



The scheme marked the first time an external body had conducted national examinations for government school students in Bahrain.

Sweeping reforms in

Bahrain's education system is undergoing long-term, sweeping reforms to ensure it continues to meet international standards and equips school-leavers and graduates with all they need for a fair start in life.

An equal start for all is central to the Vision 2030 masterplan for Bahrain's future and there can be no better start than a good education.

Education is about much more than book-learning; it must produce well-rounded individuals with a breadth of knowledge and the ability to think for themselves.

But it must also meet the market needs, so that those who emerge from school or university may take their first step up the career ladder.

It is to meet these aims that the Education Ministry is continuously reassessing the standards and direction of the education system.

Reforms are being spearheaded under the National Initiatives Project for the Development of Education and Training and are guided by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who is also chairman of the Economic Development Board (EDB).

The Bahrain Teachers Training College was opened in November last year under the initiative, to enhance the quality of teaching imparted in the country's schools, colleges and universities.

Bahrain Polytechnic was also officially opened



● Girls in a Bahrain school...bright future

in November last year, under an initiative to broaden the level of education on offer and to steer young people into successful vocations.

The national initiative also brought about the

formation of the Quality Assurance Authority for Education and Training (QAAET).

More than 21,000 pupils in 133 government schools also sat the country's first independent

national examinations in May this year.

The aim of the examinations, conducted by QAAET, is to benchmark student and school performance across the country.



Congratulations

to

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

The Prime Minister

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Deputy Supreme Commander

and the people of the Kingdom of Bahrain

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