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Batelco rolling out fibre network across kingdom

GPIC in push to bolster China ties

MANAMA: Batelco, Bahrain's leading communications solutions provider, is rolling out its fibre network across the kingdom to deliver super-fast fixed broadband for all areas.

Batelco invests millions of dinars annually to deliver new technologies and services.

It is also upgrading its entire network system, including its 4G network to provide faster mobile broadband connections with superior quality.

The upgrades will enhance the mobile coverage throughout the kingdom.

The major networks upgrade, in collaboration with Ericsson, a world leading telecoms technology provider, is already in process.

The extensive transformation work, which is part of Batelco's ongoing strategy to enhance its networks and



■ Ms Al Hashemi

keep them on par with highest international standards, is designed to meet the growing customer demand for increasingly powerful mobile services.

Batelco Bahrain acting chief executive Muna Al Hashemi said that Batelco's significant investment to enhance its 4G services and

the mobile coverage was part of the company's strategy to meet the high expectations of its subscribers.

"We are fully committed to ensuring our services are world-class. Communication technology advances at an amazingly fast pace, but nonetheless we are steadfast in our determination to provide our subscribers with latest innovative digital products and services."

"This significant transformation will allow us to offer

customers a greater experience and meet their ever-increasing demands. As a customer centric organisation, we listen to feedback from our customers and strive daily to ensure they are happy with our services," Ms Al Hashemi said.

"Batelco apologises for any disruption to services while this crucial upgrade work is ongoing," Ms Al Hashemi said.

MANAMA: Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) president Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery received a high-level Chinese oil delegation and discussed co-operation to promote investment opportunities and training programmes.

He briefed them on GPIC production and export operations, stressing main achievements and awards.

He also outlined the GPIC carbon dioxide extraction project which was launched a few years ago, in addition to the Academy of Learning and Leadership and the e-learning centre.



■ Energy Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza met a high-level delegation from the World Energy Council (WEC) led by Marie Jose Nadeau on the sidelines of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2015. They discussed boosting co-operation and the possibility of hosting a major WEC event by Bahrain this year. They also reviewed Bahrain's participation in specialised workshops held by WEC in GCC countries in the field of energy use.

Zain partners with Polytechnic

MANAMA: Leading telecommunications provider, Zain Bahrain has entered into a strategic partnership with Bahrain Polytechnic.

This is part of its efforts to help develop the ICT sector in Bahrain and nurture young talents by partnering with initiatives that develop the next generation of talent.

Under its key initiative, the Future University Network (FUN), which provides young Bahrainis with skills for the workforce, Zain has been a strategic partner of the Bahrain Polytechnic's Annual ICT Exhibition in which students display their graduation project.

With this partnership, Zain Bahrain focuses on providing students an opportunity to develop new ideas that improve customer experience and internal processes.



■ Ms Abdulrahman, right, with Ms Sanad

"The FUN programme concentrates on benefiting the youth by developing their employability and creating a pool of diversified Bahraini talent who will add value to the corporate world. With this

focal point, this partnership has been a step forward towards grooming and nurturing final-year university students to develop their graduation projects. Our mentorship is in line with our corporate social

responsibility (CSR) strategic approach which focuses on education and empowering the youth," said CSR manager Pakiza Abdulrahman.

"This term we were pleased to mentor student Tuqa Hasan Sanad on her graduation project which was to develop a Cloud-Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI)," Ms Abdulrahman said.

"The main objective of the FUN programme is to support university students, and the ICT exhibition provides the right platform for students to translate their work experience into graduation projects. We are very proud of Tuqa who joined Zain Bahrain as a FUN team member, working her way from the call centre to the IT department. Throughout her mentorship, she has worked closely with the IT team to develop her virtualisation project," Ms Abdulrahman added.

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