



### Dr. Al Mudhahki: Milestones achieved by Bahrain's government and private schools reflect the success of the education development initiatives



The BQA Chief Executive, Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki, praised honouring of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to the schools winning the 'Education Quality Award' during the 2017 Government Forum held under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Al-Rawdah Primary Girls School and Rabia'a Al-Adaweyia Primary Girls School were honoured

for achieving 'outstanding' grade in their review reports in three consecutive review cycles conducted by the Education and Training Quality Authority.

On this occasion, the BQA Chief Executive congratulated our wise leadership that gave great attention to education and pointed out that the milestones achieved by Bahrain's government and private schools reflect the success of the education development initiatives.

Dr. Al Mudhahki also stressed that the 2017 Government

Forum went beyond the stage of elaborating achievements to honouring outstanding practices stage, which strengthened the spirit of competitiveness. This will inevitably lead to achieving the objectives of the National Project for Education and Training Development in the Kingdom in line with the principles of justice, competitiveness and sustainability which underpin Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

### Success Story

For the second consecutive year, the 2017 Government Forum celebrates honouring of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to the schools winning the 'Education Quality Award' Last year, Amina bint Wahab Primary Girls School was honoured; this year Al-Rawdah Primary Girls School and Rabia'a Al-Adaweyia Primary Girls School were recognised. This recognition is a source of pride of our sincere educational competencies who worked hard, and planned to

achieve the educational excellence. We believe that this remarkable outcome is the fruits of the great efforts exerted by the dedicated teaching and administrative staff of the two schools. They insist on achieving success and provide a solid and promising educational model whose outcomes were reflected in the students' academic achievement and addressing the quality standards and requirements that we seek in our education institutions. In this context, due credit should be given to the dedicated teaching and administrative staff.

We are proud that the sponsor of the education and training development initiatives is His Highness the Crown Prince himself, and we are delighted to see that these initiatives have started to make a difference, and there is still much excellence that we will achieve every day.

This is an endless success story, and steps we all decided to take under the patronage of the Supreme Council for Education and Training Development (SCETD) chaired by His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Supreme Council for

Education and Training Development in the Kingdom of Bahrain and with full support by our wise and inspiring leadership. They believed that education is the vault which makes a difference, the Bahraini citizen is the real investment, and Bahrain has been a pioneer in education and culture, and can never underestimate the profile of education.

**Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki**  
Chief Executive



The Board of Directors of the Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) held its second meeting for the year 2017, under the chairmanship of HE Mr. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, Minister of Transportation & Telecommunications, Vice Chairman of the BQA Board of Directors.

During the meeting, the Board of Directors approved the 27th set of review reports covering the results of the performance of 30 government schools, seven monitoring visits, nine private schools, five monitoring visits, 17 vocational and training institutions, two monitoring visits of training providers, five academic programmes and eight follow-up visits. This is in addition to the results of the institutional listing of two educational institutions and placement of 16 academic qualification on the NQF based on the recommendation of the NQF Advisory Committee.

Moreover, the Board of Directors also reviewed the results of the national examinations for Grades 9 and 12 and their principal examiners' reports. The Board of Directors also discussed several topics and reports among which the latest developments of the unified national examinations system based on the BQA mandate by the Cabinet to supervise its implementation timetable in collaboration with the concerned bodies.

The Board of Directors of the Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) held its third meeting for the year 2017, under the chairmanship of HE Mr. Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, Minister of Transportation & Telecommunications, Vice Chairman of the BQA Board of Directors. During the meeting, the Board of Directors approved the 27th set of review reports covering the results of nine academic programmes reviews. The Board of Directors also reviewed the DHR plan for the next cycle of reviews and the annual review 2017 proposal. In addition, the Board discussed the cooperation strategy with the strategic partners and stakeholders in the Kingdom of Bahrain in terms of the best way to get benefit of the BQA's review reports and implementation of their recommendations. Dr. Roy Blatchford, Education Advisor at the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister, was also briefed of the BQA's activities.



Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, BQA Chief Executive, welcomed Mr. Ahmed Jaffar Muftah, the new member of the NQF Advisory Committee, who has been recently appointed under the Ministerial Resolution No. 16 of 2017. Mr. Muftah will represent the Ministry of Labour and Social Development. Dr. Al Mudhahki also thanked the former NQF Committee member, Mr. Radhi Hubail, for the efforts he had made during his tenure, which had had a clear impact on its activities and wished him all the best of luck.



Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, BQA Chief Executive, received Dr. Masooma Al Mutawah, Assistant Professor at Bahrain Teachers College, who presented her with a copy of her book titled: "Developing Bahrain Future Schools Mathematics" in which she proposed ideas and models to develop mathematics curriculum in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The reception took place on Sunday, 25 September 2017.



Dr. Haya Al-Mannai, Chairperson of the Vocational Provider Improvement Strategy Coordination Committee, stressed the importance of communication between partners to improve the performance of education and training institutions. She also pointed out the importance of exchanging information on training institutions and private schools regularly to determine their status and achievements in the development and improvement of this sector.

