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# 'Finding and training future leaders a challenge for GCC'



Participants and officials at a workshop on 'Maximising the Nationalisation Effort in the GCC', in Doha, recently. (HANSON K. JOSEPH)

**LANI ROSE R DIZON**

**DOHA** Countries in the region need to meet the current shortage of local leaders by maximising the contribution of national employees' and developing local leaders who must make a difference to organisations.

These leaders are needed to be able to both sustain their countries' current economic performance as well as prepare for future generations, a leading international business development expert has said.

Phil Braybrooke, Development Director and senior consultant at the UK-based Centre for High Performance Development (CHPD), was speaking on the concluding day of a three-day local talent management workshop 'Maximising the Nationalisation Effort in the GCC'. The workshop was supported by the Ministry of Labour

and Social Affairs.

Stressing that there is an absolute need for nationals in the region to have greater interest and motivation in managing existing oil and gas business, he added that at the same time they should diversify into new areas.

"Many countries in the region look beyond petroleum wealth. They want to be knowledge-based countries. To be able to manage both those short and long term needs high level leadership capability is required. It's the responsibility of the current generation to maximise returns from oil and gas and at the same time ensure that the future generations of Qataris, Kuwaitis, Omanis, etc can sustain and maintain a good standard of living after there is no oil and gas," he said.

A look at nationalisation of leadership positions in the area, he said, revealed that the nationals are lagging in their representation in leadership positions.

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— Phil Braybrooke

which the government wants to be developed in the country. But the challenge to identify and develop the right people for future roles in the GCC remains."

CHPD Chairman Chris Parry, who is currently working on a research on leadership capability among females in the region, also said, "There are quite a lot of high profile female role models in Qatar, UAE, and in other parts of GCC, and they're really impressive. There is strong political will and support to encourage women into leadership positions. The younger women coming through are highly motivated. I believe they could make a big impact in the world with a bit of help and support. They need to have the right techniques. If we focus on that, we would release some quite amazing female talent here. And we'd learn a few things in the West from what's done here as well."

## NATION BRIEFS

### Sheikh Jawan in Manama

Representing the Emir HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani, HE Sheikh Jawan bin Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani arrived in Manama on Friday afternoon to attend the wedding of Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa, son of Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa. HE Sheikh Jawan and his accompanying delegation were welcomed on arrival at the Bahrain International Airport by Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin Isa al Khalifa, Governor of the Southern Province and chairman of Bahrain's General Authority of Marine Wealth, and Environment and Qatar's Ambassador to Bahrain HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Thamer al Thani. HE Sheikh Jawan is accompanied by a delegation including Qatar's Ambassador to Bahrain and HE Sheikh Mohammad bin Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al Thani. (QNA)

### Renewable energy meet

A ministerial-level conference on renewable energy cooperation between the EU, the Mediterranean and the Gulf countries began on Friday in Brussels. Qatar's delegation to the meeting is led by Minister of Environment HE Abdullah bin Mubarak bin Aabdul Midhaddi. The conference is hosted by the European Commission, with European Commissioners: Benita Ferrero-Waldner and (External Relations and Neighbourhood Policy); Andris Piebalgs (Energy); Janez Potočnik (Science and Research) in attendance. The Conference is to explore the scope for future co-operation on renewable energy. As Foreign and Energy Ministers from almost 60 countries, together with representatives from international organisations, industry, research institutes and international financial institutions, discuss challenges and possibilities for practical co-operation on policy frameworks and projects of common interest. The aim is to facilitate the development of local renewable energy opportunities in Mediterranean and Gulf countries. The Conference will build on EU policy measures and experience in developing renewable energy sources and efforts to tackle climate change. (QNA)

### GCC pension & retirement meet

Chiefs of the social pensions and civil retirements authorities in the GCC member states are to open their 9th meeting in Manama, Bahrain on Sunday. Turki Mohamed al Khater, Director General of the General Retirement and Pension Authority, will lead Qatar's delegation to the two-day meeting. Sheikh Mohamed bin Isa al Khalifa, the Executive Chief of Bahraini Social Pensions General Authority Insurance said the meeting co-organised by the Bahraini Authority and the general secretariat of the GCC would surely contribute to following up application of the pension protection to the GCC nationals working outside their respective countries. They will also discuss the joint investment projects and follow up implementation of recommendations adopted by annual symposia at the GCC level, he added. He further said they will also discuss how to best coordinate their joint positions at the international and regional meetings. (QNA)

# Want to drive in Doha? Here is how you can

**IKOLIVICTOR**

**DOHA** For expatriates interested in learning driving and acquiring a licence a common problem is which school to join and what documents would be needed. *Qatar Tribune* contacted a Mowasalat official to know whether one is free to join any school or not. Read on to know what he said on this and other related issues like the required documents.

