

# Workshop held for biz award quarter finalists

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The organising committee of the Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship, held under the patronage of Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Chairman of the Economic Development Board, conducted a customised workshop yesterday for 35 quarter finalists selected from a total of 130 applicants.

The one-day workshop was held at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, at the Bahrain Financial Harbour and was facilitated by Andreas Buelow to evaluate the quality of presentations and



The participants of the workshop

the skills of the participants against the award criteria.

Faisal Sultan, Project Manager of the Bahrain Award

for Entrepreneurship, said that the Award's Organising Committee was proud of the widespread interest shown

by companies and business owners along with the huge number of applications received in the various Award

categories.

The main objective of the workshop is to enhance the participants' skills in preparation for their presentation to the Technical Committee, which comprises representatives from the Award's strategic partners.

The committee will conduct a selection process per category, according to their respective evaluation criteria, from January 25 to February 13.

The selected candidates from this stage will then undergo another workshop from February 14-25, in preparation for a final presentation before the jury, prior to the announcement of winners on March 6.

## Vehicle inspector caught taking bribe

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A vehicle inspection officer in the General Traffic Directorate has been caught accepting bribes in exchange for passing over vehicles' technical defects, according to court files.

He was referred for trial before the High Criminal Court with six other defendants who allegedly abetted his crime. But only three defendants are in police custody.

The officer is said to have accepted bribes between BD100 and BD120 to pass defective vehicles that were prepared to enter car races.

The second defendant told prosecutors that he brought to the defendant between 15 to 20 vehicles and he paid him amounts ranging between BD50 and BD100 apiece.

"I was giving him (the inspection officer) the vehicles in a car parking near the General Traffic Directorate's premises," the second defendant said.

## Tamkeen hosts 'Market Yourself' coaching event

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Tamkeen yesterday launched its first youth coaching initiative themed 'Market Yourself' to educate Bahraini youths on the basics of self-marketing and to help them increase their chances of finding their desired careers.

The initiative provided participants with expert advice on professional curriculum vitae writing, interview preparation and the most effective keys to a successful career that are in line with the ambitions and aspirations of the participants.

The initiative is part of

Tamkeen's Advisory Services, which offers mentoring as well as career and professional guidance to individuals and enterprises. Tamkeen is planning to expand these services in partnership with a number of stakeholders, experts and professionals.

Tamkeen's Chief Operating Officer Amal Al Kooheji said: "The event is one of a series of planned initiatives that Tamkeen will organise to provide advice to individuals and enterprises, enabling them to make confident decisions to achieve their goals. This comes as part of Tamkeen's continued efforts to create

a supportive environment that help enterprises and individuals grow and develop in the private sector."


The pilot phase of Tamkeen's advisory services will be implemented in partnership with specialist and experienced partners such as Global Shapers Manama Hub, Mowgli Foundation, a UK-headquartered mentoring organisation, the Entrepreneurs Organisation, a global peer to peer network of more than 11,000 influential business owners and the Bahrain Business Women Society, the largest network of business women in the Kingdom.

In addition to the expertise provided by partners, some of the advisory services offered through the platform will be provided by some of Tamkeen's professionally trained and experienced staff.

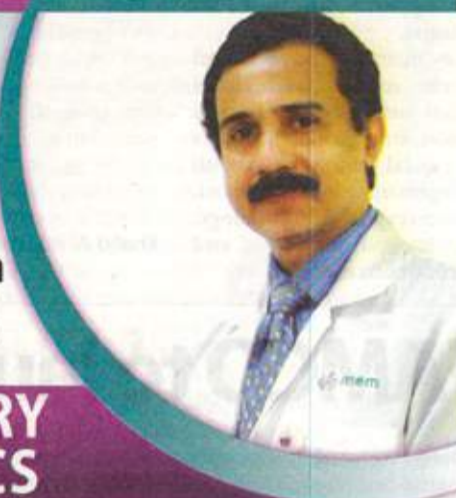
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Youths at the coaching initiative



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