develop the nation's capital and position it as one of the most appealing destinations in the world."

'MADE IN SAUDI' DESIGN BOOTCAMP OPENED



A design bootcamp to create the visual brand identity for the "Made in Saudi" program has been inaugurated by the Kingdom's Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources Bandar bin Ibrahim Alkhorayef.

Nine Saudi designers are taking part in the bootcamp, after being selected

by a panel from more than 400 applicants.

The minister, who is also chairman of the Saudi Export Development Authority (SAUDI EXPORTS), said there was a need for the program to reflect the Kingdom's global and regional position and for it to "serve

the Kingdom's cultural identity and its substantial industrial capacities."

He said the national industry capitalized on a heritage that spanned more than four decades and was widely acclaimed across all export markets.

The program was a national project for all Saudis and its identity should be designed by nationals in order to indicate that it was fully homegrown, the minister added.

"Launching the 'Made in Saudi' brand identity design camp aims at creating a unified brand identity for the national industry through local expertise, which will contribute to repositioning the Saudi product and advancing it toward new standards of reliability and excellence at all levels."

He highlighted the role of the nation's youth in promoting the distinctive position of the national industry domestically and globally, saying that the Kingdom firmly believed in the potential of its renewable resources, represented by its youth, and relied on them to take it to a new stage of innovation and creativity for a better future.

Saleh Al-Solami, secretary-general of SAUDI EXPORTS, said that substantial efforts and initiatives had been announced by the Saudi leadership to empower the national

industry since the implementation of the Vision 2030 reform plan.

"At the forefront of these endeavors is the National Industrial Development and Logistics Program (NIDLP), in addition to several other initiatives that have been launched to raise local content elements in the national product, under the supervision of the Local Content and Government Procurement Authority (LCGPA).

"In this context, the LCGPA issued the price preference policy for local content and the mandatory list for national products aiming to increase the public sector's demand for local products in all industries."

The director of marketing and corporate communications at SAUDI EXPORTS and the head of the "Made in Saudi" program, Mazen Al-Jasser, said the design bootcamp was welcomed by the country's young creatives and had attracted more applicants than expected.

The nine Saudi designers have been divided into three teams to create three different designs.

The designs will be put forward for an online public vote, but the final identity design has to be endorsed by the minister of industry and mineral resources and also the minister of culture.

NEW SERVICE ADDED TO THE BEAWARE BAHRAIN APP



The BeAware Bahrain app has a new service which makes COVID-19 testing a more straightforward and convenient process. The eService allows users to upload photos of their COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test results to the app and submit them to relevant authorities at the Ministry of Health for any necessary support.

Users can select 'Reporting COVID-19 Rapid Test Results' under the eServices List in the app and enter their ID card numbers. They can then take a photo of the test results, whether positive or negative, upload it, then enter their phone numbers. Once the results are received, an automatic SMS will be sent to the user's phone containing the report's reference number. Once the results submitted, the concern entity will communicate directly with the user of the service.

Use of the service is mandatory for all positive cases, and optional for individuals who test negative. However, regardless of whether the results are positive or negative, all those who experience symptoms related to the virus must immediately call 444 to arrange for a nasal swab test. Users should be aware that the Rapid Antigen

Test is not a replacement for PCR, and a positive result is not considered a diagnosis of an active coronavirus case.

Users should notice that the negative Rapid Antigen Test result is not enough for travel purposes, as a PCR certificate will be needed. A user can request the issuance of certificates through the app for only the most recent PCR test. The result must be negative and the user must have undergone the test within less than a month. Older test results cannot be issued via the app.

The Rapid Antigen Test is easy to use and available at a number of approved pharmacies listed on the 'BeAware Bahrain' app and on healthalert.gov.bh.

For more information, please visit the National Portal, bahrain.bh. For any suggestions or enquiries, please contact us via the National Suggestions & Complaints System Tawasul at bahrain.bh/apps or bahrain.bh/tawasul.

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KOREAN AMBASSADOR VISITS FIRST MOTORS SHOWROOM

Within the framework of cooperation between First Motors in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of South Korea. The management of First Motors, the exclusive distributor for Hyundai and Genesis vehicles in Bahrain, welcomed His Excellency Ambassador Hae Kwon Chung, the Ambassador of South Korea in Bahrain, at First Motors Showroom in Ma'aameer.