"The core objective is to set a modern standard and technique as per international driving standards in Qatar and its long term goal is to have Qatar develop its own industry standards to deliver training with government certification. You are at liberty to choose any driving school of your choice, there is no government directive saying Mowasalat is the sole driving school."

To obtain a Qatari driving license documents required for registra-



Cars at the Mowasalat training centre.

tion include a copy of a valid visa or residence permit, no objection certificate from sponsor typed in Arabic specifying the type of license (Light, Heavy Trailer or Bus). Copy of sponsor ID is also needed, 5 coloured passport photographs, an eye test done on traffic eye test form and original valid home country license if available which is sub-

ject to verification.

There are three driving courses undertaken by the KTDC, light vehicle course which is a short course for seven days with a charge

of QR980.

The light half course is scheduled for 15 days with a charge of QR1830, there is also the light full course for 30 days which attracts a charge of QR2630, the heavy short course is for 12 days with a charge of QR1830 and the heavy full course is for 25 days with a charge of QR2830.

These charges are the regular but are subject to adjustments when there is a default by the learner.

The Mowasalat driving school provides knowledge and skills to enable learners handle the vehicles efficiently and effectively, he added.

Louie, a driving instructor said "Our job is to train the learners with the needed skills and knowledge to drive but the Police traffic department determines if you are qualified or not."

The school is one of the best driving schools in the Middle East and is accredited by the City & Guilds of UK.

## RasGas takes part in 24th World Gas meet

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK**

**DOHA** Two RasGas officials are sharing their experience with top industry experts at the 24th World Gas Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina in which the company is participating as a leading worldwide energy supplier.

The triennial conference is one of the premier global venues where the natural gas industry meets to exchange knowledge and experience. The event provides an opportunity for delegates to discuss and share the latest industry research and development, new technologies, best practices and growth strategies.

For 2009, the comprehensive conference programme includes keynote addresses



The RasGas booth at the ongoing World Gas Conference, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

from 14 leading industry and gas association executives. It also features two RasGas speakers, Charles Jones, RasGas

Venture SHE Quality Manager. Delivered a paper entitled "Challenging the Traditional Approach to Safety

Management and how Leadership Behaviour Affects Safety Performance", and Ashok Kumar Vellimana, RasGas Head of Subsurface Technical Planning and Development, is scheduled to present a paper entitled "Strategic Responses to Commercial Challenges in Upstream Gas Development by Leveraging Size, Value Chain Opportunities and Technology".

This year, under the theme of "The Global Energy Challenge: Reviewing the Strategies for Natural Gas", the conference offers presentations and sessions on a wide range of topics including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), sustainable development, market integration, regulation, and research and development.

## SLCC meet approves events calendar for community

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK**

**DOHA** The Sri Lankan Coordinating Committee (SLCC) Qatar and Sri Lankan Community Benevolent Fund (SLCBF) held the first meeting of the newly elected office bearers for the year 2009-10 at the Embassy recently.

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Qatar His Excellency Vijayasiri Padukage, who is also Patron of the organisation, was present at the meeting.

Many important topics with regard to assisting the needy in the community and the Events Calendar for 2009-2010 were

discussed at the first meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the introduction of new representatives from Industrial Area, Rayyan and Dukhan who will be working closely with the organisation to provide assistance and guidance to the many Sri Lankans, especially from the low income category.

As a part of the Events Calendar for 2009-2010 it was decided to hold Sri Lanka's Independence Day (Nidahas Udanaya-2010) celebrations on February 5 and the Sinhala and Hindu New Year Celebrations (Bakmaha Ulela-2010) on April 16. A blood donation programme and Qatar Green and

clean campaign has also been scheduled for January and March next year.

A mega musical show and dancing competition featuring a very popular Doha-based Sri Lankan band, local artists and dancers is scheduled to be held in December.

The SLCCBF, the financial arm of SLCC will reach out to the community to provide assistance to a18-month-old Sri Lankan child to enable her undergo an operation at Haniad Hospital in order to restore her hearing ability. Also present at the meeting was Counsellor A Tharmakulasingham.