

# Empowering Arab women

Potential solutions to challenges discussed as Bahrain hosts second Arab Consumer Protection Day

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The second Arab Consumer Protection Day was held yesterday at the Crown Plaza Hotel under the theme "Arab Women and Consumer Protection."

The event, attended by distinguished guests including H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and Bahjat Abu Al-Nasr, the director of the Economic Integration Department of the Arab League, aimed to address the pressing issues faced by consumers in the Arab world, with a particular focus on Arab women.



H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro with guests and participants from GCC and Arab regions

The initiative, launched in response to recommendations from the 13th meeting of experts on consumer protection within the Arab League's Greater Arab Free Trade Area, seeks to tackle

a significant consumer-related topic each year.

This year's theme underscores the importance of protecting the rights of Arab women in consumer practices, and Bahrain

has demonstrated its strong support for this cause.

The event brought together a diverse audience, including Bahraini women from civil societies, university students, and a group

of experts, legalists, academics, and technicians specialising in consumer protection from GCC and Arab regions.

The Minister highlighted that the celebration featured an in-

augural dialogue that aimed to explore the challenges faced by Arab women in consumer practices and identify potential solutions.

Throughout the event, successful experiences and practices from consumer protection agencies in the Gulf and Arab region were showcased, providing valuable insights and inspiration for future endeavors.

Bahrain reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Arab League's General Secretariat and the Greater Arab Free Trade Agreement's Group of Experts and Specialists in their ongoing efforts to enhance consumer protection.

## BCICAI win Best Chapter Overseas Award for 2023

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The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) was awarded the first prize for Best Chapter Overseas Award for 2023 in Category II (101 to 500 Members) at the recently conducted 74th Annual events of ICAI on February 8th, 2024.

The chapter has been winning awards in Category II for the eighth consecutive terms, among the 48 overseas chapter of ICAI operating across the globe.

CA Sthanumrthy Viswanathan Meera, Chairperson along with immediate past chairperson CA Sharmila Shet and CA Vivek Gupta, Vice Chairperson received the award from Shri. Om Birla, Honorable speaker of Lok Sabha and in the august presence of ICAI President - Shri Aniket Talati, Vice President - Shri Ranjeet Agarwal and other committee members of ICAI.

On this occasion, BCICAI would like to acknowledge all the efforts taken by the past chairpersons, mentors, managing committee and the continuous support we have received from our sponsors and media partners which helps us in bagging the award year after year.

The Bahrain Chapter of ICAI is the largest body of professionals in the Kingdom of Bahrain, with over 450 members. It provides a forum for



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the members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to develop professionally and personally.

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## SPE Bahrain Section honours IPTC founder



Mr. Faisal Al Mahroos receiving the award

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The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Bahrain Section honoured Mr. Faisal Al Mahroos, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bapco Upstream, for being one of the founders of the International Petroleum Technology Conference (IPTC).

Mr. Al Mahroos is one of the leading figures of the oil and gas sector. His dedication and contributions span over decades and have been invaluable to the industry in Bahrain and beyond, reaching out across the MENA region and the Eastern Hemisphere. He has received several key awards at local, regional, and global arenas.

The IPTC was launched back in 2005 to provide a separate event for industry professionals in the eastern hemisphere.

Along with founders Nasser Al Jaidah, Mahmood Abdul Albaqi, and Dr. Pinar Yilmaz, Mr. Al Mahroos recognized the importance of creating a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange in petroleum technology, setting a

new standard for inclusivity and collaboration, while fostering innovation and networking among global professionals.

His never-ending efforts are truly commendable and will undoubtedly resonate with the Oil and Gas industry and the Kingdom of Bahrain for the generations past, current and ones to come.

## 300 North Indian residents benefit from medical camp

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A successful medical camp was conducted by the IOC Maharashtra Unit - Bahrain in association with Dar Al Shifa Medical Center, Hooraa.

Around 300 North Indian residents in the Kingdom participated for the event. The camp started from 8am on 16th February.

IOC general secretary Mr. Khurshid Alam presided over the event with Dr. Cherian inaugurating the medical camp.

Social workers Smt. Kaathu Sachidev was the guest of hon-



IOC Maharashtra Unit - Bahrain and Dar Al Shifa Medical Center officials speak at the event

our. President of IOC Maharashtra Unit Mr. Mohammed

Salim gave the welcome speech, executive member of the Indian school Bahrain Mr. Biju George, Ashraf Kooran, Mukesh Yadav, Satyajit Pandey, Dhirubhai Jodhar, Keshav Varma, Syed Haneef, Jawad Pasha, Anas Rahim, Manikuttan, Anwar Nilambur, Salam Nilambur, Dar Al Shifa Medical Center Director Mr. Shameer Ahmed, Israth spoke to the guests during the event.

The vote of thanks was given by the vice president, Mr. Mohammed Gayas.

IOC event general secretary Mr. Basheer Ambalayi thanked each and every one who made the event a huge success.

## Stage set for 'Win with KFH-Bahrain' Roadshow

Starting today until February 24 at The Avenues Mall Bahrain

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Kuwait Finance House - Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) will host their 'Win with KFH-Bahrain' Roadshow at The Avenues Mall Bahrain from today to February 24 to promote Libshara and Ma'ashi accounts. The five-days

interactive event promises an exciting experience that is open to everyone, with a chance to win instant cash prizes.

The Roadshow is open to everyone, requiring participants to open a Libshara account and deposit a minimum of BD50, or open a Ma'ashi account. Participants can download the KFH Jazeel Banking App and open Libshara account within minutes with the support of KFH-Bahrain's team members present at the stand.

To optimise their participa-



Mr. Hamed Mashal

tion and maximize their potential for winning, customers who

deposit in Libshara and open a Ma'ashi account will receive two chances to play and double their rewards.

Mr. Hamed Mashal, Executive Manager - Head of Retail Banking at KFH-Bahrain commented, "We are pleased to bring the excitement of the Libshara

2024 campaign directly to the community through our stand at The Avenues Mall Bahrain. It's an exciting experience, with the opportunity to claim instant cash prizes. At KFH-Bahrain, we believe in forging genuine con-

nections with our valued clients, through promotional initiatives for our services and products. We extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us, get the opportunity to win and start their banking journey with KFH Bahrain."

As part of the roadshow, KFH-Bahrain also unveiled the new Libshara 2024 Campaign which will offer cash prizes throughout the year. That includes two Mega Cash Prizes of \$500,000 in June, and \$1,000,000 in December. Addi-

tionally, having Monthly Grand and General prizes including, a Monthly Grand Prize of \$50,000 for 10 winners throughout the year and a Monthly General Prize of \$1,000 each for 50 winners each month.

As part of the 2024 campaign, customers learn more about the Libshara loyalty program enabling them to unlock exceptional winning opportunities that go beyond the benefits of regular saving, doubling or tripling their entries for grand prize draws.