



● His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa during a visit to the BTI earlier this month



● BTI students get hands-on experience

September this year as part of an agreement signed with Tamkeen, to qualify 220 Bahrainis as security professionals.

The CCNA Wireless curriculum was also offered recently and a new CCNA Security programme is to be launched next year.

Meanwhile, the partnership between United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (Unido) and the Industry and Commerce Ministry to train BTI trainers in the establishment of small and medium enterprises is proving successful.

It resulted in a contract being signed between the two parties to hold programmes that focus on small and medium enterprises, by qualifying BTI trainers in an entrepreneurship programme, which will enable them to train larger groups of Bahraini youngsters.

Such training programmes change the way young Bahrainis look at self-employment; a culture that BTI has been propagating since 1998 through its various training programmes.

The Travel Academy, which opened last year to groom a set of Bahrainis to fill the gap in the industry, has also witnessed a number of developments.

"Based on our evaluation and from feedback we got from the Travel and Tourism sector, we sensed the need to link the Travel Academy with more leading companies in the sector," says Mr Saleh.

"So we signed several training MoUs this year with various key bodies; one of which is Amadeus, a global leader in technology and distribution solutions for the travel and tourism industry."

Amadeus will grant BTI Approved Training Institute status, which will allow trainees at the academy to have access to an in-depth training on Amadeus training software.

Another agreement was signed with Sabre Travel Network Middle East, the world's leading supplier of travel solutions, to provide BTI staff with access to Sabre training courses.

The courses on offer will also allow International Air Travel Association (IATA) foundation-level trainees to access training courses on Sabre products and services, beginning with the My Sabre product.

A third MoU was signed with the Middle East Computer Service (MECOS) to jointly provide BTI with the Galileo GDS (Global Distribution System) platform as part of the institute's Travel Academy programme.

Galileo will be the first GDS to be taught as part of the academy's curriculum.

The Advanced Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management, which is the third programme launched by the Travel Academy, began in October with 19 participants, who are expected to graduate next July.

Two batches of graduates have already finished their Diploma in Travel and Tourism Operations, while three batches finished the IATA/United Federation of Travel Agents' Associations (UFTAA) Foundation Diploma in Travel and Tourism in June this year.

The fourth batch will graduate from the same programme next April, next year.

BTI also took part in various international and regional competitions this year which included the NetRiders contest (FY09), organised by Cisco Networking Academy for all Cisco Networking academies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The event which took place simultaneously across 40 countries.

Earlier in June BTI took part in the 30th annual SAE International Super Mileage Competition for the second time.

This event is dedicated to advancing mobility engineering worldwide.

BTI is the only country from the Arab world to take part and come out with rank in this globally tough competition.

The teams competed to design a project that involves the development and construction of a single-person, fuel-efficient vehicle, powered by a four-cycle engine.

"We are proud to say that our team is one among 45 teams from all over the world. Our participation was a success; we came 19th with a mileage of 168 miles per US gallon," says Mr Saleh.

The event takes place every year in Marshall, Michigan, US and has been organised since 1979.

BTI also took part in the GCC Skills Competition held in Abu Dhabi.

This is the first regional vocational skills competition to showcase skills in IT/Software Applications, Welding Technology, Web Design, Electrical Installation, Automobile Technology, Refrigeration, IT/PC Network Support and Graphic Design Technology.

Bahrain received four awards in the competition, two for BTI trainees Hissa Ahmed Al Haddad in Graphic Design Technology and Ali Hussain Isa, who received a bronze medal for his participation in the Web Design competition.

BTI is the practical training provider of choice for Bahrain's leading companies, under the country's 2009-2014 National Economic Strategy.

This has spurred BTI into greater efforts in developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to raise the quality of its teaching and trainees' outcome.

"In fact this year was distinctive for BTI as it witnessed several achievements on various levels, thanks to the continuous support of Labour

Minister Dr Majeed Al Alawi, who is also the Chairman of the High Council of Vocational Training and the ongoing follow-up by Redha

Hubail assistant under-secretary for training at the ministry and chairman of BTI board," says Mr Saleh.



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