

» No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist



You have to kind of salute the Chinese for what they did

- US intelligence chief James Clapper



(I) will have more to say following a thorough fault tree analysis

- SpaceX CEO Elon Musk

## MasterCard names new Country Manager



Khaled Abdulkarim

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MasterCard has appointed Khaled Abdulkarim as the Country Manager for Bahrain – with a focus on developing new relationships and enhancing MasterCard’s existing engagement with stakeholders in the country.

MasterCard said in a statement that it recognized the importance of the Middle East and Africa (MEA) as its fastest growing region.

“In order for us to be closely aligned with the diverse needs of our markets, it is imperative that we build a robust and empowered team on-ground across the Middle East, with continued support from our regional hub in Dubai,” explained Girish Nanda, Area Head, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Yemen, MasterCard.

## Bahrain Polytechnic signs MoU with Peninsula Farm

# PENINSULA FARM TO OPEN TO STUDENTS

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Bahrain Polytechnic signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Peninsula Farm earlier this month, to facilitate final-year students to do industry projects at the farm.

The Polytechnic students will also be given opportunities for full or part-time jobs, giving them the necessary skills and experience required for working in an actual company, said the institute in a statement.

**Final-year Polytechnic students will also be given opportunities for full or part-time jobs in the farm**



Dignitaries at the MoU signing

The MOU was signed by Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa on behalf of Peninsula Farm and Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri on behalf of Bahrain Polytechnic.

“The students will be interacting with various departments within Peninsula Farm for a period of 15 weeks, and the students’ industry

projects will be evaluated by both the Polytechnic tutors and a supervisor from Peninsula Farm,” read the statement.

The cooperation between the two parties was inspired by a Polytechnic student who developed an electronic greenhouse prototype model that includes a range of key elements needed during the

agricultural process, according to the statement

“Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa praised the capabilities of the youth of Bahrain, stressing his support for their projects and encouraged them to engage and become entrepreneurs in the field of agriculture, adding that it would contribute to the

development of the agricultural sector in Bahrain,” read the statement.

“Both parties aim to develop the students’ projects, as Shaikh Rashid Al Khalifa looks to support students to innovate in order to present new projects that can be applied to farms in Bahrain,” it read.

Bahrain Polytechnic Acting CEO Dr Mohamed Al Aseeri said he believed the agreement represented a further step for the Polytechnic to support the agricultural sector in the Kingdom.

“This agreement coincides with the goals of the national initiative for the development of the agricultural sector by working with various business sectors. The Polytechnic aims for its students to meet labour market requirements in order to develop work-ready Bahrainis which specialize in various fields, and this is why we seek to work with different companies,” said Dr Al Aseeri.

## Riffa Views appoints new engineering consultant

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Riffa Views announces the appointment of M/s Adel Ahmadi Associates as the engineering consultant to supervise villa construction at Parks Estate.

This comes as part of the workout plan agreed last February for the completion of the remaining 212 units at Riffa Views development.

Parks Estate offering includes two and three bedroom Townhouses and three- to six-bedroom Mediterranean style villas with plot sizes ranging from 500 to



Riffa Views delegates with Adel Ahmadi Associates

3,500 square meters.

Riffa Views MD Yasser Abdulrahman Al Raei said,

“We are very excited that construction activities of the Parks’ villas is back in motion.”



Italian handbags and accessories company Carpisa opened its third outlet in the Kingdom yesterday at the Bahrain City Centre. The other two outlets are at Seef Mall and Seef Muharraq.