



Officials and guests at the roadshow

VIVA holds roadshow for SMEs

MANAMA: VIVA Bahrain hosted a small medium enterprises (SME) roadshow at the Capital Club exhibiting latest solutions in information and communications technology, developed to support SME businesses in maximising their operations and boost productivity.

The VIVA SME Roadshow witnessed the VIVA business team providing live demo sessions of their fleet management service, VIVA One unified communications and various cloud solutions such as cloud ERP and cloud Hosting.

VIVA Bahrain chief executive Ulaiyan Al Wetaid said: "At VIVA our priority is to always aim at bringing Bahrain's digital vision to reality and help enable SMEs to benefit from ICT solutions that will help them build a sustainable and a prosperous business for the future."

There was a live demonstration of VIVA One, a cloud-based product powered by Avaya that features latest IP telephony technology in affordable, customised packages for businesses of various sizes and industry verticals. VIVA One allows employees to

use their office extension number to work anywhere, anytime, and on any device they choose such as smartphone, desktop phone and personal computer.

With this technologically advanced service, businesses can enhance their productivity, profitability and employee satisfaction while improving customer experience.

VIVA Fleet Management, designed for businesses like car rental companies, construction companies as well as food delivery service providers, was also highlighted as part of VIVA's

extensive ICT solutions offering a highly-effective fleet tracking system that does not require any expensive hardware.

Businesses can track their vehicles in real time, including their movement history, specific areas of transit, drivers' rest periods and driving patterns, and improving their fleet's trips to routes with less traffic thereby avoiding congested areas and improving time efficiency.

VIVA Public Cloud and IT Security Services are a range of products offered to provide in-country, secure,

cloud-based infrastructure as a service, data backup, disaster recovery services, secure Internet and e-mail security.

As part of the event, VIVA demonstrated how the latest VIVA ICT Cloud offering simplifies technology adoption for businesses and help them increase their productivity, employee and customer satisfaction, hence profitability.

A complete suite of business services were showcased, addressing all aspects of communication and IT requirement for any organisation.

Bahrain to host global forum for CAs

MANAMA: The 10th annual international conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) will take place on Friday and Saturday at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel Residence and Spa.

To be held under the patronage of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed Alzayani, the event has been built around the theme "Embrace Change and Grow". A host of influential speakers

from India and Bahrain will address the audience on topics that have been chosen to reflect the changing aspirations and career paths of chartered accountants world over.

The role of chartered accountants will be underscored by the presence of EDB head Khalid Al Rumaihi as chief guest on the second day of the event.



Mr Sridhar

"Every year we seek to refine and redefine our topics to reflect the interests and concerns of chartered accountants in a rapidly changing workplace," said BCICAI chairman S Sridhar.

"We are expecting more than 400 delegates from around the region. The conference is a great networking zone for delegates

and carries 12+ hours CPE training credits for CAs," he added.

Tally Solutions is the annual sponsor of BCICAI events and title sponsor of the conference is Grant Thornton Abdulla.

Event sponsors include Ahli United Bank, BDO, Protiviti, KPMG, Al Haddad Motors, Fame Technology Day sponsor is Bahrain Commercial Facilities and support sponsors are American Express and Bahrain World Trade Centre.

BUSINESS SMILE!



"Thinking outside the box didn't work. Thinking inside the box didn't work. Maybe it's a defective box!"



Well-known Mumbai-based builders and re-developers Kabra Group held a roadshow and dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, showcasing the group's seven prime projects across western Mumbai in Malad, Andheri, Versova, Santa Cruz, Juhu and the Bandra-Kurla Annex. Kabra Group director Mahendra Soni addressed the more than 150 guests who attended the exclusive presentation. Above, Mr Soni, sixth from left, and Daulatsinh Gadhvi of D G Property Consultants, promoters of the projects, with some of the guests.

Insurance firm boosts management team

MANAMA: SNIC Insurance, a Bahrain-based insurer, has promoted Sadiq Al Dakheel as senior manager of stakeholders' affairs and public relations and Vicky Kilindo as customer service manager.

In his new role, Mr Al Dakheel plans to create strategic communication that builds powerful and long-lasting relationships with

stakeholders.

He started his career with SNIC in 2007 and has extensive experience in claims with customer focus and public relations. Mr Al Dakheel has a Master's degree in Business Administration.

Ms Kilindo's promotion is the result of her extensive customer service experience

and diligent efforts in developing the customer service department since she joined the company in 2006, said a statement.

In her new role, she will focus on improving the customer insurance experience.

Ms Kilindo is a holder of Associateship of the Chartered Insurance Institute (ACII), with a Diploma in Banking and Finance.

APM Terminals IPO ends on Saturday

MANAMA: The initial public offering of APM Terminals Bahrain, offered at BD0.660 per share for a total of 20 per cent of the company's issued share capital, will culminate on Saturday.

With six days left until the application deadline, potential investors can continue to subscribe their interest in the IPO via the 10 approved branches of Ahli United Bank (AUB) in Bahrain, as well as from Bahrain Bourse and APM Terminals Bahrain.

An electronic version of the prospectus of the IPO is also available on the websites of Bahrain Bourse (www.bahrainbourse.com) and the company (www.apmterminals.com/bahrainIPO) as well as Sico (www.sicobank.com) for investors to download.

APM Terminals Bahrain, which exclusively operates the kingdom's only commercial port, Khalifa Bin Salman Port, is offering Bahraini and non-Bahraini investors an opportunity to invest in a successful public-private partnership.

The IPO valued at BD11,880,000, comprising 18,000,000 shares, is structured with 70pc of the shares on offer allocated to institutional investors while 30pc will be allocated to retail investors.

The results of IPO applications and allotment basis will be announced on November 26 with the shares subsequently allotted to the investors on November 29.

Sico is the mandated lead manager, underwriter and market maker, while Bahrain Bourse is the listing exchange.