

Stage set for 14th International Conference of Bahrain Chapter of ICAI

● Star speakers to examine change-management, tech & ethics

● Conference on 9th and 10th December at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel

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Over 300 Chartered Accountants from around the region and as far as India and the UK – CEOs, CFOs, COOs and finance professionals-turned-entrepreneurs – will gather over the coming weekend in Bahrain for the 14th Annual International Conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI). The conference has been designed this year under the theme “New Horizon Beckons” and topics impacting professional change-management,



The press conference

When we started our tradition of annual conferences, Bahrain's reputation as a MICE destination was just emerging. Today, we have so many professional conferences, workshops and seminars taking place and the Kingdom's exhibitions and conferences infrastructure has grown impressively

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personal life-goals and lessons in entrepreneurial success.

The conference is being held on 9th and 10th December, 2022 at the Diplomat Radisson SAS Hotel under the patronage of

the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain. Among the key speakers is India's Minister for Roads and Transport, Nitin Gadkari who will address the conference vir-

tually, (Dr.) Debashis Mitra, the President of ICAI, Aniket Talati the Vice-President, Ajay Seth, CFO of Maruti-Suzuki India Ltd., Dr Narendra Jadhav, Former Advisor to the IMF and Former Chief Economist of the RBI and Kanika Tekriwal, CEO of JetSet-Go, India's foremost private jet charter service and Forbes 30 Under 30 business leader.

Celebrity TV star, motivational speaker and classical dancer Sudha Chandran will also be one of the main participants along with another star speaker from the world of cinema and theatre well-known actor Padmashree Manoj Joshi.

Other speakers of note are Ravi Lahoti, Chief Audit Executive of India's Bandhan Bank whose topic is money laundering; Roberto Mancone, CEO of Beyon Money whose talk will focus on Bahrain's burgeoning digital economy; Adib Ibrahim, Managing Director (Protiviti UAE), and Jose Thomas, Director (Protiviti Bahrain) – they will speak on cloud services in the context of emerging tech trends.

The Conference Inaugural Session will be addressed by India-based Veni Thapar will analyse the profession of chartered accountancy in the Artificial Intelligence Era; Nishith Saxena, Grant Thornton Bahrain will highlight concerns and opportunities in cybersecurity. Ms. Seema Kasat, Director KPMG Bahrain and Camille Geadah, Director, KPMG, Bahrain will be exploring New Horizons in an Evolving Marketplace.

“This year's conference is special because we have a galaxy of 17 star speakers who will address topics as diverse as Corporate Frauds & Mistakes and their implications on Governance, Auditors & Account-

ants, the concerns over Privacy and Cybersecurity and lessons from the success stories of the likes of Kanika Tekriwal, Sudha Chandran, actor Padmashree Manoj Joshi and Major General Vikram Dev Dogra, the ‘Ironman of India Army’, motivational & leadership coach and TEDx speaker.” said BCICAI Chairperson Sharmila Seth.

The Conference Inaugural Session will be addressed by Duae Abduelah Almuallim, Chief of Financial Analysis and Economic Information, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, a representative of CBB, along with Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava, KPMG Bahrain Managing Partner, Jamal Fakhro and Abbas Ali Radhi, Chairman of the Bahrain Accountants Association, who will join luminaries from the global CA fraternity.

The conference is valuable to participants who will be credited 12 CPE hours (continuing professional education) towards their mandatory annual requirement.



Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) celebrated Bahraini Woman's Day in a ceremony under the patronage of Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, on 04 December 2022 at Alba's Oasis Hall. Special invitees for this event were Alba's Board Member Rasha Sabkar; Supreme Council for Women's Gender Balance Director Rania Ahmed Al Jarf; Representatives of the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions and the Free Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions (Al Hurr) and female journalists from Bahrain's local newspapers. Alba's CEO Ali Al Baqali stated: “We are proud of the fact that the percentage of female employees in supervisory-level and above positions stand at 41% today out of Alba's total female workforce”. The ceremony was attended by members of the Executive Management, Directors, and Managers.