This came during the regular coordination meeting held by the Committee headed by Dr. Haya Al-Mannai, the Director General of the General Directorate of Education & Training Institutes Reviews, in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, on Monday, 25 September 2017 at the BQA premises, Seef District.



The BQA participated in the '2<sup>nd</sup> GCC Logistics Forum' organised recently by the International Maritime College of Oman, Sohar, Sultanate of Oman, under the theme: 'Human Capital Development – Unification of Education and Training Standards and Practices in GCC Logistics Sector', under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Fuad bin Jafar bin Al Sawjani, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries. Dr. Tariq Al Sindi, the General Director of the General Directorate of the National Qualifications Framework, presented a paper entitled 'The concept of the GCC unified qualifications framework'. The forum is attended by approximately 400 participants covering chief executives, directors, and various researchers from various industries and government bodies.



In cooperation with the Supreme Council for Women, the Education and Training Quality Authority organised 'The Role of Academic Guidance & Orientation in the Sustainability of Women in the Engineering Sector Forum' in conjunction with the Kingdom's Women's Day celebrations.

In their papers, the participants reviewed a main theme on 'The reality of engineering education in the Kingdom of Bahrain in the light of the results of the BQA's reviews'. The participants discussed a number of important topics during the Forum's sessions, whereas the first session was held under the title: 'The role of academic guidance and technical support in the engineering education' chaired by Dr. Wafa Al Mansoori, DHR Director. The second session entitled 'The role of higher education institutions in aligning academic programmes with the future labour market needs', chaired by the Dean of the Engineering College at the University of Bahrain, Dr. Fouad Al-Ansari.

The purpose of the Forum is to highlight the Kingdom's model in empowering Bahraini women, their educational career in the engineering field, and their role in the



education system in the public and private sectors. This is through identifying the type of support provided to them, indicating their needs and available opportunities for female engineers to sustain their jobs in this sector. In addition, the sessions explored the current situation of the female engineer and their real percentage in the labour market, as well as the role of women in the education sector, whether they are a faculty staff member, a teacher, or a student.



Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, BQA Chief Executive, received Mrs. Faiza Ahmed Al-Mannai, Section Chief, GPS, who presented her a copy of her book entitled 'Amthal Lawwal'.



The BQA Chief Executive, Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki, also received Budoor, Shahla'a and Raheel Al-Marzooqi, who presented her with a copy of the book 'Bahrain and International Cooperation in Crime Combat', written by their late father, LT Colonel Yusuf Abdulla Al-Marzooqi, former Chief of Liaison Department of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers and INTERPOL.



Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, BQA Chief Executive, received Dr. Hilal bin Ali Al-Hadrami, Dean of International Maritime College of Oman, and his accompanying delegation. They exchanged experiences and the BQA briefed the delegation on its role in the field of quality assurance, qualifications framework and the development of the education and training sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting was held at the Authority's headquarters, Seef District.



The Education and Training Quality Authority through the Social Committee, organised an awareness session on «breast cancer» in conjunction with the Kingdom's celebration of the International Breast Cancer Awareness Day, which falls on 10 October each year. The session was attended by Dr. Al-Mudhahki and several officials of the Commission. The event, which was held under the slogan: 'Think Pink', aims to provide moral support to patients with the disease and their families by taking the pink color as a slogan for the day of the event. Awareness of the importance of periodic medical and personal examinations on an ongoing basis contributes to early detection and prevention of infection.



The BQA Toastmasters Club held its annual meeting in August 2017 in the presence of the BQA Chief Executive Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al-Mudhahki, with the participation of the 21 members of the Club. The Toastmasters Club is the first of its kind in a government authority and is a member of the Toastmasters International, and enjoys the support of the Bahrain Toastmasters Club.

The Toastmasters Club aims at creating a community of professional speakers who communicate effectively in all fields of work internally and externally, as well as developing the standards of the BQA staff members to promote their personalities, enhance their personal and leadership abilities and create a work environment characterized by positive competition and teamwork.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa issued eight edicts for the year 2017. The Seventh Edict No. (29) states the appointments of directors in the Education and Training Quality Authority. According to Article 1: Ms. Wafaa Abdulrahman Al Mansoori shall be appointed as Director of the Directorate of Higher Education Reviews (DHR); Ms. Wafaa Salim Al Yaqoobi as Director of the Directorate of National Examinations, and Ms. Esmat Jaffar Akbar Ali as Director of the Directorate Academic Cooperation and Coordination.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued six Royal Decrees for the year 2017. The fifth Royal Decree No. (71) stipulates the re-appointing the Chief Executive of the Education and Training Quality Authority as follows: Article 1: Dr. Jawahar Shaheen Al Mudhahki shall be re-appointed as Chief Executive of the Education and Training Quality Authority, for four-year term.



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