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Major new milestone for online jobs portal

MANAMA: Online employment and careers service provider Jobs4Bahrainis.com has marked yet another milestone.

A total of 147 leading companies are now enrolled on the site following a strategic partnership with Tamkeen, signed in November last year.

Jobs4Bahrainis.com placed two chemical engineers with Haldor Topsoe, a global supplier of catalysts and technologies headquartered in Denmark, which is currently expanding its operations in Bahrain.

"As an international market leader in our field, Haldor Topsoe needs the very best people to help us achieve the highest standards of delivery at the local level," Haldor Topsoe Bahrain general

manager Thomas Vadum la Cour said.

"With a pool of skilled Bahraini talent available to select from, Jobs4Bahrainis.com has proved to be a valuable 'go-to' resource to meet our engineering skills needs, while helping us fulfil our commitment to recruiting and developing top Bahraini talent as we expand our local capabilities."

Speaking of the latest recruitments – which bring to approximately 20 the number of candidates sourced for leading companies in the kingdom in recent months, Jobs4Bahrainis.com managing director Jubran Abdulrahman said: "Chemical engineering is a highly specialised field, and our ability to match the exacting skills needs of a

global leader such as Haldor Topsoe with available local talent underlines the faith placed in us by renowned international companies and qualified Bahraini job-seekers.

"We trust that the two chemical engineers recently recruited by Haldor Topsoe will play a key role for the company as it expands its operations in Bahrain," he added.

The latest successes for the portal and its mission to help qualified Bahrainis find employment are underpinned by the partnership with Tamkeen, by which Tamkeen meets 100 per cent of the costs previously charged to companies and job-seekers to use the portal.

Many leading employers in Bahrain

have since taken advantage of the service, posting jobs vacancies and viewing the filtered CVs of some of the 14,500 job-seekers currently signed up to the site free of charge.

Fully aligned with the Economic Vision 2030, Jobs4Bahrainis.com is designed to promote Bahrainis as the employees of choice by showcasing a community of available talent and skills.

As well as offering a comprehensive CV database and job vacancy upload capability, the portal has searchable databases for employers and job-seekers, as well as a business newsfeed providing the latest economic and business updates on the economy.

Bahrain forum to discuss liability risks

MANAMA: A key forum on a broad range of issues related to professional liability risk across sectors as well as other risks associated with political violence is to be held in Bahrain this year.

Al Baraka Banking Group president and chief executive Adnan Yousif will be the keynote speaker at the Professional Liability Insurance Forum, which will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Bahrain, Hotel and Spa on October 21 and 22.

The forum is being organised by the General Arab Insurance Federation in co-operation with the Bahrain Insurance Association (BIA) with the support of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

It will gather more than 300 high-level members of GAIF, leading insurance firms and other

industry players, in addition to banks and corporates from the GCC and Mena as well as Africa.

"This is a timely event for the financial services sector as well as others and I'm pleased that I will have the opportunity to address participants at the upcoming forum," said Mr Yousif, who is also a director of the Union of Arab Banks.

"With the growth and further development of the banking industry in addition to other key sectors of the economy, risk also increases."

"We are delighted to announce the participation of one of the long-standing leaders of the region's financial services industry," said BIA chairman and Takaful International chief executive Younis Al Sayed. "Mr Yousif, with his vast knowledge and experience, will add valuable insight into the important topics being debated at the forum."



■ Mr Yousif

Tenmou tie-ups to benefit start-ups

MANAMA: Tenmou, Bahrain's first business angel, is connecting with leading international entrepreneurial communities for the benefit of Bahraini start-ups.

"Learning first-hand about business angel networks in the US will ensure that Tenmou's current and prospective entrepreneurs receive the best experience possible," the company's chief executive Hasan Haider said.

"We are committed to looking for new experiences to broaden our vision and tactics in helping our entrepreneurs."

"Developing ties between the entrepreneurial communi-

ties abroad and highlighting Tenmou's innovative entrepreneurs to an international audience are in keeping with our vision.

"Such connections will not only assist our start-ups, but will benefit by gaining experience and knowledge sharing from business angel groups around the world, and the US is certainly a good starting point."

He was speaking after a visit to Silicon Valley, the heart of the investment community and the venture capital of the US.

As part of his visit, Mr Haider was invited to be one of the panellists representing the Middle East at the Angel

Capital Association Summit held at San Francisco. The summit, the largest gathering of angel investors and angel groups in the world, saw Mr Haider speak to more than 650 investors on angel investing as it pertains to the region.

In addition, Mr Haider delivered a lecture on the state of angel investing in the Middle East and North Africa (Mena) region at Stanford University, California.

Alongside Mr Haider, the Economic Development Board's US country manager Nathan Regan took part in a number of key business opportunities for Tenmou.



■ At the summit is Mr Haider, centre, with officials

During the trade mission, Tenmou toured two of the largest growth houses in California's Silicon Valley, Plug&Play Solutions and NEST GSV.

Their campuses offer young entrepreneurs space and mentoring to help bring new ideas

and technology to the market. In addition to these large growth houses, Mr Haider met TIE, Fenox, Angel List, Bandwith Capital and several other groups, with whom discussions were initiated for the creation of US-Bahrain partnerships and exchanges.



■ Winners of the Al Hawaj Credimax Three Hot Days of July promotion raffle were announced at the Al Hawaj flagship store in Salmaniya on Saturday. Mariam Yousuf Mohammed won the first prize of \$5,000. Fayez Matrook walked away with the second prize of \$3,000 and Ahmed Abdulla Saleh got the third prize of \$2,000. Besides the cash prizes, 22 other prizes given away included TVs, refrigerators, watches, digital cameras, perfumes and gift cards. Present at the draw were, Credimax senior manager – head of merchant services and sales Amira Ismail, relationship manager Ali Jawad and assistant manager Khalid Shwaiter with Al Hawaj managing director Jawad Al Hawaj, general manager Abdul Wahab Al Hawaj, director Hussain Al Hawaj, director Ahmed Y Al Hawaj, operations manager Shyam Narayanan, retail manager Hazem Elrazek, Techno Blue managing director Mohammed Jawad Al Hawaj, and Salmaniya store manager Shaikh Sattar.

Nokia unveils smartphone

MANAMA: Nokia has announced that the Nokia Asha 501, the first of a new generation of smartphones to run on the new Asha platform, is available in Bahrain.

The Nokia Asha 501 features distinctively Nokia design, a faster and more intuitive user interface and smarter Internet experiences – all at an affordable price, the company said in a statement yesterday.

"The new Nokia Asha 501 helps people quickly access everything they love with just a simple swipe," said Nokia Middle East vice-president Tom Farrell.

"The compact, easy-to-use device weighs 98 grams and has a scratch-resistant, tempered glass display featuring a three-inch capacitive touchscreen."

"The new Asha comes with the Nokia Xpress Browser pre-loaded, which compresses Internet data by up to 90pc, making mobile browsing faster and more affordable."

"The Nokia Asha 501 retails for BD33," he added.