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## BAC inaugurates new data centre

## BCICAI seminar set to celebrate women's day



■ Officials at the launch of new Containerised Data Centre

**MANAMA:** Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), inaugurated a next-generation Containerised Data Centre (CDC), a portable and inherently scalable facility to host critical airport information systems that can be placed in any location where data capacity is needed.

The CDC was designed, supplied and implemented by Gulf Business Machines (GBM), a leading regional provider of IT solutions and is part of the Airport Modernisation Programme (AMP) currently underway at BIA.

It offers several advantages over traditional data centres – including flexibility and speed – as it comes complete with network connections, storage, servers, power lines, monitoring units, fire detection units, software, security, a cooling

facility and all other components typically found in a modern data centre.

It also has the additional benefit of being portable, which allows branches or remote locations to receive additional capacity by redeploying it where necessary.

The CDC was inaugurated by BAC chief executive Mohamed Al Binfalah, during an event held under the patronage of Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal Ahmed.

Following a tour of the facility with senior officials from BAC and GBM, Mr Al Binfalah said: "The AMP is much more than just an expansion of the airport passenger capacity. It is a complete modernisation of its operations, facilities and critical infrastructure, aimed at increasing the airport's contributions to the growth of our local economy."

"This makes the CDC an

essential component of the ICT infrastructure and disaster recovery plans, as it is based on flexibility in managing hundreds of internal and external processes at the airport, which will enhance the ICT operational efficiency and reliability."

The CDC initiative was launched in 2016, with manufacturing completed by GBM in 17 weeks, several civil and electrical projects taking place throughout last year, and BAC systems migrations fully completed in January this year.



"When we say we have low-interest loans, we mean we have very little interest in giving you one."

## Garmco begins migration to AWS

**MANAMA:** Bahrain-based Gulf Aluminium Rolling Mill (Garmco) has in collaboration with Almoayyed Computers started the migration of some of its information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure workload to Amazon Web Services (AWS).

The company website, [www.garmco.com](http://www.garmco.com), has transferred to AWS through several applications such as the Employee Self-service, the Survey Portal and storing of database audit logs and reports.

The website uses a specific content management system to publish dynamic content, careers management system to cater to prospective candidates for job opportunities at Garmco.

This also includes information for its subsidiaries in Australia, Europe, Thailand, Singapore and the US. The in-house developed online e-Tendering application that allows vendors to bid online will also be migrated to AWS soon.



■ Garmco, Almoayyed Computers and AWS officials

Garmco general manager Mohammed Essa said he believes that this initiative "would pave the path towards further technology enhancements resulting in increased productivity, agility and reduced operation costs".

The cloud-based system, he added, would also help towards achieving the company's environmental protection goals

by implementing a greener ICT.

In accordance with the environmental initiative, the company will continuously look for opportunities to migrate additional workloads and services to cloud over time.

Almoayyed Computers chief executive S M Hussaini said he was confident that cloud adoption across various workload would happen successfully.

**MANAMA:** The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) is hosting a seminar on Saturday to celebrate International Women's Day.

Being held at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, the evening seminar will feature FinMark Communications managing director Zahraa Taher and National Bank of Bahrain chief human resources officer Dana Buheji, both Bahrain-based, sharing their thoughts and views on the changing role of women in

today's world.

Also speaking will be, Dun & Bradstreet Technologies, India executive director and chief financial officer Sangeeta Sumesh, who will share her views on performance breakthroughs, and Dubai-based holistic wellness consultant Anuradha Kamath, who will talk about unleashing personal power to be



■ Ms Buheji



■ Ms Kamath



■ Ms Taher



■ Ms Sumesh

successful.

Grant Thornton-Abdullaal is the support sponsor of the event and registration will start at 5.30pm.



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