Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School
a model of excellence & sharing …

The Government Forum 2016 was a motivating opportunity to receive important and necessary feedback. The Forum enhanced the objectives of improvement and development according to Bahrain Vision 2030, where its content and themes emphasized that excellence and quality have been and will be the essence of the different state’s ministries and organizations practices to achieve success and development.

Based on this perspective, we have witnessed the wise leadership vision for development and prosperity since the inception of the Authority to date. The Quality of Education and Training Authority (under its new name) is but a realization of these visions and prospects. This emphasized the belief in the vital priority to develop education and training, as well as the application of their strategies as a public strategic trend for the aspired nation raising.

Since its establishment in 2008 to date, the Authority carries on its mandate according to the nationalistic objective and within a national framework to achieve the citizen welfare, broaden his/her horizons and promote his/her learning abilities sustainably, fairly and competitively. The Recognition of Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School in the Government Forum 2016 for being judged ‘Outstanding’ in the three cycles of reviews is a clear message and affirmation that the state seeks to promote this approach and encourage the remaining schools to follow this national example in terms of creativity, excellence, innovation and quality practices.

Upon being honoured by His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, the Authority paid a visit to Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School to congratulate its teaching and administrative staff, students and their parents on this great achievement. A new spirit is prevailing among students backed by the determination of the school’s management and teachers who believe in their country and wise leadership, consequently they exerted their best to harvest the fruits of excellence. This is Bahrain. Long live Bahrain and its people and leadership.

Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki - BQA Chief Executive

New members join the BQA Board of Directors

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a Royal Decree No. (54) of 2016 with respect to the appointment of new members at the Board of Directors of the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA).

His Excellency Mr. Abdul Aziz bin Mohammed Al Fadhel will lead the BQA Board of Directors and deputized by HE Mr. Kamal Ahmed Mohammed. The other members are Dr. Mohammed Ali Hasan, Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Ms. Aisha Mohammed Abdulghani, Dr. Ibrahim Janahi, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawaheri, Mr. Khalid Al Rumaihi and Dr. Rasheed Jassim Ashour.

New members join the NQF Advisory Committee

His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, issued a Decree No. (48) of 2016 with respect to the substitution and appointment of new members at the NQF Advisory Committee.

Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) will lead the NQF Advisory Committee. The other members are Dr. Mona Al Baloshi, Mr. Jamal Al Alawi, Prof. Mazin Juma, Dr. Bassam Al Hamad, Dr. Lulwa Al Mutlaq, Mr. Yasser Al Abbasi, Ms. Soha Al Kooheji and Mr. Ridha Hubail

2 Academic Programmes Reviews Approved and 4 Academic Qualifications Listed

During the BQA Board of Directors Meeting

"Amina Bint Wahab recognition award is an incentive for other schools to excel", Mr. Al Fadhel, BQA Chairman stated.

"The implementation of the Unified National Examinations would fulfil the quality assurance goals of education", Dr. Al Mudhahki said.

The Board of Directors of the Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) held its regular meeting, chaired by the Authority Chairman, HE Mr. Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Fadhel on Wednesday, 2 November 2016.

During the meeting, the Board approved the results of the 24th batch of reports containing the reviews of two academic programmes of one higher education institution, the placement of 4 academic qualifications of two higher education institutions on the National Qualifications Framework based on the recommendation submitted to the Board of Directors by the NQF Advisory Committee. The Board also approved the proposal of the BQA Annual Report 2016. All resolutions will be submitted to the Cabinet for endorsement. The Board was briefed on a number of topics on its agenda.
Upon the Cabinet’s approval of a unified national examination system to be set up, QQA held an executive meeting to discuss the implementation mechanisms of the government plan.

Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki: ‘The wise leadership’s support for education is translated by their consecutive quality initiatives’

Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki, QQA Chief Executive, highly praised the Cabinet’s approval of the proposal presented by Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training, Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, to set up a unified national examination system. The new system is to be supervised by the National Authority for Qualifications and Quality Assurance of education and Training (QQA) and is expected to be completed by 2020.

A presentation was delivered on the QQA staff visit to the Republic of Finland under the theme ‘Education without borders: Presentation on the study visit to Finland’. Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki attended the presentation that was organised on 27 September 2016.

The presentation was administered by the Director of the Directorate of Government Schools Reviews (DGS), Dr. Khaled Al Baker, and delivered by a number of directors of different directorates and review specialists who took part in the visit to Finland. Participants presented their experiences gained through their visits to various Finnish educational institutions and training workshops, and concluded that the applicable teaching methods in the basic education are equal to the Finnish teaching approaches in terms of concepts. In addition, Bahrain owns the same mechanisms on which the training sector in Finland is based.
QQA CE honours Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School

for its outstanding judgements in the review reports

‘Our wise leadership pays great attention to the education sector’, she said

On her part, Dr Jawaher Al Mudhahki, QQA Chief Executive, paid a visit to Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School, where she presented the QQA Shield to MS Badriya Sweileh, the Principal of the school, on recognition of the achievement of school and its staff members. The school was judged ‘Outstanding’ in the three cycles of reviews of government schools.