The Ambassador was welcomed by Mr. Khaled Rashid Al Zayani, Member of the Board of Directors of Al Zayani Investments, Mr. Nawaf Al Zayani, Managing Director of First Motors, and Mr. Ahsan Chishty – The general Manager of the Company, and they expressed their

gratitude for the visit of His Excellency.

During the visit, Mr. Nawaf Al-Zayani took the ambassador on a tour inside the company and go around the different departments. He shows him as well the new Hyundai showroom and the showroom dedicated to Genesis (under construction), which is the first Genesis showroom in Middle East, where the investments for the construction of the two showrooms reached BD XX million.

The ambassador expressed his happiness for what he saw in the showroom and the distinguished level comparable to what he saw in South Korea.



LULU SERVES UP 'ITALIAN CUISINE WEEK'

Lulu Hypermarket, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Trade Agency and Trade Promotion Section of the embassy, has announced an exciting gourmet Italian Cuisine Week from November 25 to December 01, 2020 at Lulu Hypermarket Dana Mall. With Italian food trending worldwide, it is a great opportunity to explore a wide range of new products, favourite classics and time-tested popular brands of foods.

There will be a 30% discount promotion on all Italian products during the festival.

For expert home chefs, Lulu has announced a cookery contest with an e-twist: Master chefs as well as little chefs (children between ages 6 and 10) can record their cookery experiment of pasta, pizza or anything Italian and post it on their Facebook & Instagram profile with the hashtag #ItalianCuisineHomeChefs for adults and #ItalianCuisineLittleHomeChefs for kids (6-10 years). Contestants and fans of Italian food can also tag Lulu at Instagram -@luluhyperbh, Facebook -@luluhypermarket to win an amazing prize.

Shoppers will be treated to a wide range of authentic Italian products - canned vegetables, pasta, rice, cheeses and dairy products, biscuits, coffee, olive oil, fresh fruit and vegetables, chocolate, sauces, spices, and condiments. There will be dedicated areas in the hypermarket where the new Italian products might be exhibited, tasted, and sold.

I am very pleased to inaugurate the Fifth Week of the Italian Cuisine in the World together with LuLu Hypermarket, a long-standing trade relations partner with Italy.

We are celebrating not only the extraordinary Italian gastronomic heritage marked by high quality, unique and delicious flavors but also the Italian way of life.

Immerse yourself in Italian culinary culture and, of course, buon appetito!" Said H.E. Ms. Paola Amadei.

"Italian food is versatile – it can be a light Mediterranean treat for summer or a hearty winter menu. Lulu Hypermarket has all the ingredients to showcase the goodness of Italian food in the "Italian Cuisine Week promotion," said Lulu Group Director Mr. Juzer Rupawala."



HARVESTING AT THE GREEN HOUSE PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Salmaniya invited two inspirational girls Rawan and Noor to harvest some of the vegetables grown in the Greenhouse project on Saturday 21st November 2020. The Greenhouse project is a joint initiative between the Rotary Club of Salmaniya and Khalid Janahi Charity Society. The income generated from the project will

be donated to the Friendship Society for the Blind, Al Rahma Center, and the Association for Parents and Friends of the Disabled.

The project started when the seeds were planted on 28th September 2020 on Khalid Janahi's farm in Al Jasra. The project will end with a final harvest on the 20th of December 2020.



GULF AIR APPOINTS NEW BAHRAINI COUNTRY MANAGER IN MUSCAT

Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, announces the appointment of Mrs. Shams Al Doseri as Country Manager for its Muscat station after relocating from Ethiopia back into the Middle East. Mrs. Al Doseri will represent Gulf Air in the Sultanate of Oman after gaining a wide experience in sales and outstation roles; a country that has been served by Gulf Air since 1957 and it is one of Gulf Air's key routes in the GCC.

Mrs. Al Doseri, the first Bahraini female to run a Gulf Air outstation, will take on the challenge of further strengthening Gulf Air's growth in

Oman by utilizing the experience gained whilst spending nearly 10 years in the airline's Sales department in Bahrain in various roles and abroad.

Gulf Air is committed to invest in its Bahraini workforce and their career development and as such, it continues to provide opportunities for Bahraini nationals to take over senior positions in the company. Gulf Air is proud that it remains a leader in the Bahrainisation programme in the Kingdom as it provides the opportunity for local talents and experienced personnel to work in its various areas of the airline's business.

KING HAMAD PRIZE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WINNERS HONORED



The National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) has announced the names of the winners of the third edition of the King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development that featured three categories - Best Agricultural Project, Best Bahraini Farmer, and Best Agricultural Research and Studies - and prizes worth BD40,000.