Minister of Industry and Commerce, Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, received in his office, Bahrain SMEs Development Society President Ahmed Al-Salloum, and discussed topics related to the SMEs sector in Bahrain, which is witnessing a remarkable growth. Al-Salloum stressed that efforts to support SMEs contributed significantly to its growth and prosperity, appreciating all the decisions adopted by the esteemed government to enhance and develop this sector.

Brainobrain hosts fourth National Abacus Competition in Bahrain

● Brainobrain Bahrain organises annual abacus competition in Bahrain to bring out the best in children and to fine-tune their competitive spirit

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Brainobrain has proved to be a role model for the students who seek self-empowerment, especially during the recent challenging times. To reinforce the winning spirits of the children and to keep them creatively engaged, Brainobrain has conducted the 4th National Abacus Competition Festival Brainobrain Fest 2022.

It was indeed a much-awaited event to witness children with astounding intellectual abilities to solve the abacus riddles in seconds while performing at 4th Brainobrain National Abacus Competition – Brainobrain Fest 2022 on 2nd December, Friday.

Brainobrain Bahrain organises annual abacus competition in Bahrain to bring out the best in children and to fine-tune their competitive spirit by rivalling with their counterparts in the quest to become abacus champions. This year in Bahrain around 450 participants between 5 to

14 years of age competed for the title.

The kids from Grade I to Grade X, who are students of Brainobrain abacus classes and skill development programme, participated in categories matching their age and level of expertise. The ones with maximum speed and accuracy emerged as the winners and won Champion, Gold and Silver Titles. Results were announced and prizes were given away on the same day in the evening.

The event was hosted by Mrs. Hima Joy and Mr. George Raphael, Directors of Brainobrain Bahrain. Mr. Anand Subramaniam, Managing Director, Brainobrain International was the

chief guest for the event.

Brainobrain has been amongst the frontrunners in the domain that conditions the minds of kids to think and act more efficiently. With trained instructors and excellent infrastructural facilities they have effectively revitalized and energized the mental efficiency of thousands of kids across the world. BRAINOBRAIN BAHRAIN has many development courses targeted towards raising a child's intellectual stamina. Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) is an added module for developing human excellence, which is one of the most advanced techniques available in the field.

“Due to the last two years of

lockdown and Covid restrictions, we have been conducting only online competitions. And one common request that we have been receiving from all our children and parents is – when will we have the next in-person competition? It is endearing to know how much they look forward to our competitions, and we have been waiting to have the competition again. The entire Brainobrain family recreates the competition experience.

“I thank the children for this. In fact, Brainobrain Competitions must be the only exams where you can see children enter the exam hall with a smile and leave the hall with pride. And as they grow in Braino-

Achievements

- Grand Master Viswanathan Anand presented the “BEST ABACUS TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR KIDS AWARD”
- Brainobrain is the proud recipient of “PRIDE OF INDIAN EDUCATION AWARD” for the year 2019 under the category of “MOST EFFECTIVE PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR KIDS.”
- The Times of India education icons 2019 declared Brainobrain as the best abacus training institute for the kids.
- Brainobrain children created a new Guinness World Record - the largest mental arithmetic session in the world is held by Brainobrain. India breaks the record earlier held by China.
- Brainobrain is awarded the “Best kids' Education Brand Award”. The World Quality Promotion Council has chosen Brainobrain for the International Icon Awards.
- Brainobrain won the Asian book of records for the most number of students participating in mental Arithmetic in a single session.



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brain, they will have the same attitude towards any exam. The very essence of our competitions are such happy faces, confident smiles and festive attitude of our students which speak volumes about our mission to empower the future leaders of this planet,” says Mr Anand Subramaniam, Managing Director – Brainobrain International.

Brainobrain – the Guinness World Record Holder institute – is one of the world's frontrunners in empowering young geniuses of the world through abacus courses and mental arithmetic training programmes.

Brainobrain Kids Academy Private Limited is an ISO 9001:

2015 certified institution established in the year 2003, manned by professionals who have had a decade of international experience in kids' education and training. Brainobrain operates in 44 countries and has more than 1,000 successful abacus franchisee centres in all these countries. Brainobrain has transformed the lives of more than 4,00,000 children all over the world with its high-quality programmes. Visit www.brainobrainbahrain.com to know more about courses and other Brainobrain activities.

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