

BAHRAIN POLYTECHNIC TO ADOPT ADVANCED REGISTRATION PROCESS



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A 'one stop' service provided for students during the confirmation and registration periods at Bahrain Polytechnic campus before the beginning of first semester for the academic year 2013-2014 is expected to fasten the process which usually takes a long time.

The service will begin on 8th of the next month, the sources told.

As per the instructions of Bahrain Polytechnic's acting Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, the senior management and relevant departments have decided to provide improved services for students, both new and present, with 'one stop' service by having all relevant departments available in one building to facilitate students' tasks.

"We want to ensure that the students are able to access information and help from the Registration and Finance directorates and the Security department quickly and easily," stated Polytechnic's acting

Registrar Catherine Walker. "We aim to enhance the way we handle procedures not only for convenience, but to assure professionalism," she added.

She also mentioned that confirmation details for new students and registration details for current students will be posted on the website www.polytechnic.bh and are sent to the email addresses of the students, adding that students who accept the communication must confirm in person within the specified days

(August 18 to September 5, 2013).

Those who fail to confirm the acceptance of communication would lose the admission chances and the opportunity will be given to another student, she explained.

Bahrain Polytechnic Student Council (BPSC) President Yousif Shareeda appreciated the new initiative taken by the institution to help the students. "It is good to see that the procedures are now more student oriented," he said.



Shaikh Khalid



Mr. Al Dosari

Folk poetry festival to promote cultural, literary awareness

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A folk poetry festival will be held later this month with the aim of promoting poetry and literature among Bahrain's youths.

The third Folk Poetry Festival is being held by the Folk Poetry Association under the patronage of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports First Vice Chairman HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa from August 25 to September 12. The event will also include an award ceremony for poets.

In a statement, Shaikh Khalid stated that such events must be promoted in order to raise awareness about culture and literature. "Poetry, being one of the finest forms of art, establishes a civilised behaviour in society and helps in addressing various community issues," he said.

He further stated that, through poetry one can preserve his heritage, history, literature and morality. "The Kingdom is keen on supporting associations and institutions concerned with literature to encourage the youth to participate in such events," he said.

Folk Poetry Association Vice Chairman Abdulla Bin Khalaf Al Dosari added that the festival has contributed for the development of the skills of eighty budding poets since it was launched. "The event includes a variety of courses, lectures and workshops which aim to develop the poets' compositions," said Mr. Al Dosari.

The festival is being held as part of the association's attempt to provide the youths with platforms to develop the written art form, poetry. "The event is essential to raise awareness about culture and literature among the youths and provides them with the perfect opportunity to refine their talent," he said.

The festival is open to boys and girls and is divided into two stages namely the preliminary stage for those aged ten to fifteen years and advanced stage for those aged between 16 and 25 years. "The courses will depend on the age groups and will feature the basics of poetry writing, as well as critical analysis of poetry and popular culture," he informed.

NRI laid to rest

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A long term resident of Bahrain, John Titus Joseph, 72, who was working as an electrical engineer at the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), was laid to rest at the Salmabad Christian cemetery yesterday.

The funeral followed a memorial service at the Church of Philadelphia,



Mr. Joesph

Segaya, which was attended by over

200 people. He was warmly remembered by family members and well wishers through testimonies. Mr. Joseph, who hailed from Puthenkurz-Ernakulam, Kerala, India, passed away on 6th August, following a battle with cancer. He had been residing in Bahrain for 36 years and is survived by his three children; Kiran Titus, Arun Titus and Caroline Titus.



Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ghanim Al Buainain received the Shura Council member Dr. Abdulaziz Abul yesterday. Mr. Al Buainain affirmed the key role played by the Legislative Authority, along with the Executive, in achieving progress and prosperity of the Kingdom.