The Initiative was launched by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and President of the Consultative Council of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development in March 2010. The Initiative focuses mainly on creating a positive competitive environment among owners of agricultural projects, farmers as well as agricultural researchers to improve and promote this important sector. Agriculture is one of the three most important sectors that make up any global economy (agriculture, industry and services) and it is the principal sector to achieve sustainable development and economic balance.

This year's winners were honored by Her Excellency Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, the Secretary General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development, at the NIAD premises. Dar Aqua Farming Company won the award in the Best Agricultural Production Project category for its modern and environmentally friendly production and operation methods as well as its reliance on Bahraini nationals in managing and operating the project.

The Broccoli Center Gardening & Landscaping won in the Best Agriculture Support Project category in recognition of its outstanding enhancement of local production by using modern and simple techniques in building greenhouses that do not need electrical energy in the agricultural production process.

Mr. Husain Jaafar and Mr. Mohamed Mohsen won in the Best Bahraini Farmer category for their cumulative knowledge and professionalism in date palm service, production quality and

innovation in agricultural practices.

Dr. Abdelhadi Abdulwahab won in the category of Best Agricultural Research and Studies for his research on Actual Water Use of Young Date Palm Trees as Affected by Aminoleulinic Acid Application and Different Irrigation Water Salinity.. The research presents useful applications in the development of agricultural processes for date palm trees.

Dr. Abdulrahim bin Mohammed bin Saleh Al Ismaili from the Sultanate of Oman won an award for his research on the extended use of greywater for irrigation home gardens in an arid environment. The research presents valuable applications for the proper utilization of water resources and the sustainability of agriculture.

Her Excellency Shaikha Maram congratulated the winners and praised their remarkable achievements in the field of scientific research and the great efforts exerted by the owners of agricultural companies and by Bahraini farmers in developing and improving the

agricultural sector and its sustainability. She also commended the members of the judging committee that comprised competent experts in award arbitration, and wished all applicants greater luck in the next editions.

The King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development is based on a strategic vision to achieve tangible goals that contribute to agricultural development and sustainability and feature several aspects.

They include increasing agricultural production, contributing to the GDP, achieving relative food security while taking into account food safety, and using modern agricultural technologies. They also include encouraging investments in agriculture as a vital sector, entrepreneurship, agricultural investment in small and medium enterprises, and scientific research in agriculture that contribute to the development and sustainability of the sector and create a competitive environment capable of attracting qualified Bahrainis.

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HH SHAIKH KHALID BIN HAMAD ATTENDS RASHID EQUESTRIAN CLUB'S 4TH RACE



First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, attended the season's fourth horse race held by

the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club at its racecourse in Raffa, Sakhir.

HH Shaikh Sultan Al-Deen bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Hashim bin

Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Nader bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Nooh bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, BOC Secretary-General Mohammed Hassan Al-Nusuf, and representatives of representatives of Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco), the sponsors of the race, also attended.

Nine rounds were held over the cups of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, Bapco and the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad crowned trainer Yusef Tahar, the winner of BOC Cup, lauding the outstanding organisation of the race thanks to the tremendous efforts exerted by the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club's High Committee Chairman, HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, and Deputy Chairman, HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to develop the equestrian sport in the kingdom.

HH Shaikh Khalid praised the distinguished technical level and fierce competition among horses and jockeys during the various rounds of the race, hailing the victory of

horse "Beauchamp Bagenal", from HH's stable, the KHK Racing, which is its first in the season, extending congratulations to all winning owners, trainers and jockeys.

Bapco's Nawaf Al-Ghanim, presented winning trainers Hashim Al-Haddad and James Naylor with the trophies of the Bapco cup for the first and second rounds, respectively.

Bapco Deputy CEO, Ibrahim Talib, presented trophy of the Bapco cup for the fifth round to HH Shaikh Sultan Al-Deen bin Mohammed, the trophy of Bapco cup for the sixth round to HH Shaikh Hashim bin Mohammed, the trophy of the Bapco cup for the seventh round to winner owner Maitham Hashim Al Meshqa, the trophy of the Bapco cup for the eighth round to Ishaq Murad, and the trophy of the Bapco cup for the ninth round to winning training Hesham Al-Haddad.

Meanwhile, the Executive Director of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club, Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa, crowned trainer Hesham Al-Haddad, the winner of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club Cup.

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