In her statement, Dr Al Mudhahki pointed out that being judged ‘Outstanding’ in the QQA review reports and honoured as the winner of the quality of education award in the Government Forum 2016, would make Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School a role model for other schools to achieve excellence and success. She also praised the achievement of the school and wished it more excellence in the years to come.

Dr Al Mudhahki stressed that this recognition reflects our wise government interest in developing the education and training sectors to recognise the Bahrain’s Economic Vision that seeks to create leading government schools in the field of sustainable quality according to the international best standards and practices.

In her message to the school’s teaching and administrative staff, Dr Al Mudhahki stated: ‘Today, Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School reaps the fruits of its hard work and diligent efforts through your commitment to the use of appropriate learning standards and practices, which is based on planning, dedication and keenness to raise the professional competency of the school staff driven by inspired management led by MS Badriya Sweileh, the Principal of the school’.

Concluding her statement, Dr Al Mudhahki stated that the recognition of successful practices by our wise leadership will have a positive impact on promoting performance and change of routine practices to innovative and creative ones. In addition, it will motivate competitiveness among education institutions.

She also praised the role of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training under the chairmanship of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa who is the prime supporter of all education and training initiatives across the Kingdom.

On her part, MS Latifa Al-Bunudha, Public and Technical Education Assistant Undersecretary in the Ministry of Education, stressed the necessity of integration and cooperation among all the institutions to promote the institutional work activities, particularly in the learning field. This to reflect the importance of the development and improvement of the education system and its learning outcomes through the implementation of the recommendations of the QQA review reports. The impact of this aspect is reflected on receiving ‘Outstanding’ judgement in the three cycles of reviews by Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School. This partnership strengthens the role of the QQA in supporting the MoE through giving the recommendation to these institutions and enhancing the quality of their learning outcomes.

MS Al-Bunudha also stressed that honouring Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School in the Government Forum 2016 will have positive impact on other schools to follow its example and achieve more milestones and enhance the development of education.

On her part, the Principal of Aminah Bint Wahab Primary Girls School, MS Badriya Sweileh, expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Bahrain’s wise government for its recognition of the school, and she also thanked Dr Jawaher Al Mudhahki, QQA Chief Executive ‘Gaining ‘Outstanding’ judgement is driving the school to continue its diligent efforts and excellence and to maintain this distinguished judgement in the next QQA reviews’, said the Principal of the school.

Finally, MS Sweileh announced the new moto of the school: ‘Aminah .. We like challenge and love achievement’. This moto will be reflected in the school’s action plan all the time.
QAA Participations and Events

Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, QQA Chief Executive, presented a conference paper titled ‘Building Trust in Higher Education: Enhancement for better future’. The conference was organized by Asia-Pacific Quality Network and the Indian’s National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in Bangalore, India, during the period from 16-17 September 2016.

Over two consecutive days on 16 & 17 August 2016, the Authority took part in the seventh edition of the Youth City 2030 held under the patronage of His Majesty’s Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa. The Ministry of Youth and Sports organised the function in cooperation with Tamkeen, as a strategic partner.

QAA was honoured during the Awards Ceremony of the seventh edition of the Youth City 2030 held under the patronage of His Majesty’s Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa. The Ministry of Youth and Sports organised the function in cooperation with Tamkeen, as a strategic partner.

QQA organized an awareness workshop on the National Qualifications Framework for the Ministry of Education officers and specialists from various directorates and divisions. The workshop was held at the QQA’s offices, Seef District, on 20 September 2016 and was attended by some QQA staff as well.

QQA organised an awareness seminar on the mergence of women’s needs and equality opportunities in collaboration with the Supreme Council of Women. The seminar was delivered by MS Bahija Al Daylami, the Advisor of Mainstreaming Women’s Needs in Development, Dr. Mohammed Al Masri, the legal counselor, and MS. Rania Al Jurj, the Director of Opportunities Equality Directorate at SCW. The seminar was held on 5 September 2016, in the presence of Dr. Haya Al Mannai, Chairman of the Opportunities Equality Committee, the General Director of the General Directorate of Education and Training Reviews, the Committee’s members and a number of QQA staff.
QQA organised an awareness and discussion lecture for its staff members on the 'Parliamentary Knowledge: Focus on the House of Representatives’ Milestones in The Education Sector’. The function was held in cooperation with the Community Communication Committee at the Council of Representatives, and was delivered by Mr. Mohammed Milad, MP and Mr. Mohammed BuQais, Head of Decisions and Support Section at the Secretariat of the Council of Representatives at the QQA’s offices, Seef District, on Thursday, 22 September 2016.

Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, QQA Chief Executive, received Dr. Rashid Bin Saqr Al Jalahma at QQA’s office on 31 August 2016. Dr. Al Jalahma presented her a copy of his book entitled ‘On the Banks of Quality’ that covers the quality practices in life and work.

Upon being endorsed by the Cabinet, the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) published a batch of reports of 26 government schools, 12 private schools, 14 vocational training institutions, a monitoring visit, 4 academic programmes, as well as placement of 11 academic qualifications and institutional listing of two institutions.

“The results of the reports present a clear and complete diagnostic picture of the state of education and training in the Kingdom of Bahrain,” said the BQA Chairman, Mr. Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Fadhel.

Dr. Al Mudhahki: The Authority’s mandate is a national obligation and the future of education cannot be raised without conducting serious evaluation.