

# Bahrain Polytechnic signs MOU with OpenInside

**Bahrain Polytechnic** signed a memorandum of understanding with OpenInside at the Polytechnic campus on 30th March 2016. The Polytechnic students will have the opportunity to gain practical training and gain expertise in the field technology solutions, and will have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired during their studies.

Signing this agreement with Openinside is a step towards meeting the needs of the labor market by providing skilled Bahrainis.

This memorandum also contributes by combining education with practical work as part of the government action plan 2015-2018 and Bahrain 2030 Vision, which will positively affect the Polytechnic students and the aviation industry in the Kingdom in an aim to develop the national economy.

This MOU will allow the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and ideas for students to create projects. Students will also be able to work at the firm as interns. Additionally, the Polytechnic and Openinside will collaborate together to conduct research projects in the field of technology solutions and to increase Bahrainization within the sector,



From left: Dr. Philippe Pringuet, the Polytechnic's Dean of EDICT Faculty. Hawraa Madan, Head of Project Management Office (PMO) at Openinside. Ameer Yousif, CEO of Openinside. Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, Acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic. Sh. Ali bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Deputy CEO of Resources and Information Affairs of Bahrain Polytechnic. Talat Abdulla, Acting Manager: Industry & Liason at Bahrain Polytechnic.

especially in empowering Bahraini women to work in this sector. Furthermore, short programs will be organized between both parties as refreshers to keep up to date with the latest news happening in the industry, as well as any involvement with developing and enhancing students' skills in entrepreneurship and professionalism.

On this occasion, Acting CEO, Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, said: "This

signing comes to bridge the labor market gap with a skilled Bahraini force and to develop the applied higher education sector and research in order to achieve the priorities of the current and future goals of the Kingdom of Bahrain. It also paves the way to merge applied higher education in an aim to fulfill the 2015-2018 government action plan and 2030 Vision, which will no doubt will have a positive impact on

the future of our students and the technology solutions sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in an aim to develop the national economy."

Dr. Al Aseeri concluded: "We are happy to sign this memorandum with Openinside, which will help us reach our strategic goal for 2015-2019 which reached its second year under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. Bahrain Polytechnic looks forward to developing its

relationships with other prestigious organizations to reach its goals, and in turn serves the Kingdom of Bahrain.

CEO of Openinside, Ameer Yousif, said: "Commenting on what Dr. Al Aseeri said, we emphasize on the importance of boosting the cooperation between OpenInside and Bahrain Polytechnic in the development of the Bahraini youth. We currently have three groups of students who are working with OpenInside team in the design and implementation of a range of projects that serve Bahrain and the GCC. We are pleased to establish this relationship of cooperation and develop it further starting next semester by incubating a larger group of students for training and participation in research and development activities. Noting

that a group of Bahrain Polytechnic graduates are currently working in the company after the completion of their internship period which makes this an opportunity for the new trainees".

Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, Acting CEO signed on behalf of Bahrain Polytechnic and Ameer Yousif, CEO, signed on behalf of Openinside in the presence of representatives from both parties.



Thousands of students returned to classes in Indian curriculum schools this week with the beginning of the new academic year, with some offering new facilities and activities. There are more than six schools in Bahrain that offer the Indian curricula, including the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The pics show children in the primary wing at the Asian School.

The Asian School conducted a four day workshop for teachers based on the theme, 'Together towards Transcendence' by Master Trainer M.C. Sebastian. Mr. Sebastian has over 43 years of experience as an educator, in various capacities. He is the Former Chairman of the Council of CBSE Affiliated Schools in the Gulf, Director of the Peeves Group of Schools, Member of the International Confederation of Principals. He addressed various important topics of interest over the first three days of the workshop such as Child Centered Education, Multiple Intelligence Theory, Importance of Re-engineering Teaching Methods, Importance of Updating Ourselves and Seven Habits of Effective Teaching among others. On the final day of the workshop a session was conducted for English language teachers including those of the other CBSE affiliated schools on the island on the topic, 'New Trends in Language Teaching' and the session concluded with a sumptuous lunch for all staff members and visiting faculty.

